**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ASTON CANTLOW VILLAGE HALL ON 11th JULY 2024 No. 133**

Due to a delay with access to the Guild room, caused by a film crew still occupying the village hall, the meeting was not able to start until almost 8.00pm. The Councillors and both visitors indicated they were happy to go ahead despite the delay and Cllr. Haycock recommended attention be given to the most important matters on this occasion.

**1. Present:** Cllr Haycock, Chair, Cllr Peacey, Cllr Walters, Cllr. Mason, Cllr Edwards

 and three members of the public.

**2. Apologies:**

 Cllr. Holmes, County Cllr. Kerridge.

**3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:**

 Cllr Walters declared an interest in item No. 5 – Land dispute.

 **4. Mr. Banning, a representative from the Flood Management Team at WCC:**

Mr. Banning had agreed to attend to discuss flooding issues in the parish.

In particular he explained the relevant roles and responsibilities in relation to drainage and flooding and said he would follow up the information in an email for clarity.

Mr. Banning then left the meeting having been thanked by the Cllrs. For his assistance.

 **5. Lady Kilmaine to present details of her land dispute:**

Lady Kilmaine had been in touch previously providing photographs and videos to explain her concerns about the lack of maintenance/care of their own land, and lack of consideration given to neighbouring landowners by Heart of England Forests. In particular the lack of attention to dealing with noxious weeds such as Ragwort.

Cllrs agreed to lend our support by writing a letter to our new MP requesting her assistance and it was thought best this letter should come from Cllr. Holmes as the relevant Parish and District Councillor as well as a member of her political party. Lady Kilmaine will provide written details for the Clerk to forward to Cllr Holmes as he was not able to attend the meeting.

 **6. To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and ordinary**

 **meeting held on 9th May 2024**:

 These minutes were approved by all Cllrs. and signed by the Chairman.

**7. Public participation:**

Ms. Edkins asked if we have an up to date Emergency Plan in place.

Cllr. Edwards she is currently going through the process of completing an up to date plan for the Parish.

  **8. All correspondence circulated electronically is taken as read.**

Since circulating the agenda the following were received:

 Details of Countrywide Protocol for Unauthorised Encampments.

Request from Alcester Town Council for volunteers to help with the development of Alcester Community Shed.

 **9. County & District Councillor Reports:**

Cllr Holmes had circulated his July report to all members.

 **10. Planning applications update and consideration of Planning Application Nos**

 **24/01616 and 24/01615/FUL Ardencroft, Newnham.**

 The Clerk reported that only the application for Burford Barn is awaiting a

 decision

 As a neighbour Cllr. Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in the

 Applications for Ardencroft.

Councillors had sight of these applications prior to the meeting and there

 were some concerns expressed about the use of some of the materials

 being proposed for use as it was felt they were not in keeping with the

 listed property. Mr Lucas, the applicant, was in attendance and said he

 would be happy for a member of the council to pay a visit to the site to see

 the property if that would help. Cllr Walters offered to view it and will make

 suitable arrangements to enable him to report back the Councillors. The

 deadline for our response is 23rd July 2024.

 **11. Dog bin by village hall/social club car park:**

 The chairman proposed that as the current dog bin is now looking very

 shabby and it is time to purchase a replacement. All Cllrs were in agreement

 and the Clerk was asked to place an order.

 **12, 13 and 14. New Model Financial Regulations, Parish Council Assets and New**

 **Domain names:**

Deferred to the next meeting.

 **15. New Fire and Rescue proposals - as provided ahead of the meeting by County**

 **Cllr. Kerridge.**

 **16. No specific updates available.**

 **17. Due to the election a revised date for the Police meeting has had to be**

 **arranged:**

 26th September 2024 in the Guild Room.

 **18. Urgent items not on the agenda raised by Councillors:** None raised.

 **19. To propose other items of Business for consideration at the next meeting:**

Items as above deferred from this meeting.

 **20. Date of next meeting: 12th September 2024.**

No further business the meeting closed at 9.30