ASTON BY BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council : Helen Percival clerk@astonbybudworthpc.co.uk

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Minute of a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:45 PM on 24.03.2026 at High Legh Village Hall

Those present: Daniel Gething Chairman
Alan Percival

Ivan Shepherd Finance Officer
Paul Williams
Stephen Wilkinson

Apologies: Malcom Benson
Kate Hague

In attendance: Helen Percival (Clerk to the Parish Council)

1. **Apologies for absence**
   1.1. **Malcom Benson and Kate Hague sent their apologies**

2. **Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting.**
   2.1. **IS proposed the minutes from the last meeting 2nd by SW and singed by DG**

3. **Declaration of Interest**
   3.1. **Non for this meeting**

4. **Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting, Correspondence and Reports from Cllrs and Clerk**
   4.1. **Clerks report - Road Signs –** the clerk reported that the sign at the end of Heild Lane had now been put back up.
   4.2. **Waterless Brook and Cann Lane,** the clerk received an update from Cheshire East Highways, no work is likely to start soon due to extra surveying work being needed in case they hit a brine pit.
   4.3. **The Pinfold-** Damage to the Pinfold has been reported to Cheshire East (the owner) the heritage team have escalated the job to the estate team.
   4.4. **Road closures** – The continued frustration at the continual road closure put in place by CE Highways along Budworth Road, Frog Lane, Cann lane and the wider area while they are being used as diversion routes was once again discuses, the clerk has sent an email to CE Highway, the project manager for the works on waterless brook and Kate Hague. Kate Hague also contacted highways to express her concern that these road closures were being implemented often with little to no notice to the residents and seemed to have no consideration of the impact that this has on residence and businesses. Especially the half marathon that was run on

Mother's Day. The clerk received a response from CE highways saying that the organisers of the half marathon and the 10k race that is due to take place in May have looked at the length of the closures and will stagger the length of time the road is closed and open sections as soon as they are clear rather than closing the whole route for the duration of the race for the next event.

5. Planning

5.1. **RE: 26/0012/HOUS Householder**, 5, The Ashes Sack Lane, Aston by Budworth, Northwich, Cheshire East, CW9 6LY – No objections were received for this application

6. Accounts

6.1. **Accounts Report -Finance Officer/Clerk**

6.1.1. IS gave a review of the accounts for the year today and arranged with the clerk and AP to compleat the AGAR submission. The main expenses for the year were the website, insurance and the clerks wages.

6.1.2. HSBC

6.1.2.1. The clerk is working to make IS and HP signatories on the PC account as well as AP for security.

6.1.3. 2026 precept

6.1.3.1. The council voted for the Precept to be £3500 for the year ahead.

7. Public Forum

8. Any Other Business

8.1. The Chair wished to note the sad loss of Ian Newport, a resident of Aston by Budworth all his life and a well-respected member of the community.

Meeting ended 8.30pm

Helen Percival
Clerk to the Council

Signed …….

Dated ……...