

# ADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a general PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 in the village hall Adstock at 8.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Neil Fraser-Smith, Chris Cornish, Paul Salver, Doug Reynolds & Keith Wallace

Clerk: Ruth Millard                      Public; Liz and Dave Simkins

In the absence of the Chairman Neil Fraser-Smith took the Chair.

**11/23 Open Forum;** a member of the public said that while working in the front of his house in Main Street he had observed how fast the cars travel.

**12/23 Apologies;** Members received and accepted apologies from Cllr Simon Walker & Bucks Cncl. Cllr John Chilvers

**13/23 Members Interests;** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Adstock Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None declared

**14/23 Approval of Minutes;** Members agreed the minutes from the general meeting on 3 January 2023. The Chair signed the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting.

**15/23 Finance & Accounts.**

- a Members agreed the financial statements of accounts for the end February 2023
- b Members noted the invoices for paying this meeting

### Account Balance

<b>Unity Trust....8130</b>	<b>28 February 2023 – Statement</b>	<b>26,235.39</b>
<b>Including</b>	total Ring-fenced for Play equipment	16,029.00

<b>Unity Trust ....6469</b>	<b>28 February 2023 - Statement</b>	<b>7952.44</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	01.05.2022, Bucks CNCL BACS, Devolved service Allowance	683.66
	12.05.2022, Bucks CNCL BACS, Precept	6,225.00
	20.09.2022, Bucks CNCL BACS, Precept	6,225.00
	10.01.2023, HMRC VAT rebate	2,493.24

### Payments including Direct Debits

PAYEE	POWER	Cheque/DD	Amount
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>			
ER Millard, Allowances & consumables to March 2022	LGA 1972, s111	BP 046	370.03
Southern Electricity Jan Acc. - 2 Dec 2022 – 3 Jan 2023	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para 34	DD	43.87
Southern Electricity Feb Acc. - 4 Jan 2023 – 1 Feb 2023	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para 34	DD	39.28
ER Millard, January 2022, Salary			
<b>MARCH 2023</b>			
ER Millard, Jan, Feb & Mar 2023 Remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP 047	980.49
HMRC, quarter 4	LGA 1972, s112	BP 048	88.80
ER Millard, Reimbursement email addresses x2 January 15/12/22-14/01/23 & February 15/01/23-14/02/23	LGA 1972, s111	BP 049	14.40
BHIB Councils Insurance, amendment for Village Hall	LGA 1972, s133	BP 050	25.19
Scribe Accounts – Starboard Systems Ltd inv-3493	LGA 1972, s111	BP 051	328.32
ER Millard, Reimbursement email addresses January	LGA 1972, s111	BP 051	7.20
ICO, Data Protection fee Ref: ZA483936		DD	35.00

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16/23 Planning; no new applications at the time of printing

17/23 Environment

- a. **Grass Cutting;** The grass contractor had just notified the Clerk that he cannot cut the grass verges in Adstock village this year.  
To sign the amended Devolved Service Agreement. After a short discussion the members decided not to sign the amended agreement. They requested the Clerk to request quotes for cutting the verges and green areas in Adstock  
**Action;** Clerk to contact Devolved Services to let them know Adstock Parish Council decision not to sign the agreement as it no longer want to take on the devolved services.  
**Action;** Clerk to contact contractors inviting them to quote for the grass cutting in Adstock using the schedule previously agreed.  
The Clerk advised that there may be consequences to stopping the Devolved Services without giving notice. The Chair confirmed she should take the action needed to stop the devolved services this year.
- b. **Highways and footpaths;**
  - i Sewage Issues with Anglian in Scotts Lane. The water company have finish laying the new pipe work
  - ii No Update re. footpath The Paddocks to Main Street
  - iii Members discussed how to improve safety on the Main Street bends out to the A413. The members were adamant that they didn't want to go through the process of purchasing a speed gun but did want to borrow a speed gun to use in the area. **Action;** the Clerk to contact Padbury & Newton Longville Clerks to find out the process needed to use a speed gun and request if Adstock Parish Council could borrow their gun or could members of their Speed watch come and do it in Adstock.
- c. **Play area;** Neil gave an update on development regarding grants & quotes for new play equipment. He will be meeting members from another Parish who have been successful in obtaining a grant. DR said that he has had many requests for the flat swings to be put back in the park. N F-S said that the reason the seats had been removed was because the supports were rotten.
- d. **Adstock Cricket Field Pitch –** No Update on SW meeting with a trustee of the land
- e. **Litter Pick –** Members had collected 11 bags of rubbish when they did a litter pick in the village.  
The members discussed doing another one before Open Gardens.

18/23 Correspondence and communications; including reports on Community Board meetings and training courses and the Website; Newsletter: To note any specific items

Bucks Council – Local Council Devolution Agreement Variation

19/23 Councillors Forum (under adjournment); for Councillors to bring any concerns to the table to be added to the next agenda for discussion.

DR wanted to know if it was possible to have a percentage printed, he felt that people were more likely to read a hard copy and only skimmed through the online version.

20/23 Date and time and venue of the next meeting; The next meeting will be held 2 May 2023 at 8 pm.  
Venue: The Village Hall, Adstock

Meeting finished at; 9.00pm

Signed .....Chairman Date.....