

ASTON, COTE, SHIFFORD & CHIMNEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S BRIEFING NOTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

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Correspondence sent since 3 August 2017

- a) Planning application response for 4 Kingsway Cottages
- b) Planning application response for 10 Saxel Close
- c) Planning appeal response for 30 dwelling development on Cote Road ("Gladman 2")

Aston, Cote, Shifford & Chimney Parish Council
Parish Council Budget Survey- 2018/19

In January 2014 the Parish Council carried out a survey asking residents what new amenities they would like to see in the parish.

The majority of people who completed the survey said that they would like to see a multi-use games court installed on the village hall site.

The Parish Council increased the charge on local residents that is collected with the Council Tax (called the precept) from April 2015 in order to build up a fund to help pay for the court. The plan at that time was to increase the precept for 3 years in order to build a fund of £32,000. This fund was going to be added to the expected developer contribution from the development between Saxel Close and the Village Hall.

The precept was increased by a total of £6,850 per year, £1.09 per month from each Band D property in the parish.

Since then there have been two further large planning applications in the parish – for the land adjacent to Foxwood fronting Cote Road (up to 41 homes – this application has outline approval), and land behind Foxwood Close (up to 30 homes – this application was refused by West Oxfordshire District Council but is now going to appeal).

The two applications which have outline planning will generate income of £132,000 from the developers to improve play and recreation in Aston. These funds will be added to the reserve that the Parish Council has built up to deliver new facilities in the parish.

2017 is the final year of the planned precept increase.

The Parish Council is now seeking residents' views on whether the precept should continue at the current level in order to continue to generate income that can be used to improve amenities within the parish.

Overleaf there is a list which shows some ideas for the type of amenities which the new developer funding and the increased precept could provide. There is also space for you to add three ideas of your own. It would be helpful if you could prioritise the amenities you would be interested in seeing in the parish in the "Priority" column (numbering from 1, where 1 is the highest priority). Please leave the column blank for any ideas you would not be interested in.

YOUR RESPONSE:

| | Priority |
|---|----------|
| Flood lighting for the multi-use games court | |
| New children's play area (the Community Trust has already done some of the planning for this project) | |
| Outdoor gym equipment for adults | |
| Replacement of existing concrete pavilion at the Village hall site | |
| Traffic calming measures for Cote Road | |
| Projects chosen at Parish Council's discretion | |
| Your idea (1) | |
| Your idea (2) | |
| Your idea (3) | |

Alternatively, the precept could be reduced to its original level. This would be estimated to reduce the annual council tax bill for a Band D property in the parish by £13.00 per year – 3.5p per day. If this would be your preference, please tick this box:

Please return your completed survey to Aston Stores or to 1 Manor Close, Aston by **12.00pm on Saturday 30 September 2017.**

Please note that each household can submit one survey only, and only surveys submitted on original forms circulated with Voices will be counted. Surveys received after the deadline will not be counted.

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Financial Matters

1. Cash Balances

| | £ |
|---|------------------------------|
| <i>SANTANDER CURRENT ACCOUNT</i> | |
| Balance at 31 July 2017 | 1,284.69 |
| Transactions in month | NIL |
| Balance at 31 August 2017 | <u>1,284.29</u> |
| <i>UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT</i> | |
| Balance at 31 July 2017 | 14,863.49 |
| August payments | (645.88) |
| Payment for replacement noticeboard | (1,350.00) |
| Balance at 31 August 2017 | <u>12,867.61</u> |
| <i>NATIONWIDE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</i> | |
| Balance at 31 July 2017 | 39,106.79 |
| Transactions in month | NIL |
| Balance at 31 August 2017 | <u>£39,106.79</u> |
| <i>SANTANDER BUSINESS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</i> | |
| Balance at 31 July 2017 | 535.01 |
| Transactions in month: interest received | 0.05 |
| Balance at 31 August 2017 | <u>£535.06</u> |
| TOTAL CASH HOLDING AT 31 AUGUST 2017 | <u>£53,793.75</u> |