

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2026

The Parish Council have been notified of the sad and untimely death of Ian Gibson, A village resident for many years, Ian was also a parish councillor and a very keen supporter of ARC. His contribution to village life was welcomed by all, in particular his support and help over many years managing Bonfire Night events at the Rec. The PC would like to express their condolences to his family.

26-27/001 Apologies for absence

Tom Mooney (TM), Johnny Hope-Smith OCC (JHS), Crispin Topping SODC (CT),

26-27/002 Present

Jane Imbush Chair (JI), Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Jane Knight (JBK), Sarah Munro (SM), Neil Carter (NC), Peter Butcher (PB), Mary Severin (MS), Joanna Hart (JH), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS),

Members of the public - 7

26-27/003 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

26-27/004 Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 20th May 2026 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

26-27/005 Public questions, comments, or representations

A member of the public suggested that a group of villagers could volunteer to act as emergency contacts, similar to the Covid-era buddy system. The Parish Council advised that the Clerk and Chair are reviewing the Council's emergency plans in August and will consider whether such a scheme can be incorporated. The Council also suggested that an item could be included in the Village News to gauge interest.

26-27/006 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

SODC: No report has been received currently

OCC: report received

See link for SODC report

See link for OCC report

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

26-27/007 Planning

To consider the following planning permissions:

- a) **P26/S1618/HH** – For development work at the following location: [Carrimers Farmhouse Aston Tirrold Didcot OX11 9DP](#)

The application is for: Installation of tennis court

The PC support the application.

- b) **P26/S0835/O** - For development work at the following location: [Ham Paddock, Alison's Lane, Moreton Road, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9GW](#)

The application is for: Two dwellings and associated works (phased development)

At its meeting on June 17th 2026, the Parish Council considered the new drawings submitted for the planning application detailed above. The drawings are crude and poor quality and have not addressed the concerns expressed by the PC within their response to the original application.

The views contained within PCs response submitted on April 30th 2026 remain unchanged. This response is an adjunct to the original reply and should also be read in conjunction with the professional advice that was sought from Bluestone Planning and submitted to SODC for their consideration. The PC does **NOT support** this application.

- Access and egress over a private road already used by 9 houses to either directly access their property or garage. It is our understanding that this is at odds with local plan TRANS5. We also note the objection from Highways. The ownership of Alison's Lane is still under discussion between residents and Grange Mill Developments. The PC acknowledges that this is a private matter.
- With regard to Biodiversity and ecology, there has been no indication that the reservations identified from the original planning application have been addressed. There is no update to the biodiversity survey. There is no tree survey which the original report said was included. This should also include an assessment of the site pre-October 2025 when the land was cleared of trees and vegetation as demonstrated on The Planning Practice Guidance website, explained at Paragraph: 036 Reference ID: 74-036-2024021
- The site lies within the North Wessex National Landscape and the development will have a detrimental impact of views and landscape. This application does not comply with ENV1 and NPPF paragraph 189.

26-27/008 ARC

- a) Approve Minute's from June's meeting. – **Approved**
- b) There has been a suggestion that all the Village groups get together once or twice a year to share potential dates and deconflict where possible. It might make sense for the PC to coordinate this rather than ARC as the neutral convenor. Perhaps it could be before/after a PC meeting, maybe with refreshments as a way of encouraging all the village groups to keep up the fantastic effort they are making. That said, not sure who has the time / energy to arrange this. – **ARC confirmed this is already in the early stages of being set up.**
- c) The 7th November has been confirmed for Bonfire night.

26-27/009 Finance

- a) Payments below approved

Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.40
Clerk Salary	£317.60

HMRC PAYE Liability	£2.40
Clerk Expenses – Printer Ink	£11.99
Wel Medical invoice – Replacement batteries and upgrade	£559.20
Wel Medical invoice – Replacement batteries and upgrade	£200.00

- b) Approve May's Financial Statement- **Approved**

26-27/010 CLP Groups

- a) **Roads and traffic** – Chalk Hill has been put forward as a priority location by our Councillor from OCC for the 2027/28 Highway Maintenance Programme. Competition posters for the village speed awareness signs will be in the July village news.
- b) **Housing and Development** – Nothing to report
- c) **Environment group** – Hedgrow plan is being taken up at OCC level.

26-27/011 To Discuss progress with the Internal Auditors Recommendations.

The PC are continuing to work through the recommendations from the internal auditor. This year's report will follow the same steps as last year and a plan will be put forward in the coming months.

26-27/012 Discuss and approve for Clerk to become a member of SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks).

(Full year subscription is £200 with a £15 Joining fee)

The PC agreed that this was a positive suggestion and recommended that the Clerk approach the other councils she serves to ask whether they would be willing to contribute.

26-27/013 To consider the Annual Governance and Accountability return.

The Clerk and Chair had a meeting with the internal auditor last week to review this year's audit conclusion. There are points that the council need to address and an action plan will be put together in the next few months. The Internal Auditors comments were circulated to all councillors and noted.

The PC approved the AGAR and accompanying documents.

The PC approved section 1 and 2 of the AGAR and the Clerk and the Chair signed both documents.

The PC approved the Explanation of Variances.

The PC approved the Notice of Public Rights.

The PC approved the Bank Reconciliation.

26-27/014 Discuss the consultation on the submitted Lambourn Neighborhood Development Plan.

The PC do not have any objections with supporting the plan.

26-27/015 To approve the adoption of the following policies as per the Internal Auditors recommendations: Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, IT.

It was suggested the PC leave the figures the same as what is in the current polices. The

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

Clerk will make the amendments and re submit.

Items for next agenda

Date of the next meeting is at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026 which will be held in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall committee wish to attend the July meeting to show the PC what their plans are for the windows being replaced. They have obtained a grant however will require additional funding from the PC.

The meeting closed at: 20:25

26-27/016 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:

16th September 2026

21st October 2026

18th November 2026

9th December 2026