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Parish Council Meeting, Monday 24th June 2024, held in Aston on Clun Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. J Bowers, I Alebon, T Record, G Fryer.

In attendance: a Member of the Public.

Absent: Cllr R Hartas, Unitary Cllrs H Luff and D Evans.

Clerk: Mrs M Gwilliam.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr R Hartas. Cllr Hartas' reasons for absence were accepted.
Resolved.

2. Declarations of i) Disclosable Pecuniary and ii) Personal Interests, and written requests for dispensations: None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 20th May 2024: With a minor revision, the minutes were approved as an accurate record, and the Chair was authorised to sign them. **Resolved.**

4. Unitary Councillor Report: None.

5. Public Participation: The Chair of the Village Hall Committee thanked Council for allowing Aston Green to be used for Arbor Day. £1,145 was raised for the Air Ambulance, and the event had been successful, and would have been even more successful had the weather not deteriorated. A cycle race would be held in the parish on 14th July, the route going through Broome.

6. Planning: No new applications.

7. Correspondence: Council approved a request to support a Rookeries survey sent from an ornithologist in the parish via SALC to all parish and Town Councils in Shropshire. **Resolved.**

8. Best Kept Village and Community Competition: Aston on Clun had been anonymously nominated/entered in this competition. Council **noted** this but did not intend any further communication with the organisers.

9. Chair's Report: Cllr Bowers read out a report sent by the Chair, who had highlighted that action needed to be taken regarding the Silt Trap within the next 3 months. To be a July/August agenda item. Dog fouling on Aston Green was increasing, action was required. The new picnic bench at Broome had been installed.

10. Aston Green: Council discussed various options for verge markers or other kind of barrier to discourage unauthorised parking on the Green, but did not come to agreement. The hard copy of the options was shown to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee who asked if he could show it to other members of the Committee. Council agreed, and concluded that further discussion was required and possible consultation. Discussion on Drainage was deferred to the next meeting.

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11. Play equipment Working Group: Cllr Alebon reported that the Group needed some feedback from the Parish Council but also that it was time to have a full Parish Consultation on the proposals because the Group could not go further without knowing there was parish support for the project. The Group wanted to apply for a Lottery Grant but this could not be done without showing evidence of parish support. The Group was looking at an estimated spend of £12,000. The Group therefore asked Council to move forward with designing a consultation document. It was suggested that an informal get together was held to design & format the consultation before the July meeting. Although it would be a Parish Council consultation, the format and questions should be agreed with the Working Group.

12. Finance: Council **accepted** the Bank Reconciliation to 31st May. There were no variances.

Council **noted** that the Notice of the period of Public Rights had been published on the Council website along with other required documentation, and the AGAR and supporting documentation would be sent to the External Auditor this week.

INVOICES to PAY

Voucher	Name	for	Budget (from)	£amount	BACS/cheque
17,18	Staff costs	June 2024	Salary, tax, homeworking costs	676.13	SO, BACS
19	Ditton Services	Grass cutting, June instalment	Aston Green 277.83 VAT 55.57	333.40	SO
20	Shropshire Council	Arbor Tree light annual electricity	Footway lighting 90.24 VAT18.05	108.29	BACS
21	Village Hall	Room hire	Room hire 50 VAT 10	60.00	BACS
22	Cllr Hartas	Printing & volunteer distribution expenses APM	Publicity	23.50	BACS
Total				£1,201.32p	

Council **accepted** the Finance Report and **authorised** all payments as listed. **Resolved.**

13. New Financial Regulations: Council **resolved** to adopt the previously circulated new Financial Regulations based on the model template from NALC.

14. CIL Neighbourhood Fund Projects: No new spends this month.

15. Risk Register rolling review: Deferred.

16. Assets Register: Allocation of inspection of assets - Cllr Alebon volunteered to check A19 – A23 (Arbor Tree), Cllr Bowers volunteered to check A28, and A33 – A36, and Cllr Fryer volunteered to check A30 – A32. The other assets would be allocated at the July meeting.

Cllr Alebon reported that a new lock was required for the electricity supply in the pavilion.

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17. Meetings Attended: None.

18. Reports of Parishioners Issues, Future Agenda Items: None.

24. Next Meetings: Mondays 15th July, and 19th August 2024.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.15pm.

Chair Signed:

Date: