

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2026**

13/106 Apologies for absence

Jane Knight (JBK), Neil Carter (NC), Johnny Hope-Smith OCC (JHS), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS),

13/107 Present

Jane Imbush Chair (JI), Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Sarah Munro (SM), Tom Mooney (TM), Peter Butcher (PB), Mary Severin (MS), Joanna Hart (JH), Charlotte Ray (CR) Crispin Topping SODC (CT)

Members of the public - 2

13/108 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

13/109 Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st January 2026 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

13/110 Public questions, comments, or representations

No comments received.

13/111 To discuss changing the Charitable status of the Village Hall

Nicole and Andrew from the Village Hall Committee attended to outline the proposal to convert the Village Hall to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Key points noted:

- The current 1945 constitution is outdated and would be replaced with a modern constitution.
- Trustees currently carry personal liability for claims relating to the hall; CIO status would provide limited liability.
- The charity name will remain the same, and ownership arrangements will not change. This will not affect users of the hall.
- The change will take effect at midnight on 28 February.
- The Village Hall Committee has exceeded its fundraising target. The floor will be replaced in early July, and commercial decorators are scheduled.

The Council thanked the committee for their excellent work.

The Parish Council would also like to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte JKerr, Emma Machin, Tony West, Louise Bnder, Sarah Munro, Tracey Briggs, and Mary Severing for their support with the ongoing work inside the hall.

Work on the floor and redecoration will take place over the coming months.

13/112 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

SODC:

- CIL grant funding scheme is now open and closes 5pm on 30 March 2026.

- Local plan is at examination stage.

OCC:

- **Councillor Priority Fund – Supporting Local Projects – HALF NOW ALLOCATED** - The Councillor Priority Fund has reopened, offering each Oxfordshire County Councillor £10,000 to support community projects within their division. This funding is designed to help deliver local priorities and strengthen community initiatives. Applications must be submitted by 30 November 2026.
- **Nearly 70,000 Gullies Cleaned Since April** - Oxfordshire County Council is on track to clean every highway drainage gully in the county by March 2026, as part of a £2.6 million programme to improve drainage and reduce flooding risk.
- **COUNTY COUNCIL SETS 2026/27 BUDGET** - The FY 26/27 Budget was passed by Council on the 11th Feb.
- **Potholes** - Encourage Fix My Street submissions with photos, highlight the worst ones to me you are not getting suitable response times and action to with the FMS number. Highlight ones considered more hazardous.

See link for SODC report

[Moulsford Parish Council DC Report 120226.docx](#)

See link for OCC report

[County Councillor Parish Report Feb 2026.docx](#)

13/113 Planning

To consider the following planning permissions: **None**

13/114 ARC

- Approve Minute's from February's meeting. – **Approved**
- The Parish Council wishes to record its sincere thanks to Gavin for his dedicated service as Chair of the Aston Recreation Committee. His commitment, and considerable contribution to the community have been greatly appreciated. The Council is grateful for the time, energy, and care he has invested in supporting ARC's work.
- Gillian and Liz going to take on co-chairing.
- Recreation Day and Litter Picking Day will take place on 18 April.

13/115 Finance

- Payments below approved

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| Simplicity Payroll Service | £26.40 |
| Charlotte Ray Clerk Fees | £310.00 |
| Friends of the Ridgeway Subscription | £15.00 |

- Approve January's Financial Statement- **Approved**

13/116 CLP Groups

- Roads and traffic** – Pot holes on Chalk Hill are particularly bad. The PC have reported on Fix my street and to OCC/Highways.

- b) **Housing and Development** – Nothing to report
- c) **Environment group** – Nothing to report

13/117 To Discuss progress with the Internal Auditors Recommendations.

The PC are continuing to work through the recommendations from the internal auditor.

13/118 Discuss Implementing a Neighbourhood Led Plan.

The Council discussed the potential benefits and workload associated with developing a Neighbourhood Led Plan.

Key points:

- The Council may choose to adopt only selected elements of an NLP.
- There is no requirement to identify development sites.
- A representative from the NLP team will be invited to a future meeting to provide further information.
- If the PC were to implement a NLP, a build design guide would be available, enabling the Council to influence development style and design.
- The Council wishes to understand potential risks before proceeding.

13/119 Items for next agenda

Date of the next meeting is at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 18th March 2026 which will be held in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at: 20:30

13/120 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:

18th March 2026

15th April 2026

20th May 2026

17th June 2026

15th July 2026

16th September 2026

21st October 2026

18th November 2026

9th December 2026