

ASTON, COTE, SHIFFORD & CHIMNEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S BRIEFING NOTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 6 June 2019

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31 May 19

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Correspondence sent since 3 May 2019

1. Ltr – Oxford Direct Services – Weed Spraying – Unsuccessful – 4 May
2. Ltr – Ubico – Weed Spraying – Unsuccessful – 4 May
3. Ltr – D Johnson – Weed Spraying May 2019 – 6 May

All other correspondence by email.

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WODC – Asset of Community Value (Agenda Item 8b and 10g)

Section 4 – Supporting evidence for the nomination

Please read these notes before answering the questions in this section. These guidance notes and the introduction to each question are provided to help you complete your asset of community value nomination form.

The Council will only list a nominated asset if it satisfies the relevant test in the Localism Act 2011. This defines an asset of community value as being a building or other land in the authority's area where in the opinion of the authority it satisfies either test 1 or 2 below:

In forming your nomination case, please consider which of the above tests is applicable to the land and/or building that you are nominating.

The Localism Act defines social interests to include (in particular) – cultural interests; recreational interests; and sporting interests. Beyond that, there is no national guidance as to what the key terms in the definitions mean.

It is for the nominating organisation to argue why it considers the nominated land and/ or building is an asset of community value and satisfies the relevant test. The nomination form sets out further guidance on the types of points the District Council would wish to see considered. Please use the sections below to explain why you believe that the nominated asset should be listed as an asset of community value. Use the sections to explain how the asset furthers the social wellbeing or social interests (including cultural, recreational, sporting interests) of the local community.

It is important that you answer as fully as possible as the nomination may be challenged by the property owner. This may be through an initial response to a notification regarding the nomination or through a subsequent review request should the Council decide to add the asset to its List of Assets of Community Value.

Please note that the information may be sent to the property owner.

Determining whether the use furthers social wellbeing or social interests

Please answer either 4.1 or 4.2 depending on which is relevant to your nomination.

Answer 4.1 if the asset is now open/ accessible to the local community.

Or

Answer 4.2 if the asset is currently closed/ not accessible to the local community, but there was a time in the recent past when it supported social wellbeing or social interests.

4.1 What is the current main (non-ancillary) use of the land and/ or building and how does this further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community?

Or:

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4.2 If the main use of the land and/ or building does not currently further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, please explain why not. When did the land and/ or building last further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community? Please give details of the history of use as far as you know it.

4.3 Please give as much information as possible about why the nominated land and/ or building is of community value. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. The types of information listed below are examples and you should use the prompts to develop and support your nomination:

- What are your main reasons for the nomination?
- What services or social benefits has the facility made possible for the community? · What groups use the facility currently or in the recent past?
- The level or scale of use of the facility – the numbers of users/members/customers.
- Details of actual use (include for example calendar/ session rotas for use by local groups).
- Testimonials from community activity supported.
- Involvement by the local community in running or managing the facility. · The impact of its loss (or potential loss).

Realism of future use

Please answer either 4.4 or 4.5 depending on which is relevant to your nomination.

Answer 4.4 if the asset is currently open/ accessible to the local community.

Or

Answer 4.5 if the asset is currently closed/ not accessible to the local community, but where there was a time in the recent past when it supported social wellbeing or social interests.

Or:

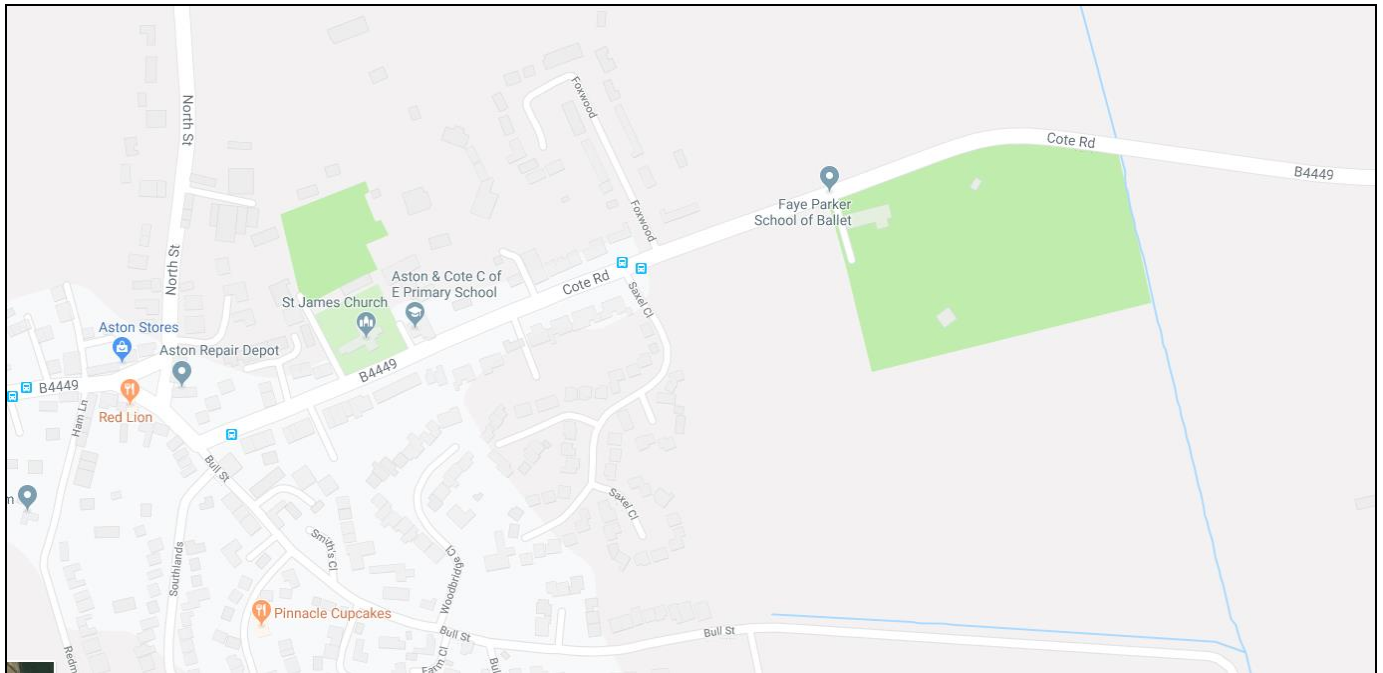
4.4 Please indicate why you consider that the nominated land and/ or property will continue to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community in the future. Please provide any supporting information that is relevant. For example, have you: · Discussed the nomination with the asset owner? · Assessed the viability of the proposed use (through considering purchase and running costs)? · Considered how purchase of the asset could be funded? · Considered how the facility could be run for the benefit of the community?

