

ASENBY PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Asenby Parish Tuesday 27th May 2025, 7.00pm at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

Present: Chair: M Sollitt (Vice Chair of Asenby Parish Council)
Clerk: C Grimston (Clerk to Asenby Parish Council)

Also present: M Sollitt Tim Rawden T Miles
J Noble C Ford Two residents

The Chair introduced the meeting and an explanation of the two separate meetings was provided by the Clerk.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2024 were approved.

2. Report from the Chair of Asenby Parish Council

The Chair's report was presented and is on file.

The report summarised a successful year both in terms of activities and finances, and ending the year with a full complement of councillors.

3. Financial Officer's Report

The financial report was presented by the Clerk and is on file.

The finances of the council remain acceptable with increases in income from activities, and manageable expenditure.

4. Report from Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

The full report is on file.

The Vice Chair of APC presented the report from Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall on behalf of R Byas, the Chair. The report for the year was overwhelming positive with the building being in a good state of repair, and the hall remaining a popular venue.

5. Report from the Consolidated Charities of Topcliffe

The full report is on file.

Presented by C Ford on behalf of the Feoffees (Trustees). The report confirmed that a share from the funds had enabled the purchase of a small gift for each of Asenby's 23 residents over the age of 80.

The report was tinged with the message of her resignation.

Asenby Parish Council agreed to arrange for a member to meet with her to see if there was any way the council could assist.

6. Questions from the floor

- 6.1. It was confirmed that the £80 was an annual share from the fund based on population of each of the parishes.
- 6.2. It was suggested that a mini working party should meet to make the riverside path easier to walk along by trimming back some of the overhanging hedge on the river side. The APC Vice-Chair confirmed that the Council would look into this as they were already intending to check the dead trees.
- 6.3. It was asked if anyone was aware what was happening with the footpath improvements that were marked out some time ago. The Council confirmed they had no knowledge and it was part of the highway. They agreed to see if they could find out anything.
- 6.4. The issue was raised over car parking in the village which appeared to have worsened. Cars parked in such a way as to cause difficulties on the road, and also parking on footpaths that prevented pedestrian access. The Council agreed to raise the matter on Facebook and the website, and to explore what powers the Council has.
- 6.5. A vote of thanks was given for the work that the Parish Council had undertaken during the past year to improve the village.