



# Aylburton Parish Council

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**Meeting Pack**  
**Aylburton Parish Council**  
**July Full Council Meeting**  
**Prepared and compiled by the Parish Clerk.**

## 7b. Highways and Road Safety

### Highways and Road Safety updates (new info in bold):

<p>Road Safety Group (RSG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flashing speed sign: RSG intends to seek funding.</li> <li>• Community Speedwatch – <b>Kit booked 18/7 to 8/8; speedwatch group to arrange sessions.</b></li> <li>• <b>Speed surveys – were due for early July but pending completion of roadworks in the area.</b></li> <li>• 30mph / 20 mph wheelie bin stickers – continue to be available for residents.</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossing campaign: The Clerk has now formally written to Highways to ask for a pedestrian crossing. Direct action with media attendance is proposed for September to raise the profile of the campaign.</li> <li>• Discussions ongoing with Highways to establish what exactly is possible to implement.</li> <li>• Press involvement: The RSG intends to work with the Forester to publish a series of short articles raising awareness of the issue of road safety in the parish.</li> <li>• Alvington PC have indicated they would co-sign a letter to Highways asking for a speed limit reduction between the two villages.</li> <li>• <b>Next RSG meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July, probably in person, venue tbc.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Poor drainage on Church Road</p>	<p>Ongoing issues with outlets into ditch being blocked – last chased mid-April. Cllr Bayliss monitoring.        May: Highways area rep looking into this, following observations from Cllr Bayliss.</p>
<p>Upper Common – ditches in a poor state</p>	<p>Works carried out, but blockages remain. Cllr Evans in touch with County Cllr Preest. The Clerk continues to chase too.</p>
<p>Lower Common/Colliers Pitch - poor visibility at junction due to</p>	<p>To be re-reported as although Highways advise it's been dealt with, the issue remains. May 2021: assigned for a safety inspection.</p>

hedge overgrowth	
Lower Common/Sandford Road road surface	Chased late April. Currently, no solid plans to resurface.
A48 road markings	Followed up again on 07/10. Brian Watkins responded: “Unfortunately I haven’t been able to get this linked in with another scheme.” Council to continue requesting.
Public Rights of Way – any issues or updates	None at this time.
Church Road – collapse of road edge near to ‘long field’ entrance	Highways have carried out works in the area but the issue remains due to confusion over which side of the road. Re-requested mid April.
A48 – outside No 7 High Street – loose drain cover clanking, causing noise nuisance.	Reported Nov 2020, repaired Dec 2020 but now loose again (May 2021). Reported again May 2021. <b>Repaired end of June. MATTER TO BE CLOSED.</b>

## 11. Finance

**a) To approve the standard pay increment increase (effective from April 2021) for the Clerk, from SCP 19 (10.86 per hour) to SCP 20 (£11.08 per hour) and to note current pay scales.**

- The Clerk's contract stated that the employee will start on NJC spinal column point 17 and awarded an increment every April until at the top of the pay scale (22) provided performance is satisfactory.
- However, in 2019 the scale numbering changed, with the new range being numbered 7-12 (also known as NJC Scale 4). Therefore, the increment for 2021-22 is SCP 11, or £11.30 per hour.
- I have explained some of this before to some of you, but I wanted to write it out here to make it clearer.
- I propose that we amend the wording of my contract to specify this new scale numbering, so that it applies to the current reality of clerk pay scales and so we have this in writing somewhere. It will also make it easier to prepare a new contract for any new Clerks in the future.

**b) To note the price increase from 21/6/21 for Merlin Waste dog bin collections from £4.00 per unit to £5.50 per unit and consider any necessary actions**

Letter from contractor June 2021:

Price increase for Emptying of Dog Waste Bins

Dear Sir/Madam,

With effect from Monday 21st June, I am proposing an increase in the cost of bin collection to £5.50 per bin. I understand that this increase will be unexpected and is short notice but to make my business work, the price needs to be increased as soon as possible. Your urgent attention is needed to this matter. It is most unfortunate that it has come to this, it is a knock on effect of the lockdown easing restriction. This is the last thing we wanted to happen, but after being in business for 20 years, we can see no other option than increase prices or stop trading. We are sorry it has come to this. I do hope you understand the problem.

We have found that we are collecting a lot more dog waste. Bins are overflowing and, on many occasions, dog waste bags are on the ground as the bin is full. On occasions, large bags of dog waste have been deposited in the bins leaving little room for the normal dog bags. All we can think is people are collecting it at home and putting it the nearest dog bin. This has resulted in a sharp increase in the amount of dog waste being disposed of. The cost of this is unsustainable and along with price increases in fuel, insurance and wages, I feel it is necessary to raise the cost of collection.

I will be happy for you to call me and discuss this matter with me.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Ivall.

[End of Meeting Pack]

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