



ASTON TIRROLD & ASTON UPTHORPE
PARISH COUNCILS

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH November 2023**

13/028 Apologies for absence

Joanna Hart (JH), Anne-Marie Simpson SODC (AMS), Ben Manning (MB SODC), Jane Murphy OCC (JM),

13/029 Present

Jane Imbush (JJ), Simon Young Vice-Chair (SY), Jane Knight (JBK), Neil Carter (NC), Peter Butcher (PB), Henry Weeks (HW), Nigel Hawkey (NH), Charlotte Ray- Clerk (CR),

Member of the public and village hall committee representatives - 4

13/030 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

13/031 Minutes

Minutes from the meetings held on 11th October 2023 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

13/032 Public questions, comments, or representations

13/033 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

See link for SODC report

13/034 Planning

P23/S3346/HH- for development work at the following location: Milestone Cottage, London Road, Aston Tirrold, Didcot. The application is for: Demolish existing SE and NW extensions and construct new single storey SE Entrance/Utility room and 2 storey NW extension with Kitchen at ground floor level and Bedroom over - **The PC support this application.**

13/035 ARC

- a) To approve ARC Minutes from 6rd November 2023- Minutes Approved.
- b) Bonfire night was a huge success with an expected profit of c£5k.
The PC would like to give their collective thanks to all volunteers who worked tirelessly over the previous week in some of the worst autumn weather to put on a fabulous display. Special thanks must go to Richard Cox for the firework displays which were magnificent.
- c) Spring work day has been scheduled for Saturday 16th March 2024.

13/036 Finance

- a) Payments below approved

Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.40
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Charlotte Ray Clerk Fees	£264.20
Rustic Management Invoice	£560.00
Reimbursement 2020 payment to web team	£290.00
Annual website charge to web team	£344.00
Dropbox invoice	£95.88

- b) Approve October's Financial Statement- Approved

13/037 CLP Groups

- a) Roads and traffic- The drains down the Moreton Road have been cleared so water can flow freely.
The Millennium bench on the Hagbourne road is looking tired and in need of some repairs to improve its condition. Littering around the bench has also become an issue. The PC wonder is another bin needed or does the bench need moving perhaps? Some ideas are needed on what to do. However, the PC feel it is best to leave any repairs to the bench until the Spring and will re address then.
There is a Link available on Facebook for residents to report any large vehicles passing through the village that shouldn't be and any damage that is caused.
- b) Housing and Development – Nothing to report.
- c) Environment group – We are still waiting for the postcards from OCC RoW officer

13/038 CIL Monies – Public Ideas

- a) There is one area we feel as a church we could justify asking for money and that is the handrails that go from Aston Street towards St Michaels church. Although this is partly on church grounds the path is used very frequently by all villagers. The wood on the hand rail is rotting and some of the posts are now very unsafe. We have asked for a quote but not forthcoming as yet but it will need to be hard wood. I think it is likely to cost about. £2-2.5k. - The PC would like some quotes for the above work which they will then consider further.

13/039 Grants

- a) Toddler Group - £426.00 – The PC support this application
- b) History Group - £700.00 – The PC support this application
- c) Village Hall - £5,000.00 – The PC do not support this application on the basis that they feel it is better suited as a CIL grant which they would be happy to support. There was considerable discussion about the possible vision and prioritising of works needed to be undertaken at the hall, recognising that CIL monies could be a good route to support work. It was suggested at the meeting, that an interior designer is employed to look at how the interior could be modernized whilst maintaining the character of the hall. This was an extremely positive discussion. The PC would be happy to then contribute/fund



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with the CIL monies. The village hall will put this proposal forward the rest of the committee members for their approval.

- d) Village Hall Post Office Out-Reach Service - £500.00 – The PC support this application
- e) Burial Ground - £2,920.00 – The PC support this application
- f) ARC - £1,400.00 - £1,600.00 (ex VAT) – The PC support this application
- g) Village News – Cost for archiving past editions of the VN quotes awaited

13/040 Items for next agenda

Date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th December 2023 which will be held in the Village hall.

Meeting closed at: 20:51

At the end of the meeting, Henry Weeks tendered his resignation form the PC. The PC are very sad to see Henry leave and thank him for his good humour and support over the 3 years he has been a councillor. This leaves the PC with 3 vacancies.

13/041 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:

17th January

21st February

20th March

17th April

15th May

19th June

17th July

18th September

16th October

20th November

11th December