

<p>2021: To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last Aspatia Town Council Meeting held on</p>		
<p>5. Matters arising from Minutes of the last Meeting held Tuesday 21 December 2021.</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>6. Public Participation:</p>	<p>Henry Barker attended the meeting to voice his concerns in regard to the removal of the two seats and shelter from Harriston Road. The previous clerk had advised Henry the seats and shelter were to be replaced as the original ones were removed due to them being in disrepair and were declared dangerous. However due to the cost of new ones being so expensive only one seat has been replaced. Henry told the council of how the school children use the shelter to rest walking to and from the village. Henry has offered the council the use of their noticeboard at Harriston to provide information to residents.</p> <p>Linda Hunter attended the meeting to thank the council for their ongoing support over the years and to apply for funding to support several projects within the town. Many residents of Aspatia have found the benefit from The Pantry, which is able to provide the service due to Fairshare. Aspatia Dreamscheme are awaiting on legal matters for ownership of The Chapel building whereby groups for many will take place, some of which include a Men's group aimed to reduce the suicide rate of men, having somewhere to meet and talk. Butterfly group which is a development group for women, arts and crafts and much more.</p>	<p>TC to action. Agenda item for next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Financial Matters:</p>	<p>(i) Expenditure and Income Schedules for December 2021:- RESOLVED that the income and expenditure detailed for December 2021 in the attached schedules be approved.</p> <p>Members also approved the additional invoices for payment:- London Hearts - Defibrillator and Cabinet £1489.20 Colour Gro - Plants for Troughs and Baskets £933.60 Cumbria Coal Ltd - Attend/Repairs to Christmas Lights £3705.46 Aquatrust - Legionella Monitoring £124.80 Aspatia Farmers - £37.80 LR & JA Allen - Fuel £83.30 Orion - Inspection/Service of Fire Extinguishers £72.60 J Davies Enterprise Ltd - Maintenance of Council Website £60.00 Christmas Power Payments to Residents £186.00</p> <p>(ii) To receive the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 31st December 2021 - RESOLVED that the circulated Bank Reconciliation</p>	

	<p>Statements be confirmed and accepted as a true record.</p> <p>(iii) Quarter 3, 2021/22, Budget Monitoring Report RESOLVED that the income and expenditure position for the third quarter to December 2021 was accepted and approved. The RFO gave an overview of the net position at that date and commented on areas of budget under/over spends as recorded in the schedule.</p> <p>(iv) Precept for 2022/2023 The Council must set a precept each year by 1 March. At its meeting held on 21 December 2021, the Committee agreed, in principle, a 2022/23 Budget which totalled £86,380.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider the figures presented to them in a report which highlighted the impact of a 0%, 3%, 5% and 10% increase on the precept and:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recommend whether or not to increase the precept for 2022/23; and - by what percentage the increase should be made, (if any), in order to assist with the Councils 2022/23 expenditure budget of £86,380. <p>It was agreed that a 3.5% increase be applied to the 21/22 precept amounting to a precept request of £73,400 for 2022/23 (rounded).</p> <p>Cllr Alan Maxwell told the councillors we have paid for Mike Blair to attend a Health and Safety course and the Town Clerk is attending a course in February via zoom. Town Clerk is to arrange for Mike Blair to have a CRB check. Town Clerk is still waiting for the debit card from The Cumberland Building Society.</p>	
<p>8. Brandraw toilets (Monument & Lamp):</p>	<p>Sharron Hullock (RFO) has been trying to reinstate us as a charity. The Charity Commission has asked for previous trustees and signatories however this is proving difficult. Suggested we move forward as a new charity with new trustees.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>9. Park and Allotments meeting report:</p>	<p>The tenancies for the Lawson Street and Outgang Road are to be renewed and paid for by 1st March 2022. Town Clerk to write to all tenancy holders. Cllr Alan Reay and Mike Blair will visit allotments every three months to investigate the condition of them in accordance with tenancy rules.</p> <p>One allotment has become available which has hens and a hen hull situated on it, the Town Clerk will notify the next person on the waiting list to find out if they wish to take this on. It was agreed no increase to rent needed to be made this year. Any allotment tenants whom do not pay within the date provided will have their allotment revoked.</p> <p>Sharron Hullock (RFO) left at 8.40pm The park gates are currently with a company at</p>	<p>TC to action.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

	Brampton who specialises with the cutting and detail needed for the design of the gates.	
10. Police report:	Nothing	
11. Highways:	<p>Jim Lister states there will be no council tax rises from Allerdale this coming tax year. Jim Lister apologised on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council for the mix up with the bin collection days. Jim has reported a pot hole between Aspatria and Hayton and has also reported two areas of Aspatria with damaged pavements, one being outside Beacon Hill School and the other at Park Road.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Maxwell told the meeting Mike Blair had taken down a wooden footpath sign to varnish and restore, however this seems to of been stolen from outside Mike's compound.</p> <p>Cllr Stephanie Maxwell updated the council on the school crossing lights at the West of Aspatria aren't working and the Richmond Hill crossing lights are operating at the incorrect times.</p>	Jim Lister to action.
12. To receive for information, reports on issues relevant to the Town from County, District and Independent Councillors: 1.1 Councillor Jim Lister 1.2 Councillor Kevin Thurlow		
13. Town Council Noticeboards:	See section 23: Welcome Back Fund	
14. Town Councillors Ward Allocation:	Next meeting.	
15. Park Survey:	<p>Cllr Alan Maxwell, Mike Blair and a contractor visited the Memorial Park to survey the problem. The contractor managed to rod the drains which seemed to improve the problem slightly however it was discussed that installing a new drain would help matters further. An overflowing gulley near Cemetery Row needs to be addressed as extra water is flowing into the park. Town Clerk emailed a flood engineer to arrange a meeting with the possibility of placing kerb stones along the road to reduce the flowing water. It was also mentioned placing a French drain at the football pitch could also improve the drainage problem.</p> <p>Aspatria Farmers are to service the Kubota mowers. Cllr Kevin Thurlow is to retrieve quotes for the council to purchase a new mower with attachments.</p>	<p>TC to retrieve quote for new drain.</p> <p>KT</p>
16. Sports pitches grant application:	Next meeting	
17. Bench request on North Road:	See section 23: Welcome Back Fund	
18. Speed Camera Training:	Ongoing.	
19. Basketball court marking	Ongoing.	

20. Park defibrillator:	Town Clerk has ordered the defibrillator and is awaiting on delivery. Once we have received it Cllr Alan Maxwell is to contact our electrician to install it onto the bowling club wall.	
21. King Street parking bays:	Ongoing.	
22. Jubilee footpath:	Work seems to have been started on this. Cllr Kevin Thurlow said they had left the path very untidy.	JL
23. Welcome back fund:	Town Clerk has liaised with Toni Magean from the Welcome Back Fund to acquire funds to improve the town. Town Clerk is currently sourcing new benches, two for Harriston Road, one for North Road and one for West Street. Mangers have been ordered and are to be filled with plants along with hanging baskets and plants for around Aspatria. The council have also decided to replace the notice boards around the town as they are in disrepair.	
24. Play Inspection Reports:	Town Clerk is waiting on an inspection form from the manufacturers of the play equipment.	
25. Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications: To receive a schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting.		
26. Applications for Development:		
27. Items for the next meeting:		
28. Confidential items:	None.	
29. The next meeting of Aspatria Town Council will take place on Tuesday 15 February at 7.00 p.m. at the Methodist Hall, Aspatria.		

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

