

# ASKHAM PARISH MEETING

Askham, Nottinghamshire

## Draft Minutes of the Askham Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall/Parish Room Thursday 9th May 2024 7.30pm

1. **Welcome** Guy Le Geyt, welcomed Askham residents. Apologies were received from John White, Rachel Williams-Hill, Mandy Williams-Hill.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting of the meeting of 9th November 2023 were outlined, noting that this also approves the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Agreed nem con.
3. **Matters Arising** Via is responsible for road surfacing and verges. Now doing work on a “risk assessed” basis. Presumably pavements and verges are a lower priority than roads and our roads are in acceptable condition now.

Speedwatch: Gamston is prepared to share resources if the scheme is accepted. Our police still don't recognise the scheme.

4. **Election of Officers** Martyn Hunter-Wyatt proposed as Chair (JB) seconded (DG) Guy Le Geyt proposed as Deputy (AHW) seconded (JS) both elected nem con.
5. **Planning Matters** None in our parish. Proposals for fencing at east Markham Primary School and work at barn next to hairdressers noted.
6. **Village Security** no issues
7. **Road Matters** proposed diversion of footpath off Wood Lane noted.

Several significant encroachments of vegetation restricting the width of pavements were noted. These appear to be from private property so not the responsibility of Via. Some residents have received letters about this in the past. Not known who can or should send letters. **MHW** to investigate.

Potholes near the Pinfold – **GLG** to report online

8. **Village General** noted that the pump previously restored in 2000 is deteriorating. Some funding could be made available if a suitable contractor could be found to improve it.

Defibrillator signs for telephone box obtained, fitting to be investigated **DG**

Parish Meeting website is operational but we don't have access to upload documents. Invoice received from Parish Online much higher than anticipated. Generally considered that the current site is not offering value for money, invoice not to be paid. **MHW** to look at alternatives.

9. **Finance** GLG presented Annual Budget Statement for y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which will be subject to internal audit. Approval proposed (JB) seconded DG. **GLG** to pass to **JS** for audit.

[GLG presented the draft budget for 2025, which does not have to be approved at this stage.] *Did you? I can't find a spreadsheet that looks like it was for that meeting.* Contd...

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....9 Noted that we received £960 from the Via Lengthsman scheme and will apply for it again. Clock and defibrillator have costs which will not arise every year. Accruals to be made in the accounts for these. **GLG**

## 10. AOB

Power cables touching trees in Church Lane **MHW** to report

The Parish Meeting was offered, and received, a photograph of HM Charles III, but has no premises in which to display it. The Village Hall committee has agreed to locate it in the Village Hall/Parish Room.

## 11. Date of Next meeting

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

11 villagers present (10 required for meeting to be quorate) meeting closed at 2035