4.5 Please demonstrate why it is realistic to think that there will be a time in the next five years when the main use of the nominated land/ and or property will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. Please provide any information as to how the nominating organisation proposes to reinstate a use which supports the community. For example, have you:

- Discussed the nomination with the asset owner?
- Assessed the viability of the proposed use (through considering purchase and running costs)?
- Considered how purchase of the asset could be funded?
- Considered how the facility could be run for the benefit of the community?

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Aston – Extension of 30mph speed limit.



Take down existing speed limit signs for re use. Remove redundant nearside post.



Supply and erect 2 new 76mm dia x 3.5m posts and re fix existing speed limit signs. Offside post at back of footway and signs at 2.1m to underside minimum.

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Rural Oxfordshire Network (RON)

11 June 2019

On Rural Transport

Venue: Long Hanborough Pavilion and Hall

Time: 9.30 to 12.30

This networking forum is for anyone who lives and/or works in Oxfordshire who cares about rural Oxfordshire. The 5th RON event is on rural transport.

The event is organised by Community First Oxfordshire, OCVA, the Diocese of Oxford, Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and Volunteer Link Up.

There is a £5 fee to attend – this covers the cost of the venue and refreshments.

Agenda

9.30 – refreshments

10.00 – 10.05 – Introduction and welcomes

10.05 – 11.00 – Speakers and Q&A session

1. Emily Lewis-Edwards, CFO – Community Transport overview
2. Sandra Pearce and team, OCC – Transport information and activity

3. Community Transport provider experience – West Oxfordshire Community Transport

4. Community Transport provider experience – Independent Advice Bureau Wantage

11.00 – 11.30 – Break

11.30 – 12.00 - workshop/activity

12.00 – 12.20 – Micro presentations from community groups and organisations including Good Neighbour Scheme Hub, Transport Representatives and others

12.20 – Round up: comments, thoughts, questions and next steps

12.30 - Close

To book yourself a place please go to: <https://ocva.org.uk/2019/04/29/rural-oxfordshire-network-ron-rural-transport-forum-11-06-19-book-your-place-now/> For more information on the venue go to: (<http://www.communityfirstoxon.o>

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Dear Mrs Anstee

We should be grateful if this letter could be presented to The Parish Council on 3 May:

We are dismayed and very disappointed to see the replacement shrubs planted by the developers Mears New Homes, on the frontage of Foxgrove estate.

A natural hedge, part of the rural heritage of the village was grubbed out, and we assumed it was to be replanted in keeping with the surrounding environment.

We are now concerned about the hedging opposite the site, and would like to voice our deep concern: the natural, mature, mixed hedges are important to wildlife and are a fast diminishing part of Aston's rich rural heritage.

The new replacement planting is brash, uninspired and unsympathetic to the village and it's surroundings. Furthermore, it is of no benefit to the wildlife so vital to us all.

Some new developments, as in St James Court, are to be commended for their sympathetic replanting of traditional hawthorn mixed natural hedges, which softens and harmonizes the potentially destructive effects of these new developments on the countryside.

Can we at least have some reassurance that present hedging will be protected? And our responsibility for the protection of wildlife upheld?

Yours

Redacted

Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney Parish Council**Financial Matters****1. Cash Balances**

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UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT

Balance at 31 March 2019	65,624.34
April payments	(997.69)

May Receipts (OCC Grass cutting grant, Vat refund and Santander Closure)	2851.39
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Transfer of funds to CCLA Investment – Chq 300053	(48335.00)
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Balance at 31 May 2019	<u>18,143.13</u>
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SANTANDER BUSINESS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Balance at 30 April 2019	537.62
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Transactions in month: account closure credit	0.08
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Closure Debit	537.70
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Balance at 31 May 2019	<u>0.00</u>
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CCLA INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance at 30 April 2019	0.00
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Transactions in month: Opening Balance	48,335.00
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Balance at 31 May 2019	<u>48,335.00</u>
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TOTAL CASH HOLDING AT 31 May 2019	<u>£66,478.13</u>
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