

Assington Parish Council

Clerk Christine Hargan 4 Northfield Road, Onehouse, Stowmarket IP14 3HF –

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Minutes of the meeting of Assington Parish Council on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Simon Thorogood, Bronwen Stacey, Ian Jordan and Tony Howcroft

In attendance DCllr Lee Parker, Christine Hargan (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

22/0901 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Andrew Hill, Helen Wallace.

22/0902 **Declarations of interests** and request for dispensation from Councillors

No declarations of interest were made

22/0903 **Minutes** of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25th July 2022

It was resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

22/0904 County and District Councillor reports and public forum

DCllr Parker reported that the council had been quiet during the summer, due to the annual recess and period of official mourning.

- Following consultation the Cabinet will discuss the district parking strategy w/c 3 October 2022.
- Belle Vue was refused planning permission 6 votes to 5: an appeal is expected.
- Suffolk County Council has launched a group-buying scheme for householders who wish to install solar panels: [solar-together-suffolk](#)
- Annual canvas for voter details is underway.
- DCllr Parker has been actively involved in correspondence about the planning application by Assington Autos, but has not received substantive answers.

22/0905 Agree any action required on **emails circulated** to Councillors since the last Parish Council meeting.

Actions are noted in the action log

22/0906 Agree any action required after reviewing the **Clerk's Report**

None

22/0907 **Finance**

From the **RFO Report** authorise payments to be made and note income received since the last meeting, review Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget

It was resolved to pay the accounts as per the schedule attached in the appendix

The Bank reconciliation and statement of accounts were noted

22/0908 **Planning**

a. Planning applications to consider

- i. [DC/22/04627](#) Erection of 1 No single storey detached dwelling and garage (Plot C) | Land North West Of 'The Nook' The Street Assington CO10 5LW

Resolved to support the application

- ii. [DC/22/04218](#) Willow Tree Farm The Street Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LW
Householder Application - Erection of single storey side and rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) to provide garden room and glazed link to attached outbuilding/gym/games room.

Resolved to support the application

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- iii. [DC/22/04211](#) White Webbs 23 The Street Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LJ
Householder Application - Conversion of and extension to garage to form two
bedroomed annexed accommodation for family member.

The Parish Council concurs with the heritage officer's pre-application
recommendations relating to this application, and offers **no further comment**

- b. Consider any planning application received **since the agenda was posted**
None

- c. **Status of planning applications** previously reviewed by Parish Council.
The status of applications was acknowledged

22/0909 **Licensed Path, Footpaths and APC's Assets** including the maintenance of the
allotments and conservation area problem resolved

- Handrail on Footpath opposite St Edmunds Church.
Cllr Stacey obtained costs for the replacement of the handrail.
It was resolved to accept the tubular option from the quotation, which would be
finished with black paint and concreted in position, and to pre-approve the payment of
the estimated costs of £450.
- Cllr Jordan reported that he had received a complaint of fly-tipping on the path to the
brook. He agreed to check and report to the clerk if necessary, so that removal can
be arranged.
- Replacement of two wood dog bin posts with concrete equivalents is scheduled to be
fitted by Sudbury Wardens on Friday 30th September.

22/0910 **Highways update**

- 20mph speed limit
Feedback has been mixed, generally with non-drivers pleased but some drivers are
unhappy about the extra 45 seconds added to their journey times, and others finding
it a challenge to maintain 20mph in a modern car. We do need to be careful to
maintain community support.
- Two people have asked if the parish council will supply new bin stickers reflecting the
new 20mph limit in the Street.
- Triangles. volunteers to 'adopt' the new triangles at Rose Green and Three Ways.
It was resolved for Cllr Thorogood to contact a local supplier to acquire a short-
stemmed wild flower seed mix

22/0911 **Quiet Lanes Suffolk**

Cllr Hill's report was accepted and Cllr Hill thanked in his absence for all his work

22/0912 **Light Pollution**

New parishioners lighting up property throughout the night is an environmental issue as it
affects wildlife. DCllr Parker to investigate with BDC Enforcement on environmental
issues and report back to the Clerk

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22/0913 **Recruitment of additional Councillor**

It was resolved to co-opt the applicant onto the Parish Council. Cllr Stacey to notify and ask him to contact the clerk so that an induction can be carried out.

22/0714 Consider amendments to the **Donations Policy**

Cllr Howcroft to draft revision for discussion and adoption at the next meeting.

22/0915 To consider adopting the [Councillor Code of Conduct](#) 2020

Resolved to adopt

22/0916 **Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement**

No changes have been proposed that are relevant to the village. Cllr Howcroft to put work with neighbouring parish councils to respond if appropriate.

22/0917 **Questions to the Chair**

None

22/0918 Next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday 28th November 2022**, starting at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 9.21 pm

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Actions

Minute	Action	Who	Complete
22/0905	Forward communication received by MP re Assington Autos planning application to Councillors and member of the public	Clerk	✓
22/0907	Pay suppliers	Clerk/TH	✓
22/0908	Planning comments to BDC	Clerk/IJ	✓
22/0909	Accept tubular option for replacement of handrail	BS	✓
22/0909	Check path to brook for fly-tipping and notify Clerk if removal of rubbish is required	IJ	
22/0912	Correspond with Babergh Environment officers regarding light pollution in the village	LP	
22/0910	Contact local contractor re supply of mixed grass and short-stemmed wild flower seed for two new triangles in the village	ST	
22/0913	Recruitment of new Councillor contact applicant regarding cooption	BS	✓
22/0913	Communicate with new Councillor regarding induction and training	Clerk	
22/0914	Draft reduction in wording to Donations Policy	TH	✓
22/0915	Notify SALC of adoption of Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 and replace former code on APC website	Clerk	✓
22/0916	Response to Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement if appropriate	TH	✓

22/0907

Payments to be made

£264.00 Zurich Parish Protect insurance

£39.89 WAVE/Anglia Water Business bill for allotment water

£615.03 Clerk Salary

Resolved to pay

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