

**MINUTES OF ASTON, COTE, SHIFFORD & CHIMNEY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL, ASTON AT 7.30 PM**

- 1. Members Present:** Richard Haines (Chairman)  
Jane Everex  
Ben Lings  
John Ordish  
Paul Sparrowhawk  
Jane West  
Phil West

**In Attendance:** Helen Sandhu – Clerk

**Members' Apologies:** None

- 2. Minutes of previous meeting** – on 7 July 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed by Jane West, seconded by Jane Everex.

- 3. Parish Councillors – Disclosure of interests on agenda items**  
None

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

**a) Millennium Clock on St James' Church**

The information and quotation provided by Smith of Derby were considered. It was noted that there is a lack of clarity on whether the clock motors are fused separately so that the other motors can continue working if one fails. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information. It was resolved to find out what further work would be required if the motors aren't fused separately and to obtain a quotation. It was further resolved to replace all four clock motors, as recommended by Smith of Derby, with the three motors which aren't faulty to be retained for potential future use. All work to be carried out in a single visit to reduce the travel/time costs.

**b) Anti Social Behaviour**

Richard Haines informed the Parish Council that a resident had copied him into an email sent to the Eynsham Neighbourhood team of Thames Valley Police about an incidence of alleged careless driving that he had witnessed on the lane which runs from Bull Lane towards Cote.

**5. New Business**

- a) Oxfordshire County Council consultation on Household Waste Recycling Strategy**  
This consultation is a follow up to the first consultation on the potential reduction in the number of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Oxfordshire (which could lead to the closure of Dix Pit) in 2015. The detailed questions in the consultation relate to changes to opening times, the types of waste which residents could deposit, and whether waste should be accepted from businesses. There are also questions about whether people would be prepared to pay to deposit waste at the HWRC (although the law currently prohibits councils for charging). The consultation is open to both

residents and organisations. It was resolved to respond to the consultation, and the detailed responses were agreed. The Parish Council's response to the potential changes to opening hours and days to stress that any changes should accommodate residents' working patterns and should not restrict opening times/days to working hours only.

It was also resolved that the Parish Council would comment that the consultation has not been well advertised and that the timing of the consultation is not ideal as many residents are away over the summer period.

## **6. Community Trust**

The unsatisfactory condition of the field due to the way the grass is being cut was discussed – this is causing problems for the football clubs. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the September meeting.

The Community Trust is making progress on its proposals for the children's play area – this will be considered at the September meeting.

Some of the trees at the front of the hall alongside the road are going to be cut down.

## **7. Parish Infrastructure**

### *a) Village maintenance*

The Clerk has not yet been able to speak to Chris Smith about the request for him to cut the verge alongside the footway between Aston and Cote. To follow up.

### *b) Hedge & tree maintenance*

The bramble on North Street has been cut back.

Thames Water has been asked to cut back the hedge at the SPS on North Street.

The ivy stems on the sycamore tree in Vicarage Close have been severed.

## **8. Planning**

### **New planning applications**

16/02344/FUL Manor Farmhouse Woodbridge Close Aston  
Erection of two dwellings with new access and associated works.

It was resolved not to object but to respond that the Parish Council has concerns about the potential detrimental impact of the development on the privacy of 1 and 2 Manor Close. The proposed first floor window on the east elevation of plot 2 would have a detrimental impact on privacy. It was noted that the application indicates that many of the trees on site will remain - the Council would not wish to see these trees removed at a future point.

The Clerk was also asked to request that WODC prohibits the parking of vehicles involved in the construction of the site on Bull Street due to the adverse impact this would have on highway safety.

**9. Finance**

Clerk's salary and working from home allowance	374.00	LGA 1972, s112
Clerk's expenses – printing – 125 sheets @ 7p	8.75	LGA 1972 s111
Des Johnston – two cuts of playing field in July (9 in season to date)	144.00	LG(MP)A 1976, s19
West Oxfordshire Distict Council – 3 cuts of verges in May (4 invoiced in year to date)	1142.39	HA 1980, s116 WM (LAP) Act 1923 s1 &3
West Oxfordshire District Council – emptying of dog bin in August	21.25	Litter Act 1983
A J Mitchell – cleaning of bus shelters on 16 July	27.00	LG(MP)A 1953, s4
The Garden Furniture Centre	389.98	PCA 1957 ss1(1)
Chris Smith - weedspraying	190.00	LGA 1972 s137
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,297.37</b>	

It was resolved to make the above payments, proposed by John Ordish, seconded by Jane West.

**10. Matters arising since publication of agenda (for discussion only)**

Ben Lings told the Parish Council that he had received a thank you card from Aston & Cote Primary School addressed to the Parish Council for the medals given to the children at the school to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – put in the folder.

John Ordish thanked the Parish Council on behalf of St James' Church for the donation of the remaining commemorative medals which will be distributed at the commemorative tea party on 6 August.

Signed .....dated.....