



ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held at the Thomas Cranmer Centre (TCC), Main St, Aslockton, Nottingham NG13 9AL on Monday 14 July 2025

Present: Cllrs Nick Wheatley, Chris Haslam, Fiona Barker, Tim Knight, Helen Molloy, Sharan Pinkney.

In attendance Parish Clerk Neil Southwell and four members of the public; Whatton Parish Council Councillors Heather Morris and Carrol, Playing field Committee Member Paul Brown.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
 - Apologies: Cllr C Grocock
2. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from councillors on matters considered at this meeting.
 - Councillor Barker registered a conflict with Lengthsman scheme, recused from voting.
3. To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items.
 - Playing field Committee items noted as excluding Public and Press.
4. Council Statement: 'Aslockton Parish Council is focusing on progressing village initiatives; 1) Resolving parking congestion at the playing field. 2) Emergency planning, particularly for flooding. 3) Organising village events, including the VJ commemorations.'
5. To receive the minutes of the Aslockton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting : approved as a true record.
6. To adjourn the meeting for the Public Forum.
 - The village event was discussed with representatives from WPC. Many good comments were received, and it was a good example of the Parish Councils working together and showed the benefit of collaboration.
 - A discussion took place regarding the Chapel Lane planning application. Comments are awaited from the case officer in order that any further issues can be raised.
 - The neighbourhood plan is still awaiting further guidance from head of planning policy at RBC.
7. Councillors' reports:
 - Councillor Pinkney: Paths had been walked, footpath 1 inaccessible due to brambles and needs to be cleared. There is a general issue with brambles on all paths. The grit bin on Cliff Lane needs attention and a work party to clear.
 - Councillor Knight: Continued issues with Facebook and access is not possible. Contact has been made with prior owner, and she no longer has access to it nor is it on the laptop. There is nothing very current on the machine.
 - Action: Councillor Knight: Attempt access through Council IT administrator.
 - Councillor Barker: The speed sign on Abbey Lane is obscured due to trees. Footpath 3 three needs to be resurfaced.
 - Councillor Haslam: To contact work parties to resurface.

8. Parish audit points arising:

- Parish Council noted the Audit Report completed and signed off by David Dixon.
- An extension had been granted by PKF to 31 July 2025.
- An issue arose regarding an apparent missing item of 50% share of the playing field (with WPC). This was raised 2 years ago. A discussion took place as to the validity of this as the value maybe part of the playing fields trust.
- The audit report will be circulated, and the AGAR form will be posted on the website.

9. Victory in Japan day: Due for 15 August, discussed lighting a beacon on the Playing field, RBL event is at The National Arboretum at midday.

10. Flintham Show: Major concern of access as the show is during school term, potential congestion on Abbey Lane and Main St. Contingency amount of £300 was approved re signage /banners to direct traffic away from the village centre. Still awaiting confirmation of decisions made by show committee

11. Renewal of IT contract: Initial meeting cancelled, delegated to TK to discuss, circa £800 pa to include MS365, and cloud storage. Microsoft offers greater security and Cloud storage. Conditional approval given with TK to resolve details and report back.

12. Parish Noticeboard: Delivered, to be installed and hedge will need cutting to accommodate.

- Action: Councillor Barker to contact Martin for a quote also to contact Chris Kerr of Aslacr about possibly erecting the board to the left of the tree.

13. Defibrillator pads now delivered and installed.

14. Speed sign: Quote awaited on electrical installation, Councillors voted to proceed with installation (Councillor Wheatley and Barker against). Provisional budget cost £15k

15. Lengthsman Scheme: Bench renovation, Council approved provisional cost of £300.

16. Allotments: Council approved provisional ceiling of £4K for hedge cutting greatly reducing height, awaiting final quotes. Notice to quit approved for plot not being utilised, provisionally offered gratis to clear.

17. Finance

- Online access now to HMRC
- Penalty received for late filing of EPS (absence of clerk) £300.
- Bank additional signatory still not added.
- Current account balance 30 June 2025 £651.39
- Reserve account balance 30 June 2025 £31920.50

Approved payments

- Show buffet £700.
- HMRC £667.39
- Parish sign £1591.51
- FB reimbursement £30.45
- TK reimbursement £89.40
- D Dixon audit fee £73.00
- Community Heartbeat £61.14
- APC clerks' salary £376.45
- APC clerks' expenses £94.25
- K Rochester £23.85

Meeting closed 8.45pm