

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Aston on Trent Parish Council held on Tuesday  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall, Aston-on-Trent**

**PRESENT:** Cllr H Wheeler (Chairman), Cllr E Hicklin (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Longley, Cllr M Selby, Cllr T Hurrell, Cllr Alberts, County Cllr R Davison, District Cllr P Watson, 3 members of the public

Agenda Item		Action
1. Election of Chairman	Edward Hicklin proposed by Cllr Alberts, seconded by Cllr Selby. All in favour. Cllr Hicklin accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office	
2. Election of Vice Chairman	Tony Hurrell proposed by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Longley. All in favour. Cllr Hurrell accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office	
3. Apologies for Absence	Cllr H Cope, Cllr Graham, Cllr Toon, District Cllr H Coyle	
4. Change of order	<b>None</b>	
5. Declaration of Interest	<b>Cllr Longley – item 20 planning</b>	
6. Public Speaking	<p>Mr Read has received a copy of a CD from the Gators Football Team following their visit to Ypres. Mr Read gave the CD to the clerk to allow the council to view it.</p> <p>Grass cutting, churchyard – the grass has not been collected from the churchyard. Contractor to be reminded to tidy up before well dressing. Clerk to follow up with SDDC re passing over churchyard. The ashes area is overgrown and some plaques are covered in additional items making it difficult to keep tidy and clear of grass. The PCC are aware of the situation.</p>	<b>NH</b>
7. Reports	<p><b>Cllr R Davison:</b> Thanks to Cllr Wheeler in his role as chair and congratulations to Cllrs Hicklin &amp; Hurrell on their new positions. Cllr Davison has visited Long Walk Wood and is now aware of the geography of the area. A review of the Cuttlebridge junction has shown it is not financially viable to install traffic lights or to alter it. It was suggested this could be included in any planning objections for housing development proposals. Chellaston 6<sup>th</sup> Form – Cllr Davison is not aware of any plans for closure but it is an academy within Derby City boundaries. Fracking – the consultation is open online until 12/6/16. Cllr Davison is to try and find out further information.</p> <p><b>Cllr P Watson:</b> Fracking – the consultation document is still changing so the PC should still be able to comment after the closing date. Congratulations to Cllrs Hicklin &amp; Hurrell and thanks given to Cllr Wheeler. Footpaths/Rights of Way officer – clerk to update Cllr Watson with details. Local Plan – it is anticipated that there will be an update at the full council meeting on 19/5/16 to move it forward and to be adopted by the council. This will control development on strategic sites. Part 2 (for sites with less than 100 houses) will potentially take 1 year. The Local Plan 1998 will then be obsolete. Weston Road development – Cllr Watson stated that as he is</p>	

	<p>on the planning committee he is able to give advice but not pass on any opinions. He is concerned that the developer is not aware of the continued strength of opposition to the development. His advice would be to put objections to Richborough as well as to SDDC. Cllr Hurrell responded that the PC do not believe it is wise to disclose anything as this gives the developer time to rectify their proposals to submit to planning. Cllr Watson advised residents not to wait until an application is submitted but to make the developer consider an easier alternative.</p>	
<b>8. Minutes 19.04.16</b>	<p>The minutes were agreed by all, proposed by Cllr Hurrell &amp; seconded by Cllr Selby. CCTV – not possible to widen the view as reduces quality of images.</p>	
<b>9. Chairman’s Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cemetery sign – EH to look at possibility of sign on fence</li> <li>• Weston PC – Avril Record is the new chair of the parish council. A joint PC meeting to take place</li> <li>• Walk around village – suggested to meet with Weston PC and look at parish boundaries</li> <li>• Aston PC village walk round – PC to meet and look at assets/consider projects and priorities 10am 5/6/16</li> <li>• Defib used/opened – replacement pads ordered. PC to review procedures at June meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>10. Clerk’s Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quote of £260 to soil, seed and weed graves – agreed to go ahead with work</li> <li>• £90 for topsoil for cemetery – all agreed</li> <li>• Payback work has finished after 7 months. Confirmed that the team could resurface the car park if required</li> <li>• Queen’s birthday beacon – the church was packed, thanks to all who came and to Aston Arioso for singing</li> <li>• Birthday medals ordered for primary school, Pre-school have queried if their children will receive one, all agreed to purchase medals for children who live in Aston and that additional medals will be at a cost of £2 for children outside the parish.</li> <li>• New funeral regulations have been sent out to regular funeral directors</li> <li>• A request has been made for a dog waste bin at the Brickyard – to discuss on walk round</li> <li>• Cllr Hurrell will attend the well dressing opening ceremony</li> <li>• The VAS needs another set of batteries – it was agreed to ask Dave to take the sign down when the batteries run out and to reconsider use of the sign</li> <li>• Pension – registered with NESTA but need agreement that account signatories agree to direct debit payments. Cllr Hicklin &amp; Wheeler agreed</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Finance &amp; bank reconciliation</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>**See below**</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>It was agreed to pay all cheques – proposed by Cllr Selby/seconded by Cllr Hurrell</b></p>	

<b>12. Annual governance statement</b>	Cllr Hicklin read and signed	
<b>13. Statement of accounts</b>	The statement of accounts was signed by the clerk & Cllr Hicklin	
<b>14. Allocation of funding for projects</b>	It was agreed to consider projects during walk round 5/6/16	
<b>15. Cones for use outside Post Office</b>	It was agreed to spend a maximum of £25 to purchase cones. Clerk to order & to write letter of thanks	<b>NH</b>
<b>16. Bench refurbishment</b>	It was agreed to refurbish the 2 benches donated by the Plymouth Brethren and to review the others during the walk around. £85 per bench	<b>NH</b>
<b>17. Overhanging tree branches</b>	This will be reviewed during walk around	
<b>18. Dog waste bins</b>	It was agreed to wait until the next Welfare Trust meeting and for Cllr Alberts to respond on behalf of the PC	<b>CA</b>
<b>19. Responsibility Matrix</b>	This was reviewed & clerk to send out updated version	<b>NH</b>
<b>20. Planning</b>	9/2016/0350 – no objections	<b>NH</b>
<b>21. To consider the following (no decisions can be made in these categories)</b> a) <b>Reports from outside bodies</b> b) <b>Community/Environment</b> c) <b>Recreation</b> d) <b>School</b>	a) Neighbourhood Plan – notes were circulated by Cllrs Longley & Selby. Clerk to contact SAVE re planning champion contact a) Aviva Cycle Tour – 18 <sup>th</sup> June, approx time through village is 11am. Contact SDDC if any events are planned. Pot holes to be filled prior to event b) Witches Oak Waters – guided tours lasting approx 2 hours and led by a volunteer reserve manager. Cllr Wheeler to email details out c) Recreation Centre – meeting attended by Cllrs Selby & Toon. Lots going on at centre including cricket, kwik cricket, table tennis, football, strength & balance. Football club to spike & roll field	<b>NH</b>

**Presented for payment at meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross Total</b>
2862	D Corden	Wages May 2016			187.20
2863	N Hyde	Wages May 2016			356.03
2863	N Hyde	Home as office May 2016			28.80
2863	N Hyde	Madasafish Internet services (email)	18.15	3.63	21.78
2863	N Hyde	Compost for payback work			20.79
2863	N Hyde	APM expenses			11.00
2864	HMRC	Tax May 2016			213.80
2865	J Smedley	Gardening			39.60
2865	J Smedley	Plants			26.98
2866	M Shaw	Bench refurbishment cemetery			120.00
2867	H Wheeler	Well dressing display expenses			10.81
2868	AON	Parish Insurance			1037.94

2869	DALC	Neighbourhood Planning training			50.00
2870	JW Iliffe	Mole control			144.00
2871	G Hawksworth	Fence & hawthorn at playing fields			420.00
2872	SDDC	Memorial Hall waste			785.22
2873	Turfworks	Grass Cutting March – April 2016	1410.39	282.07	1692.46
2874	Aston Well Dressers	Donation towards festival			200.00
2875	Cubit Ultrasonic	Lamp post testing			22.50
2876	Mr C Peck	Beacon Gas	17.62	0.88	18.50
2877	Mr J Wilkinson	Topsoil cemetery			90.00
			<b>1446.16</b>	<b>286.58</b>	<b>5497.41</b>

**Balance as at 29 April 2016 (Nat West statement)**

**£24,154.66**

**Income:**

**G Simnett Funerals (burial)**

**£600.00**

**Floral décor donations**

**£45.00**

**SDDC Concurrent expenses**

**£7994.00**

**Balance as at 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**£27,296.25**

**The meeting closed at 21.13**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st June 2016**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_