



ASTON TIRROLD & ASTON UPTHORPE
PARISH COUNCILS

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH October 2023**

13/028 Apologies for absence

Nigel Hawkey (NH), Jane Murphy OCC (JM), Ben Manning (MB SODC)

13/029 Present

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

13/030 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

13/031 Minutes

Minutes from the meetings held on 13th September 2023 were then agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

13/032 Public questions, comments, or representations

The bench on Hagbourne Road is sitting under lots of weeds. The parishioners are very happy to tidy it up – The PC approve this.

13/033 SODC and OCC Reports to the Parish Council

- Capital grants deadline is just under a month away. The PC have asked if the grant could be spent on the fabric of churches (All Saints) and the wall is falling down on St. Michaels - Ann-Marie will look into this.
- Safer places venue for vulnerable people unfortunately this would not work as the village does not have anywhere open at all hours available.
- Reducing energy carbon emissions calculator available.
- A list of available activities for half term will be issued in the village e-news.

See link for SODC report

https://www.theastons.net/files/Aston_Tirrold__Aston_Upthorpe_Council_DC_Report_111023.pdf

13/034 Planning

P23/S2721/HH- For development work at the following location: The Old Bakehouse Baker Street Aston Tirrold. The amendment is for: as amended by plans received on 29 September moving the proposed car port back 350mm – The PC support the amended application.

During the discussion concerns were expressed amount the number of cars present currently therefore it has been confirmed a transport plan will be put in place. No articulated lorries will be delivering goods. They will use domestic and smaller delivery vans and will be made more often. The owners of The Old Bakehouse have spoken to nearby farmers and they have agreed to allow a staging area in the fields to be used for material to be stored. Neighbours at Finches and Keepers cottage have given permission to park vehicles on their drive. If any big vehicles need to come into



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the village they will come via Chalk Hill and villagers will be given prior notice of this happening. No skips will be outside of the house. Spoil will go into the field and then taken away from there. All worker's cars can be parked in the staging area along with equipment/material. There is an Issue currently with the bank being eroded from work vehicles being parked at present. The PC agree this is more of a neighbourly issue rather than a PC issue. The applicants have agreed to speak to the neighbours at 1 Downs View who have expressed the concern. The applicant has assured the office will not be used in the evening for most the year. Light pollution was not a primary concern, although very important comments made around working hours/crossing over around 4pm the PC feel is not feasible as workers will need to work beyond 4pm at times so it's more about being considerate and sensible as a village together.

The Thatch work will most likely not be complete for a further two weeks but in the mean time workers will be asked to park their vehicles in a more appropriate area once offloaded to prevent the verge from any further damage.

13/035 ARC

- a) To approve ARC Minutes from 3rd October 2023- Minutes Approved.
- b) Approve budget for year 2024-2025- Approved
- c) The PC discussed is there a way they can gift ARC more money whether it be through a grant to increase their cash flow.

13/036 Finance

- a) Payments below approved

Simplicity Payroll Service	£26.40
Charlotte Ray Clerk Fees	£264.20
External Auditor's Invoice	£252.00
Village Hall Hire Invoice	£43.00
ROSPA Playground check invoice for ARC	£132.00
Boiler servicing invoice for ARC	£400.00

- b) Approve September's Financial Statement- Approved
- c) Defib cabinet overpayment in July £29.94- Approved, payment refund on the 4th October.

13/037 CLP Groups

- a) Roads and traffic-
 - Photos have been taken of the pot hole and blocked drain and submitted.
 - A large lorry drove through the village which has been reported and are awaiting response.



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- The 20mph scheme is due to consult in December and changes will be implemented 3-4 months after.
- b) Housing and Development – Nothing to report.
- c) Environment group-
 - Spring Lane is very overgrown with branches sticking out – Will arrange for Tom to tidy up.
 - Dog Poo sign to be displayed in the village news – The PC approve this.

13/038 CIL Monies – Public Ideas

- a) A community orchard, where the villagers can pick fruit and have a community juicer to make juice etc – This has been explored previously and due to a lack of land has been rejected previously.
- a) A trampoline in the children's playground – The PC are not able to support this application due to health and safety regulations.
- b) ARC have requested the following:
 - Replace the carpets in the Pavilion with laminate
 - Sound clouds to reduce echo in the Pavilion
 - A projector for film nights and other events
 - Provision of a wooden storage hut
 - Protective matting for the pavilion and parking areas

The PC feel these are good suggestions that will benefit the community. If ARC can obtain quotes for the following works the PC will address again.

13/039 Grants

- a) Astons web team asks that the Astons Parish Council consider making the annual website support costs a formal charge against the Council instead of processing the website fees as an annual grant application. The community website provides the PC with its legally required public digital information repository as well as being a community resource. The bulk of the annual costs is fixed in perpetuity as agreed in our Web Boutiques contract at £270.00 +VAT (=£324.00). The annual domain name charges may increase marginally, currently £20.00pa. Unfortunately, in October 2020, we failed to make a grant application to the PC. This was a mistake on our part. We realise that this was some time ago, but please would the PC consider giving us a one-off 'special' or 'upgrade' or 'community help' grant to cover this cost of £344.00? –

The Parish Clerk is to contact The WEB Team to confirm they are happy for this to be an annual standing payment rather than a grant. However, does this need paying now? Does the web team have an invoice to submit for past expenses? If so, please could it be forwarded.

13/040 Items for next agenda

Date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th November 2023 which will be held in the Village hall.

Meeting closed at: 20:37



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13/041 Review Monthly Calendar tasks

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

13th December
17th January
21st February
20th March
17th April
15th May
19th June
17th July
18th September
16th October
20th November
11th December