

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH
COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021 BY ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

12/646 Apologies for absence. None

12/647 Present

Jane Imbush (JI) - Chair, Simon Young (SY), Joanna Hart (JH), Nicole West (NW), Jane Knight (JBK), Peter Butcher (PB), Henry Weeks (HW), Neil Carter (NC), Nigel Hawkey (NH)
Anne-Marie Simpson (SODC)
Jane Murphy (OCC)
Denes Marffy (DM) Clerk
Public: 11 Members

12/648 Declaration of any relevant interests. JH for Gate House planning application.

12/649 Minutes of the 19th April 2021

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair (JI).

12/650 Public Questions, Comments. The PC have been contacted by villagers regarding the diorama situated on the grassed area at the junction of Aston Street and Baker Street in Aston Tirrold. Concern has been expressed that it is proving to be a distraction for drivers and does not have planning permission as is required for street furniture which it is believed this falls into. Whilst the 'scene' first appeared over Easter and was well received initially, it has been in place for 8 weeks, has been added to over time and the PC requests that it is removed by May 31 2021 or it will be removed.

12/651 SODC and OCC Reports to Parish Council.

Anne-Marie Simpson (SODC) reported that:

- i. SODC has joined the other 5 Councils in Oxfordshire in adopting a new strategy to provide consistent and extended infrastructure for the charging of electric vehicles, particularly for those who do not have this facility at home.
- ii. Two new councillors have been elected to SODC in the recent by elections. Andrea Joan Warren (Conservative) for Didcot North East and Tim Bearder (Liberal Democrat) for Forest Hill & Holton ward.
- iii. There are a new set of pages on the SODC website, designed to provide guidance and practical information about what individuals, communities and businesses can do to reduce their emissions and support the actions being taken by the Council and other authorities. <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/about-the-council/tackling-the-climate-emergency/>
- iv. The council has received notification that Bioabundance CIC has made an application to the Court of Appeal seeking to overturn the 29 April High Court decision of The Honourable Mrs Justice Lang to refuse permission to proceed with an application for judicial review against the council's decision to adopt the Local Plan 2035.

12/652 Planning

To decide on the following planning applications:

P21/S1162/HH Single story summer house at the end of the garden to the rear. 10 Moreton Road Aston Upthorpe OX11 9EP. The PC **SUPPORT** this application.

P21/S1514/HH Proposed ground floor side extension. Proposed demolition of existing garage with new replacement building. The Gate House Aston Street Aston Tirrold OX11 9DJ. The PC **SUPPORT** this application.

Alison's Lane on the Morton Road. The PC received a query from SODC regarding this lane as it has not been registered. The PC agreed to send the following:

The Parish Council met last night and as requested, discussed the status of Alison's Lane. In principle the PC has no objection to the naming of the no through road as Alison's Lane but would ask that it does not extend further than as access to the house that is currently identified as 23 Moreton Road. We questioned whether that house would be renumbered to 1 Alison's Lane or would it remain as 23 Moreton Road. The PC would also like to note that the Outline Planning Application to which you refer in your e mail of May 4 (assumed to be P18/S4124/O as not quoted) was dismissed by the Planning Inspector in December 2019. If it is your understanding or that you have been led to believe by Sweetcroft Homes that there is the possibility of planning approval against that application and that the road to be called Alison's Lane is to extend to that part of the site, the PC would NOT approve. The PC is also concerned that the proper process was not followed when seeking approval in the first instance and this could have been agreed more easily if the applicant had done so. Whilst we are fairly certain that retrospective approval is not uncommon, the PC would like to ensure going forward that street naming and numbering is open to comment and discussion prior to agreement.

12/653 ARC.

- i. To approve May and AGM ARC Minutes. **Approved**
- ii. Recreation Ground Signage. Notice board has been ordered and signage will go in once it is installed.
- iii. ARC has no chairman at present. There will be a rotating chairman until a new chair is appointed.

12/654 Finance

- i. Approve payments below. **Approved**
- ii. Approve April Financial Statement – **Approved**
- iii. Approve end of year accounts and Annual Governance statement. **Approved**
- iv. First half precept of £8600 received.

Clerk fees (£51.40 to HMRC)	£218.60
Simplicity Payroll Services (Payroll)	£24.00
SODC (Dogbin emptying AU Jan 21-Mar21)	£53.82
J. Keeble (Tree protectors and canes)	£104.44

12/655 Footpath between Silverburn and Lindens. Awaiting responses from various organisations.

12/656 To accept feedback and discuss matters arising from CLP Groups:

Roads and Traffic.

- a. White gates on Chalk Hill and Spring Lane have been installed. The Garden Group have been asked to submit ideas for planting some flowers around the gates.
- b. There are ongoing plans to commence the Speed Survey proposal. Especially as there appears to be an increase in traffic coming through the village.

Housing & Development. Nothing to report

Environment Group.

- a. It is still too wet to commence work on patching up the Llollingdon track. SODC/OCC to be approached regarding additional funds in support of improving the surface, The PC has allowed for £1000 to repairs to date.

12/657 The Pub. Mike Wigg gave an interesting presentation on the proposed improved use of space involving demolitions and extensions. It is hoped that some of the pictures will be in the Village News. It is hope that planning proposals can be submitted by July. It is estimated that the build will take 4-6 months and an Easter opening is hoped for. Meanwhile the pub will continue with limited food until building works commence.

12/658 Fibre Broadband.

Due to some changes in government funding, the Astons application has been moved into a lower priority category. However, Openreach say that it's still in the pipeline and provided enough households sign up, that the same level of funding is available. It is hoped that the Openreach portal will be open to applications from the Astons by the end of June - when interested households need to submit their details as soon as possible Delivery of full-fibre broadband is apparently being accelerated (as Openreach are doing the installation themselves rather than outsourcing) and Openreach are optimistic that they can still deliver ultrafast broadband to the village by Spring 2022.

12/659 Discuss Community response to Coronavirus (Corvid 19). It was provisionally decided to close the scheme at the end of June. The PC will continue to fund the Covid phone at £10/month and maybe beyond. To be discussed at the June PC meeting.

12/660 Discuss Sid Marlow bequest of £10000.00. Discussions continue on how best to utilise the bequest. The thinking is that a portion could be used for the bell chamber in St Michael's church, a garden of remembrance (possibly in Miller's Field once the new owners have their plans.) and to name the footpath to Cholsey that runs next to Silverburn and Lindens Sid Marlow way.

12/661 Review monthly tasks calendar.

12/662 Items for the Next Agenda

Approve audit

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 21st June and will be held virtually unless otherwise stated at 7.00pm.

SIGNED FOR ASTON TIRROLD AND ASTON UPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Month	Health & Safety	Process	Social
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January		Send Precept application	
February	Defibrillator check		
March		Ensure payments up to date Final VAT return before mid-March	Spring Work Day
April		Prepare FY accounts	
May	Defibrillator check	Internal Audit	
June		AGM Review Emergency Plan	Astonbury
July			
August	Defibrillator check		
September		Prepare budget for next year	Autumn Work Day
October		Present budget to PC	Safari Supper
November	Defibrillator check	Review Risk register	Bonfire Night
December			