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**Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting, Monday 24th August 2026,
held in Aston on Clun Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs. R Hartas, J Bowers, J Campion, B Day, K Gripton.

Absent: Cllr T Record.

Apologies: Cllr Record.

In attendance: Unitary Cllr J Dickin.

Clerk: Mrs M Gwilliam.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr T Record.

2. Co-option of new councillors: None.

3. Declarations of i) Disclosable Pecuniary and ii) Personal Interests, and written requests for dispensations: None.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 20th July 2026: The minutes were approved as an accurate record, and the Chair was authorised to sign them. **Resolved.**

5. Public Participation: No Members of the Public present.

6. Unitary Councillor Report: Cllr Dickin gave a report mentioning concerns about speeding at Longmeadow End. Potholes are being repaired. Onibury bridge is open to two way traffic again.

7. Planning: No new applications.

8. Chair/Clerk Reports: None.

9. Correspondence: Including various bulletins, newsletters, and information sheets.

Temporary parish road closures: Unnamed Road by Aston on Clun (to Clunbury) 3rd – 28th August for bridge repairs; Aston Road Broome 5th – 7th October, new water connection.

10. Parish Council Community Shop Loan: The Chair of the Council gave a brief update on progress.

11. Community Asset - Kangaroo: Deferred to the November meeting.

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12. Finance:

Online Banking Authorised Signatory: Unity Trust Bank has accepted the addition of Cllr Campion to the list of authorised signatories.

Council **noted** a Bank Reconciliation that had been previously circulated. There were no variances. The Chair signed the Bank Reconciliation.

INVOICES TO PAY:

Voucher	Name	for	Budget (from)	£amount	Method
30, 31	Staff costs/HMRC	August 2026 Salary, PAYE tax, NIC, homeworking costs	Salary, tax, admin, Employer NIC	766.22	SO, BACS
32	Ditton Services	Grass cutting, August instalment	292.33 Aston Green, 58.47 VAT	350.80	SO
33	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly service fee 31/8/26	admin	7.00	fee
Total				£1,124.02p	

Council accepted the Finance Report and authorised all payments as listed. **Resolved.**

13. Aston Green: Dogs: Further to previous minuted discussions regarding the continuing issue of dog mess on Aston Green, Councillors discussed imposing a restriction that dogs must be kept on leads when on Aston Green.

Following discussion, **Council unanimously resolved that all dogs (excepting those supervised and performing in dog shows, or supervised and attending dog training classes) must be kept on a lead and closely supervised whilst on Aston Green.**

Council agreed that this would take effect from 1st November 2026. Notices informing the public of this measure would be posted at Aston Green in September / October.

Cllr Campion advised Council that he would be submitting expenses for wildflower seeds and other sundries. He also offered to write a specification for the Silt Trap repair work for Council to agree at a future meeting.

14. CIL Local Fund: Council discussed the possibility of applying for Local Fund CIL monies for certain infrastructure projects. This would be an agenda item for October.

15. OPCC Survey: Council **agreed** to submit responses suggested by the Chair.

16. Risk Register Rolling Review: Council discussed the format of the Risk Register. It was suggested that it could be better presented in a spreadsheet format.

17. Policies reviews: Council **resolved** to adopt the revised Remote Meetings Protocol. Council also **resolved** to adopt new Discipline and Grievance Policies.

18. Meetings Attended: None.

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19. Reports of Parishioners Issues, Future Agenda Items: Concerns about parking at certain events were mentioned and Cllr Bowers would raise this at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

20. October Meeting: It had become unfeasible to hold the October meeting on 5th October as originally planned. Council **resolved** to reschedule the October meeting to Monday 19th October.

21. Next Meetings: Monday 19th October, 9th November, 14th December 2026.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 9.30pm.

Chair Signed:

Date: