



ASTON TIRROLD & ASTON UPTHORPE
PARISH COUNCILS

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2022**

12/923 Apologies for absence

Jane Murphy OCC (JM), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS), Sarah Brown (Clerk SB), Neil Carter (NC), Henry Weeks (HW)

12/924 Present

Jane Imbush Chair (JI), Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Peter Butcher (PB), Nigel Hawkey (NH), Joanna Hart (JH), Jane Knight (JBK)
Three members of the public

12/925 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

12/926 Minutes

Minutes from the meetings held on 16th November 2022 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

12/927 Public questions, comments, or representations

None

12/928 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

Full report at the end of these minutes. They include details of a revised Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and changes to waste collection dates over the Christmas/New Year period.

12/929 Planning

- a. **P22/S3845/HH-** for development work at Orchard House Aston Upthorpe- Erection of detached garage and pool house. Alterations to Coach House and construction of pond pool. The PC **supports** the proposals but wishes to make the following observations relating to the Coach House. The plans identify changes to the internal structure including the addition of sleeping accommodation and asks if this constitutes a change of use. The PC is concerned at any possible future annexation of the Coach House to form a stand alone dwelling.
- b. **P22/S4098/HH-** for development work at 1 Alison's Lane Aston Tirrold- Installation of air heat pump and air conditioning unit to living room. Conversion of existing glazed door to a glazed window, with brick beneath. The PC **supports** the proposals with the following observation. Given the nature of the application, the PC notes the report from MCS in 2019 on likely noise of this small, domestic (as opposed to a larger or more commercial system) heat pump and has assumed that the range identified applies equally in 2022.

12/930 ARC

The minutes from ARC meeting held 6th December were approved. ARC propose placing the new memorial bench for Alan Dodd close to the existing benches on the right as you enter the recreation ground through the kissing gate.



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12/931 Finance

a) Payments below approved

Sarah Brown Clerk fees	£235.20
Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.70
Reading Borough council- Digitising parish records	£120

b) November's Financial statement- approved

12/932 Budget

To be discussed and approved at the January meeting.

12/933 Silverburn Footpath

In response to a question from a member of the public, JI and PB provided an update of progress since last meeting (including erecting the new kissing gate and fencing at the entrance to the footpath) and JI reiterated that there is currently an exercise to identify all the unregistered land in our villages.

After discussion it was agreed that the PC should spend up to £2,000 to instruct a firm of solicitors (or a Rights of Way consultant) to review the letter from Freeths, Solicitors and to advise the PC on its possible options.

12/934 Demand responsive transport service

OCC has confirmed that the current 94 and 94S bus services will cease running from then end of March 2023.

Government funding has been obtained to run a demand responsive service covering the villages, including ours, south of Didcot for a year from April 2023. This service has yet to be put out to tender, but will be based on a sixteen seater minibus. It is hoped that the service will run throughout the day to reach Didcot Parkway and the Orchard Centre roughly hourly. Seats on the bus will need to be pre-booked by app, email or land line and the bus will only collect or drop off passengers that have booked (and will miss out villages where there are no bookings).

Payment can be made at the time of booking or cards and cash will be accepted by the driver.

The current 94S service will be replaced by a school bus.

Further details will be shared once these are available.

12/935 Dark Skies and Lighting

An advisory note will be published in the February edition of the Astons News.

12/936 CLP Groups

- a) Roads and traffic- OCC has agreed to re-paint the white lines where these have been covered by the recent resurfacing works in Moreton Road and Hagbourne Road.
- b) Housing and Development- nothing to report
- c) Environment Group- the steps leading up to Picks Field have been re-built and the kissing gate at the top repaired.



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12/937 Fibre Broadband

Openreach hopes to have connected their new fibre cables to all houses in the villages by late January/early February 2023. The cables currently being laid in Moreton Road are being installed by Gigaclear who intend to eventually offer an alternative broadband service to homes in the villages.

12/938 Review Monthly Calendar tasks

Discussion of draft budget deferred until the next meeting

12/939 Items for next agenda

To approve funding for a tree survey at the recreation ground and the proposed location of Alan Dodd's memorial bench.

Date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th December 2022 which will be held in the Village hall.

Meeting closed at 20.58 hrs.

SODC Update

Council Meeting 8 December 2022

[Leaders Statement - 8 December 2022 - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://southoxon.gov.uk/leaders-statement-8-december-2022)

Recommendations agreed Council:

Adoption of revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule
Following the adoption by Cabinet of the strategy and action plan which would allow the council to pursue a range of options to provide housing, from exemplar schemes to retro-fitting existing homes and bringing empty properties back into use, Council agreed the recommendation to use up to £2m of capital funding to invest in the purchase of property with the aim of them becoming social housing.

Christmas council info

Abbey House - Reception will close at Abbey House from 4pm (phone lines at 4.30pm) on Friday 23 December and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January.

Waste collections – all you need to know about waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period – including the changes to the collection dates and what to do if collections are disrupted - is on our special Christmas waste pages [Christmas Waste - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://southoxon.gov.uk/christmas-waste) and [Christmas Waste - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/christmas-waste)

Housing - If you know anyone who is at immediate risk of being made homeless while our offices are closed, contact our out-of-hours service, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number to call for South Oxfordshire is 01235 422410 and in Vale 01235 422420. If you see someone sleeping rough and in an emergency situation you can call Streetlink on 0300 500 0914.

Planning - Any planning applications or post submitted after we close for Christmas, including electronic submissions, will be treated as having been received on our next working day, Tuesday 3 January 2023

Council tax and benefits services - If any of your ward members need urgent help with council tax or benefits during the holidays, Capita's phone lines will



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be open as usual between 28 and 30 December.

Emergency Situations - There are details of what to do and who to contact during an emergency on our websites – [Emergency situations - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://southoxon.gov.uk) and [Emergency situations - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk).