

ASLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – Parish Council Meeting 6th January 2023

Venue: St Michael's Church, Aslacton

Commencement: 7.30 p.m.

Clerk: Peter Robinson, The Old Rectory, Aslacton

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Present:	Geoff Gamble (Chairman); Cheryl Shulver (CS) (Vice-Chairman), Christine Kinge (CK), Janine Jarrett (JJ), Louise Thurgar (LT), Charlotte Bennett (CB) and 2 members of the public
1. Apologies for Absence	Keith Broomhall (KB)
2. Minutes of the Meeting of 4th November 2022	The minutes of the meeting of 4 th November were approved by the Members.
3. 2023 Precept	The Councillors considered the expected income and expenditure reports distributed before the meeting and it was proposed by LT that the precept should be held at the equivalent of £12.50 for a band D property. This was seconded by CS and unanimously agreed.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 4th November 2022	The following matters were discussed.
4a. Village Sign	JJ asked that the school be given a final chance to engage with the design process and suggested that the designs put forward could be viewed and considered at the village PCC Coronation coffee morning in early May. This was agreed and JJ is to contact the school to discuss.
4b. Defibrillator Project	JJ expressed reservations to the idea of having the defibrillator sited on the school wall as to have to negotiate the locked school gate may give an unnecessary time delay in an emergency. CT reported that she was looking into the possibility of having the school gate padlock replaced with a combination one which mirrored the defibrillator access code, thus only having one code to use. It was decided that CT would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure that a suitably coded lock was available - obtain written confirmation from the school governors that the siting on the school wall was acceptable - confirm a final cost of installation and circulate the results to the Councillors for a decision as soon as possible
4c. 20mph speed limit Sign past the school	The Chairman confirmed that all was in place and that the PC was waiting for confirmation from Barry Duffin that the agreed finance would be forthcoming.
4d. Highways issues, Maranello, Mill Lane	The Clerk reported that the Highways Department considered that the matter did not currently meet their criteria for intervention and that they would continue to monitor the situation.
4e. Highways works by Parish Rangers in July	The Clerk said that he had reported a number of the issues to the Highways Department through their online system and was monitoring any progress. In respect of the hedge work thought necessary on Bunwell Road, the Clerk is to contact KB to ask whether he had spoken with the landowner
4f. Bus stop outside Downlands	The Clerk said that he had spoken to the tenant of the field to the South of the bus stop and they had confirmed that they would keep the hedge cut back to allow better vision of the bus stop by vehicles approaching from the South.

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4g Wind turbine at Rookery Farm Barn	It was noted that the wind turbine had been taken down as at the date of the meeting.
5 Planning Application 2022-2179 Western Farm	The Chairman reported that the Enforcement Officers had visited Western Farm and had been told that the 4 caravans on the site were for workers on the construction phase of the development. The view expressed by the Councillors was that this was not the case and that they were being used as accommodation by workers in the poultry business. It was decided that little more could be done until the outstanding planning matters had been determined
6. Clerk's Report	In order that actions which had been taken since the last meeting were reported to the Members, the Clerk reported on the following matters:
6a. 2021-2565 Coopers Close	The Clerk reported that SNC had approved the reduction in affordable housing units from four to one but stated that the size of the housing units should remain as they were originally proposed
6b. 2022-1503 The Paddocks, Wash Lane	The Clerk reported that the decision on the change of use was still pending
6c. 2022-1852 Sneath Farmhouse, Plantation Road	The Clerk reported that the decision on a new storage building was still pending.
6d 2022-1939 Wembury, Pottergate Street	The Clerk reported that SNC had approved the replacement garage
6e 2022-1948 Waveney Pumps, Newport Drive	The Clerk reported that the decision on two extensions to the industrial building was still pending
6f 2022-2024 14, Station Road	The Clerk reported that SNC had approved the change in the exterior finish of the proposed extension
6g. Payments made	The Clerk reported outgoings of: Village newsletter £ 60.08
6h. Receipts	The Clerk reported receipts of: nil
6i. Barclays Bank problems	The Clerk reported that the correspondence address had been altered by the bank but that there were still problems with the signatory mandates which the bank held.
7. May Elections	It was noted that this was a compulsory election year. JJ proposed to put a flyer page in the next village newsletter to solicit new blood and suggested a meet & greet for candidates and villagers before the elections. This would be considered at the next meeting. The Chairman suggested that the village should be polling within our parish boundaries and that the Coronation Hall venue was not good for the village. Before 2019 the village polling station was at the school and, in his opinion, that is where it should be. The Clerk is to ask NCC to consider the use of Aslacton school as the venue for the 2023 local polling station..
8. The Coronation of King Charles III	The Councillors were asked for their opinions on a method of marking the forthcoming coronation, particularly in respect of gifts to the children of the village. Mugs were thought not to be appropriate and it was suggested that a street party at the school would go down well with the school. JJ to investigate the response of the school to this suggestion while the Chairman would investigate possible grants for the occasion. .
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50