



ASTON TIRROLD & ASTON UPTHORPE
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023**

12/940 Apologies for absence

Jane Imbush Chair (JI), Jane Knight (JBK), Jane Murphy OCC (JM)

12/941 Present

Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Peter Butcher (PB), Nigel Hawkey (NH), Joanna Hart (JH), Henry Weeks (HW), Neil Carter (NC), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS)
Two members of the public

12/942 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

12/943 Minutes

Minutes from the meetings held on 15th December 2022 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

12/944 Public questions, comments, or representations

None

12/945 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

Full report at the end of these minutes. They include where to find the second quarter reports for the Corporate Plan and the Climate Action Plan, Household support, Rough sleeping, and Our joint local plan.

12/946 Planning

- a) **P22/S3459/HH-** for development work at Rose Barn, Spring Lane, Aston Upthorpe for amended drawings received 22 December 2022, omitting the external sun terrace/ desking area. While the PC supports the decision to remove the sun terrace, the overall stance is that the PC is unable to support the application due to the reasons listed at the meeting on 16th Nov 2022, namely doubling in size, the change of use and risk of light pollution.
- b) **P22/S4416/HH-** for development work at Orchard House, Aston Upthorpe for a single storey rear extension, loft conversion including the provision of 4x dormer windows other alterations and outbuilding (alternative scheme to Plan ref: P22/S2950/HH). The PC **SUPPORT** this application
- c) **P22/S4569/LB-** for development work at Old Pyles, Fuller Road, Aston Upthorpe for retrospective consent for additional repairs to timber frame and infill panels of north elevation of east wing. The PC **SUPPORT** this application providing that the conservation officer is content with the plans.

12/947 ARC

Alan Dodds memorial bench will be close to the existing benches on the right as you enter the recreation ground through the kissing gate.
Funding for a tree survey approved (see finance).

12/948 Finance

- a) Payments below approved



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Sarah Brown Clerk fees plus adjustment minus PAYE	£398.40
Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.70
Jane Imbush for map reimaging	£35
Robin Carr Associates- Public rights of way advice	£120
Village Hall Hire Fees	£64.50
Tom Coates- Rustic Management	£1,100

- b. December's Financial statement- approved
- b. Tree survey for ARC £950 approved

12/949 Budget

The PC agree there is no financial need to increase the precept and with the increased cost of living it is thought that a small saving to people's council tax would be welcomed.

The PC will apply for a precept of £17,200 for 2023/4.

NC suggested investigating using a savings account to get some interest on cash held.

12/950 Silverburn Footpath

SY reported that Robin Carr Associates, Public Rights of Way Management & Consultancy Services had completed a review of the letter from Freeths.

NC suggested that the PC should ask Robin Carr to advise further on who is responsible for the maintenance of the road. And a member of the public asked if he, and other members of the public, could have time to consider the advice from Robin Carr and it was agreed that any request for clarification should be passed to the Parish Clerk for the PC to review before instructing Robin Carr to adviser.

A Copy of the letter from Robin Carr can be found next to January 2023 Minutes on the Astons Webpage.

It was agreed that any response to Freeths or Carter Jonas should be deferred until after this further advice had been received.

12/951 CLP Groups

- a. Roads and traffic- Nothing to report
- b. Housing and Development- Nothing to report
- c. Environment Group- Final version of the hedgerow and verge management plan has been sent out today. The PC would like to thank the environmental group and in particular Anna Dillon for all their hard work on this project.

12/952 Fibre Broadband

233 houses in the village will be connected very soon. There is a meeting being held on 10th Feb at the village hall 7pm from Gigaclear, which might be of interest to households that didn't sign up for the Openreach voucher scheme.



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12/953 Review Monthly Calendar tasks

12/954 Items for next agenda

Date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th 2022 which will be held in the Village hall.

Meeting closed at 20.24

SODC Update

Corporate Plan Performance Report – Second Quarter- [22 23-Q2-South-CP-performance-report.pdf](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/22-23-Q2-South-CP-performance-report.pdf)
([southoxon.gov.uk](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk))

Climate Action Plan Performance Report – Second Quarter- [22 23-Q2-South-CAP-performance-report.pdf](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/22-23-Q2-South-CAP-performance-report.pdf) ([southoxon.gov.uk](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk))

Cost of Living

The Council has produced a useful guide to help residents struggling with the rising cost of living. Please could you circulate this among your residents and make it available in public places: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/>
And as ever, please direct residents to our Community Hub where officers can guide residents to the support that's available: 01235 422 600 or communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Household Support Fund 3 opens in January

The council has opened a third round of the Household Support Fund in January to support households who can't afford essentials over the winter months. Support will be tailored to individual needs but will focus on food and fuel vouchers. Details of eligibility is published on our Cost-of-Living website pages. Please direct people to our South website for details, email our Community Hub or call them on 01235 422600.

Rough Sleeping and Housing Support

The Council is receiving growing numbers of reports of people rough sleeping in the district and we can expect these numbers to increase further. Our Housing Team are expert at supporting people who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness and our Council follows the Housing First approach: first provide people with a roof over their heads and additional support follows.
About Housing First | Housing First England (homeless.org.uk)
Please contact: housing@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422 452 or let us know if you would like to discuss a housing issue or have concerns about a resident who is homeless or about to be.

Our Joint Local Plan -Time to plan the right future for our districts

South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse District Councils have reaffirmed our commitment to work on a Joint Local Plan which will guide the kinds of new housing and jobs needed and where they should go, informing planning application decisions for the districts. In the Joint Local Plan we will develop planning policies that help address the climate emergency, restore nature and meet the needs of our residents, such as delivering genuinely affordable low-carbon homes with the right infrastructure to go with it.



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You can read our priorities for the Joint Local Plan at [Joint Local Plan 2041 - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://southoxon.gov.uk/joint-local-plan-2041-south-oxfordshire-district-council)

The focus of the Joint Local Plan will be different from the last local plan. You can learn more about how we'll make the plan and the Issues Consultation that was held last year by following this link. We launched an innovative new interactive website for this consultation, and we'll publish a summary of findings on the council website in due course.

If you would like to know more about the timetable for preparing the Joint Local Plan and when we will be consulting you, please take a look at our Local Development Scheme on our council website.

Housing developers pay their way to improve community facilities
South Oxfordshire District Council has formally adopted its revised Community Infrastructure Charging (CIL) Schedule, it taking effect on 3 January. The updated schedule will increase the amount of CIL developers are required to pay on new development and introduces a levy for developments including student housing, build to rent housing and elderly person's accommodation which are currently exempt from charges.

The revised Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) also came into effect on 3 January to support the updated CIL Charging Schedule and provide further guidance on how the Council will secure developer contributions through section 106 agreements.

If you'd like any further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk