

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD ON MONDAY 15 February 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

12/46 Apologies for absence

Steve Falle (SF), Patrick Green, Justin Keeble (JK) , Bronwen Pearmund (BP), Simon Young (SY).

12/47 Present

Tim Vallings (TV) Chair, Joanna Hart (JH) Vice Chair, Anna Dillon (AD), Andy Toyne (APT), Susanna Brunskill (SB)

Clerk: Emma Anderson

Public: Maranda St John Nicolle, Naomi Simmonds, Steve White, Louise Binder, Ted Betts

OCC: Apologies

SODC: Not present

12/48 Declaration of any relevant interests

APT is a neighbour to 10 Moreton Road

12/49 Minutes of the 18th January meeting

Agreed by all and signed off by the Chair (TV)

12/50 Matters arising. None

12/51 Planning

P15/S3816/HH. 10 Moreton Road, Aston Upthorpe. Erection of proposed garage. Approved. Limited impact on neighbouring properties

P15/S3993/HH. Jervis Cottage, Aston Tirrold. Amendment. Approved. Previous recommendation carried.

12/52 Finance

- i. The financial statement to 31st January for the combined council was approved
- ii. Audit arrangements for smaller councils. Discuss audit arrangements from 2017 (response deadline extended to 31st March). Agreed to not opt out.
- iii. The following payments were approved

Emma Anderson clerk fees for February	£250.00
Claire Hulton (cheque reissue)	£150.00
To ARC to cover the annual Health and Safety costs as per Terms of Reference	£332.15

12/53 Recreation ground / ARC

The January ARC minutes were accepted

PC approved payment of £332.15 to ARC to cover the annual Health and Safety costs as per Terms of Reference

12/54 Roads and Footpaths. None

12/55 Bus Service. Maranda St John Nicolle has been representing a community of villages including

the Moretons, Astons, Blewbury, The Hagbournes and Upton to establish some commonality and objective planning around the bus routes 94/95 and 131. OCC is under pressure to make sweeping cuts, as all county councils in the UK are, and the PC has asked Maranda to provide some feedback regarding current status. There are to be further meetings with Thames Bus and with SODC to understand the options that are available to the community and as things stand, no firm decisions have been made. However, the PC is of the view that it is important to be kept up to speed with the progress that is being made and what any impact on the village might be with regards to any subsidy cuts. Over the course of the next few weeks and months, the PC will endeavour to provide a monthly update status in the meeting minutes in order to keep the villages aware of the latest status and it was suggested that SY be the PC link to Maranda in being kept up to speed with any further development, and providing any news on grant subsidy opportunities that might be made available. As things stand, it is expected to be June 2016 before any changes might come into effect. Maranda was thanked for the effort she has gone to in providing an objective, concise and highly useful status to date and for her time in attending the meeting.

12/56 Planning permission guidelines. Postponed until March's meeting.

12/57 Queen's 90th birthday celebration. George Curtis, of Blacksmith's Cottage, has very kindly offered to act as secretary of a small working party of village organisations to plan any celebrations and should there be no other volunteer to head up the working party, he would be happy to act as head. This is greatly appreciated by the PC and George would now like to receive volunteers from the PC and from village on the working party. Anyone who is interested in being part of the arrangements is kindly asked to contact him directly (850794) or the Parish Council so that plans can be arranged.

12/58 Noticeboard keys. It was approved for the clerk to get three new noticeboard keys cut for chair, vice chair and clerk.

12/59 Defibrillator. It was agreed to allow a Defibrillator to be installed at the Pavilion and the PC to take responsibility for the insurance and monthly checks on it. AD has offered to take this on for the first six months either alone or in a joint capacity. Any people willing to help with this, please contact the Parish Council.

12/60 OALC training. No requests for further training

12/61 Community-Led Plan. The CLP steering committee provided detail on the progress and processes regarding the next stage of the plan. An event in the village hall on 11 and 12 March has been planned where villagers can come to hear and discuss the Key Findings report. Parish Councillors have been requested to attend these two meetings where possible to cover issues that pertain specifically to the PC. For the issues that do not involve the PC, these will be represented by members of the CLP at the meeting. It was agreed that APT will liaise with the CLP on matters relating to Roads/Speeding. APT was already planning to contact Anthony Kirkwood from OCC to discuss safety issues. It was also agreed to dedicate future meetings to issues and themes arising from the plan. The Steering Committee has put in a great deal of effort to collate and conclude on the issues of importance to members of the Astons Community in order to start finalizing the plan and the PC would like to thank all members for their hard work to date.

12/62 Parish Clerk vacancy. A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Clerk from June. The clerk is to place an advert in the Village News, OALC and noticeboard. Please contact the PC if you would like to be considered for this role.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th March 2016 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm.
Meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

SIGNED FOR ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NAME K. V. Hys DATE 14/03/2016