**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ASTON CANTLOW ON 16th MARCH 2023 AT 7.00 pm. No. 125**

1. **Present:**

Cllr. Nicholson,Chair, Cllr Evans, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Peacey, Cllr Holmes, and four members of the public.

Cllr. Nicholson asked to be referred to as Chair in future.

**2. Apologies:**

County Cllr. Kerridge.

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

No declarations were received.

**4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2023:**

The minutes were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Public participation:**

One member of the public was an observer the other three were attending in relation to the next item.

**6. Community Speedwatch:**

The Speedwatch team were anticipating results of the speed survey recently carried out in Little Alne.

The Clerk reported that due to the recent snow all surveys were interrupted and will have to be carried out again. Unfortunately due to the volume of surveys it is not expected to be until after Easter.

Cllr Evans pointed out that there are surveys on most roads and the Clerk advised that these are being carried out to update the County’s internal traffic models by recording volumes and speeds

**7. County & District Councillors reports**:

District Cllr. Forman provided a report at the Annual Parish Assembly. No County Council report was available.

**8.** **Planning matters:**

Planning application Nos. 23/00253/FUL and 23/00254/LBC 22 Bearley Road: Initial objection from Conservation regarding the UPVC lantern and rooflight. Pending decisions.

Planning application Nos. 23/00030/FUL and 23/00031/LBC Ardencroft, Newnham. Pending consideration.

**9. Preparation of Newsletters/reports for publication.**

Cllr Holmes had been in contact with Great Alne Parish Council and provided us with a copy of their winter Newsletter asking Cllrs. if this is something they would like to undertake, maybe three times a year or even just annually. Cllr. Holmes had also previously offered to submit a monthly report for the Village Vine. Items to consider after the elections and the May meeting.

In the meantime Cllr. Nicholson advised that she is now a member the Little Alne Whats App Group as well as already being a member of the Aston Cantlow Group.

**10. Updates on matters previously reported:**

The Highways Area Surveyor confirmed he had inspected all the issues reported and has raised the multiple potholes for repair.

There is no update regarding the satellite dish.

Drains and gullys in Aston Cantlow were cleansed in 2022 and as this is a bi-annual service the next time will be around October 2024. If there is a specific issue this would of course be looked into.

**11. Items not on the agenda raised by Councillors:**

Councillors expressed concerns about the general condition of the

roads in the Parish and, in particular, the poor patching to repair

potholes/defects. Cllr. Nicholson agreed to put together a suitable

letter to be sent to the County Highways Manager expressing

these concerns.

Cllr Holmes recommended that at the next meeting we discuss

having a housing needs survey carried out and have a look at the

current Parish Plan.

The Clerk advised that a housing needs survey was carried out by

WRCC, with a full report produced in October 2019. Sarah Brooke- Taylor, WRCC Rural Housing Enabler, has in fact recently been in touch with the Clerk and arrangements are already made for her to attend the July meeting.

The Clerk will circulate a copy of the report to all Councillors.

Mrs. Flood was involved with the production of the current Parish

Plan and offered to assist if it is decided to produce a revised

version.

**12. Elections:** The Clerk handed out nomination packs to those Councillors

wishing to be re-elected and pointed out that they all officially

stand down on 9th May.

**13. Other items of business for consideration at the next meeting:**

Year end accounts

Insurance renewal

Parish Council representative on village hall committee

**13. Date of next meeting:**

18th May 2023. Annual Parish Council meeting followed by an

ordinary Parish Council meeting.

No further business, meeting closed at 8.00 pm