



ASTON TIRROLD & ASTON UPTHORPE
PARISH COUNCILS

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH December 2023**

13/029 Apologies for absence

Nigel Hawkey (NH), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS), Jane Murphy OCC (JM),

Neil Carter (NC) was delayed on the train and therefore arrived at 7:50pm.

13/030 Present

Jane Imbush (JJ), Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Jane Knight (JBK), Neil Carter (NC), Peter Butcher (PB), Henry Weeks (HW), Joanna Hart (JH), Charlotte Ray- Clerk (CR), Ben Manning SODC (BM),

Members of the public - 1

13/031 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

13/032 Minutes

Minutes from the meetings held on 8th November 2023 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

13/033 Public questions, comments, or representations

- a) A member of the public raised concerns over the four water leaks at the junction of Aston Street and The croft which have been going on for over a month now. Having reported to Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Water who are not taking any form of responsibility – Jane Knight is following this up and will update as soon as possible.
- b) Concerns were raised about Orchard House with regards to the curved red brick entrance wall not being re installed. The planning application stated the existing boundary wall, red brick will remain but it appears a new wall has been build. Jane Imbush will speak to the planning officer tomorrow (Thursday 14th December) and express the villagers concerns over the wall not been re-instated to its original appearance.

13/034 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

- Joint local plan opening in January for the public.
- Change to household support fund referral scheme opening soon. Support will be available for residents finding it hard to cope with the rising cost of food and energy bills. The fund closes on the 31st March 2024.
- Get into the Christmas spirit at the Cornerstone Arts centre in Didcot. Throughout December there is a variety of events suitable for all ages.
- National planning application fees are increasing.

13/035 Planning



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13/036 ARC

- a) To approve ARC Minutes from 4th December 2023- Minutes Approved.
- b) Bonfire financial summary – Over £6,000 raised.
- c) To approve ARC to spend £2,440.00 plus vat on laminate flooring from Kings flooring, which was the most competitive of 3 quotes received. The PC agreed in October that it would consider funding this as it would improve the fabric of the Pavilion, providing 3 quotes were obtained (now done). To approve PC to refund ARC once the invoice is received. – The PC agree to reimburse ARC the £2,440.00 out of the CIL monies.

13/037 Finance

- a) Payments below approved

Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.40
Charlotte Ray Clerk Fees	£264.20
Dog Bin Emptying Invoice	£237.94

- b) Approve November's Financial Statement- Approved
- c) To approve that PC bank account signatories can make payments when needed up to £500 without prior approval - Approved

13/038 CLP Groups

- a) Roads and traffic- Installation of bollards at the following locations: Thorpe Street/Fullers Road - junction, Thorpe Street/Hagbourne Road and Spring Lane bend. The PC will need to contribute £1,873.29 excluding VAT for the bollards to be installed – The PC support this and will use the CIL monies.
- b) Housing and Development – Nothing to report.
- c) Environment group – lots of hedges/verges overgrown. Signs/postcards plan to be approved. Jane Imbush will follow this up.

13/039 CIL Monies – Public Ideas

13/041 Items for next agenda

Aston Upthorpe resurrect the Upthorpe on the bank holiday weekend - 1st May 2024

Date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th January 2024 which will be held in the Village hall.

Meeting closed at: 20:32

13/042 Review Monthly Calendar tasks

Following meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month except for December when it will be the second Wednesday due to the closeness to Christmas:



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21st February
20th March
17th April
15th May
19th June
17th July
18th September
16th October
20th November
11th December