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Headteacher: Mrs Helen France

Meeting of the Full Governing Body of Aston Rowant CE Primary School
Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 18.30
MINUTES

Present:

Zoe Batt (ZB) LA Governor
 Gill Tyler, (GT) Foundation Governor
 Helen France (HF) Headteacher ex officio
 Caroline Isabelle (CI) Foundation Governor
 Matt Parker (MP) Foundation Governor
 Tom Sowerby (TS) Foundation Governor (Chair)
 Abi Tindall (AT) Parent Governor
 Ben Wilson (BW) Parent Governor

Apologies:

Jacky Barr (JB) Foundation Governor ex officio
 Alexi Olsen (AO) Staff Governor
 Martin Pounce, Governance Professional

		Lead	Time
1.	Welcome and Prayer <i>TS welcomed and GT opening with prayer. The meeting was quorate.</i>	JB	5 mins
2.	Apologies for absence / declarations of interest <i>AO and JB apologies were accepted.</i> <i>No declarations of interest noted in relation to items on the agenda.</i> <i>MP (Matt) takes minutes in absence of Martin.</i>	TS	5 mins
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 25 March 2026 and matters arising 3.1 <i>Minutes approved</i> 3.2 Matters arising 3.2.1 JB PSHE monitoring visit - <i>done</i> 3.2.2 BW – check policies have been updated, uploaded on website and share relevant policies with Clerk - <i>ongoing</i> 3.2.3 ZB – send Parent View letter to parents – <i>done, see report below</i>		5 mins

GRATITUDE RESILIENCE OUTREACH WONDER TRUST HARMONY

'Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.' Colossians 2:7

<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Governance Matters</p> <p>2026/27 Budget – as presented 25 March 2026 – for approval – <i>budget approved, vote is unanimous. TS to write to Mike Naylor confirming approval</i></p> <p>Parent View responses analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 37 responses which is felt positive (more than previous attempts) - 2 negative respondents (possible disgruntled parent, taken into consideration) - 95% would recommend the school which is celebrated - Question on school communication receives less positive response – action agreed is to hold a coffee morning (*confirmed Weds 6th May 9am at the school) – aim to offer a face-to-face dialogue and take feedback from parents. <p>Governor role vacancies – election of Vice Chair, English / T&L. GT needs to step back from some of her roles due to family commitments. The proposal is to elect a Vice Chair to cover the period to the July FGB when the normal annual election of Chair and Vice Chair is scheduled.</p> <p>AT has agreed to stand for Vice Chair. If any other governor wishes to also put their name forward for this role please contact TS ahead of the meeting if possible.</p> <p>TS to cover English / T&L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote is unanimous for AT to take Vice Chair position in Gill’s absence - Board are thankful for GT’s honesty in needing time-off for family - TS takes English & T&L, agreed 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ZB/TS</p> <p>TS</p>	<p>15 mins</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>Headteacher’s Update</p> <p>Any urgent verbal updates including safeguarding, staffing and SEND</p> <p>—positives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cladding/ building work complete - HLTA 1/Jun - to start in Squirrel - Frees time for HF to study on MPQEL <p>—challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gas leak first day back – urgently and effectively dealt with evacuation of buildings, repairs and reinstatement of gas/ pipework/ cladding. Contractor takes responsibility at no cost to the school. - Mice/rats – contractor engaged to monitor & deal with pests. Ongoing. - Gill Healey not returned as planned – cover in place. 	<p>HF</p>	<p>5 mins</p>

	<p>— — <i>look ahead</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Squirrels to Beal Park trip</i> - <i>Y6 to Parliament instigated by school project</i> - <i>Residential – poor uptake ongoing</i> - <i>Attendance - increase in “requests” for extended holiday absences. FGB discuss putting an urgent remedial plan in place for improving attendance.</i> 		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>To confirm next meeting on</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wednesday 10th June 2026 Strategy (long term) to discuss 5 year plan</p> <p>Other meetings on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SDP review - 15th July 2026. <p>All Wednesdays at 6.30pm. All to be held at school except 29/04/26</p> <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>TS discusses writing a letter to staff in general to update on Govs and to thank (separate letter to Dawn/ Eva)</i> - <i>Travel scheme – Eva French is signing the school up to the OCC travel scheme. This adds to the school’s sustainability targets as well as improving community. Govs all approve to proceed with application.</i> 	<p>All Govs</p>	