

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH
COUNCIL,
HELD ON MONDAY 24th APRIL 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

12/139 Apologies for absence

Justin Keeble (JK), Anna Dillon (AD), Patrick Greene

12/140 Present

Joanna Hart (JH) Chair, Tim Vallings (TV), Susanna Brunskill (SB), Jane Knight (JBK), Simon Young (SY), Nigel Hawkey (NH)

Clerk: Denes Marffy (DM)

Public: Ted Betts, Mr & Mrs Peter Backhouse and family, Nicky Sealey, Errol Bishop, Christian Royston-Airey, Bill Allen, Anne Annells

12/141 Declaration of any relevant interests

None

12/142 Minutes of the 20th March 2017 meeting

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

12/143 Public Questions, Comments A comment was received via email regarding construction traffic, it was agreed to discuss it under item 16 of the agenda.

12/144 SODC and OCC Reports to Parish Council

No verbal reports due to County Council elections on the 4th May.

The Parish Council approved a vote of thanks to Patrick Greene for all his many years of hard work.

12/145 Planning

To decide on the following planning applications:

P17/S0867/HH Replacement of dilapidated shed with smaller summerhouse 1 Downs View Aston Tirrold OX11 9DE **Approved**. An improvement on the existing shed.

P17/S0946/FUL Small slurry lagoon, Lower Hill Farm Aston Tirrold OX11 9DR **No Strong Views**. Location concerns due to the proximity of 3 houses and 4 families. Undulations in the land at that point with regard to flooding. Footpath / bridleway could be impacted by flies and smell. Concerns that the nearest householders had not been notified by SODC of the application. 7 people attended the meeting to object to the application.

P17/S1196/HH and **P17/S1198/LB** Construction of a cellar. Filberts Aston Street Aston Tirrold OX11 9DG. **Approved**. Would recommend SODC instruct construction vehicles to use Chalk Hill access rather than go through the village.

12/146 ARC Approve April minutes. Approved

12/147 Finance

- i. The PC approved the payments as below:

Denes Marffy clerk fees	£275.40
J. Keeble latches	£17.12
SODC dogbins	£12.56
Finch Sand and Ballast (Gravel) (Paid on 8 th April)	£170.00
Village Hall (Hire for PC meetings)	£54.00
Wallingford Bus	£300.00

Councillors approved the VAT repayment to ARC of £1118.71 once received

12/148 Approve April Financial Statement. Approved.

12/149 Roads and Footpath. The PC would like to thank all those who took part in the Village Clear up and Rec tidy day.

12/150 Reports from CLP working groups SY reported that the Steering Group has stood down, but recommends that a Parish Councillor be nominated to coordinate the 7 working parties ensuring that they meet twice annually. The nominated Councillor will be decided at the next meeting. The PC would like to thank the Steering Group for all their hard work.

Chalk Hill Mirror. The PC noted that as this will be sited on private land there are insurance liability issues. It was decided that because of this the mirror must be professionally installed which would involve a significant cost. The PC will discuss this at the next meeting once the working party concerned have discussed the matter.

20 mph Village speed limit. It was reported that the most cost effective solution would be to replace all the existing 30 mph discs with 20 mph discs. There followed discussion on the potential of adding white gate signs at all the entrances to the village.

Housing Report. The PC will reply to the Local Plan consultation to clarify that Aston Tirrold and Aston Uphorpe together continue to be categorised as one 'smaller village' and where there is housing development in the village, the Parish Council would like to see more smaller housing units and affordable housing.

12/151 Light pollution in villages. To be discussed at the next meeting.

12/152 Pensions Regulator The PC to be registered with the government pension group NEST.

12/153 Wallingford bus. SY reported that the bus was financed by SODC but that there was a £1600 shortfall in funding. The Downland Village Transport Group (DVTG) was formed to raise the shortfall. The PC agreed to contribute £300 as it was an essential service for some of the Astons residents. The funding will be reviewed at the end of the year.

12/154 Donated bench. The PC accepted in principle the anonymous donation of a bench. However for insurance purposes and to register it as an asset to the village, the PC would like the value of the bench to be donated to the PC and the PC would then purchase the bench and site it.

12/155 Traffic Management re buildings To be discussed at the next meeting.

12/156 Items for the Next Agenda

Chair noted that the next meeting would be the AGM as well as the usual meeting and would involve: Insurance renewal, light pollution, traffic management

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th May 2017 in the Village Hall at 8.0pm.
Meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

SIGNED FOR ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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