

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ASTBURY VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2014**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JANUARY 2012**
- 2 PROGRESS REPORT ON PREVIOUS MINUTE MATTERS**
- 3 PARISH ACTION PLAN REPORTS**
- 4 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5 FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- 6 PLANNING MATTERS**
- 7 MEMBERS ITEMS – as advised**

C POINTON CLERK

JULY 2012

PRESENT

Vice Chairman plus Cllrs SA Banks J & P Critchlow, Cllrs L & R Lomas, Sharman, Stanway. CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman plus Cllrs A Banks, Cliff & Kennerley.

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 10 MAY 2014

The minutes of Annual Meeting held 10 May were AGREED and signed a true record.

ITEM 2 – PROGRESS REPORT ON PREVIOUS MINUTE MATTERS

2.1 CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS (CEH)

2.1.1 ROAD SAFETY: Peel Lane railway bridge – fitting of traffic signals (7 years)

Traffic signals agreed necessary between Cheshire County Council and Network Rail in 2007. Quote “the potential for vehicle incursion onto the railway below is deemed to be high”. LJC report in Jan 08 agreed that traffic signals would be fitted. Bridge continues to be damaged by road traffic at irregular but frequent intervals. This damage could be the cause of a major rail accident if masonry is dislodged onto the track.

CE HIGHWAYS HAS ADVISED THAT A TRAFFIC SIGNAL SOLUTION WILL BE PUT IN PLACE IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-15. JUNE 2014 WORK UNDER WAY.

2.1.2 TRAFFIC MATTERS (ON WARD MEMBERS LIST)

a) A34 – Speed limit extension toward Scholar Green (5 years)

The Parish Council request “hardening” of the present ghost islands on the A34 from Watery Lane to Childs Lane where there have been fatalities. Also extension of 40mph limit to Childs Lane.

CEH ANSWER 5/8/10 – SPEED LIMIT REVIEW DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY CHANGE. THIS ITEM NUMBER ONE ON WARD MEMBER'S LIST.

Dec 11 – Passed to traffic section. September 2012 – LOW PRIORITY on ward list.

April 13 – “Hardening very unlikely to happen” (report CE Cllr Bailey)

b) Peel Drive – parking/turning problems (5 years)

At weekends and evenings more than 25 vehicles are parked in and around Peel Drive. It would be impossible on occasion for the emergency services to access. CCC advised that there was no chance of any action other than possibly by the Police. There are problems regarding ownership of land with Dane Housing, Cheshire East and residents involved. It has proved impossible to determine land ownership which has led to increase of “off-street” parking. Garages owned by Dane Housing are in a shocking state of repair.

ANSWER 5/8/10 – as there are no parking restrictions, CEH unable to help. Dane Housing to revert to CEH re land ownership.

OCT 13 – UNDER REVIEW BY CHESHIRE EAST.

c) Peel Lane/Dodds Lane – extension of 30mph limit (7 years)
Assessment after rail bridge signals fitted, see 2.1.1 above. Sept 2012 – Low priority.
MAY 14 – PC LETTER 2007 PASSED TO CEH VIA CLLR BAILEY.

d) Wallhill Lane/A534 JUNCTION – missing direction sign (2.5 years)
ANSWER 5/8/10 – MODERN SIGN IN DESIGN.
Dec11 – no progress
14.3 REQUESTED SIGN TO READ “BROWNLOW” PLUS MILEAGE

e) Parish Boundary Signs – request for signs on A34.
CE advise that these signs will have to be paid for by PC.
Clerk to obtain requirement detail from CEH and obtain costs.

2.1.3 MAINTENANCE MATTERS

C. Watery Lane – repair surface by and under aqueduct (6 years) – CEH new funding bid
2010-11. CEH to monitor & repair as necessary. This must be one of the worst maintained stretches of highway in the whole of East Cheshire in regular use. If it was in an urban area it would not be tolerated. Repeated requests have been met with “it's on next year's funding listing”. PC has been informed that this work is to be included in the bid for completion for the past 4 years. When will it happen?
Chris Judge comments – 13/9/11 - AREA BY AQUEDUCT RECENTLY PATCHED AND SEALED. NO FURTHER ACTION AT PRESENT.
DEC11 – NO COMMENT

D. Wharf Lane – renew fencing & road edging by stream (11 years AT LEAST)
RESURFACING WORK COMPLETED APRIL 2013.
STREAM EDGING/FENCING STILL OUTSTANDING FOR REPAIR.

E. A34/Bent Lane – crossing reinstated on several occasions (5 years)
Now heavily corrugated. Road surface resembles the incoming tide! The surface is causing very high levels of noise and vibration to adjoining properties. The repair to an A road which carries the heaviest weight loads is inferior to those carried out on minor lanes!
Chris Judge comments 13/9/11 - NO PROPOSALS AT PRESENT FOR ANY WORK TO THIS ITEM.
DEC11 – NO PROPOSALS AT PRESENT FOR ANY REMEDIAL WORK.
JULY 2013 – CONTACT WITH PRICE EVANS. NO FOLLOWING ACTION.
MAY14 – PROMISE OF ACTION BY SIMON DAVIES AT PARISH MEETING.

F. Rose bed by A34
Assuming that the originally supplied drawing has been mislaid, a further one is attached. The exact size of the bed is not yet determined but would be within the hatched area on the drawing in front of “Doric”. It is presently grassed.
Chris Judge comments 13/9/11 - NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL. OBTAIN OK FROM DORIC OCCUPANT. INFORM CEH WITH DETAILED LOCATION OF BED.
DEC11 – DRAWING LOST – CHAIRMAN TO PROVIDE ANOTHER DRAWING.

2.2 PLANNING INVESTIGATIONS

Gorse Lane – “Lavender House” - report of non-agricultural activity.
CHESHIRE EAST VISITED THE SITE, SPOKE TO THE OWNER, AND INSPECTED THE BUILDING. QUOTE: “THERE IS NO OTHER BUSINESS BEING OPERATED FROM THE SITE. NO BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. NO FURTHER ACTION TO BE TAKEN.” (Clerk to recontact CE enforcement to clarify the situation. 14/3/13 Report of possible vehicle storage.)

Dec13 report of vehicles moved to Gorse Cottage. Feb '14 – property advertised for sale on Congleton Estate Agent website.

March 14 – notice in Con Chronicle of £150,000 offer received by estate agents.

2.3 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

14/2416C – Land East of Fence Lane – Extension of existing stable block to form 3 stables & tack room and the construction of 60m x 20m menage within existing paddock.

NO OBJECTION – request conditions:

1. Private use only, ie no livery

2. No artificial lighting

PENDING

4/2399C – Jasmine Cottage, The Village - Single storey rear North extension

NO OBJECTION

PENDING

2.4 OTHER MATTERS PENDING

Common Land, Brownlow Heath – encroachment.

Following lengthy discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk make initial contact with Mr Mearman and CE. Possibility of Land Registry involvement if necessary. Possibility of CE action. Clerk to report.

Moreton Cottages – footpath claim – Lost Ways – chase contacts

Astbury War Memorial – Chairman liaising with Church authorities.

British Legion – poppy campaign – Chairman liaising with Church authorities.

Public sector Mapping Agreement – PC is registered – Clerk to arrange dual operation if possible, for Neighbourhood Plan contact.

Congleton Town Council – Cllr Edwards re parishes meeting – waiting recontact.

ITEM 3 – PARISH ACTION PLAN REPORTS

3.1 Environment & Housing (JKC) – Nil report.

3.2 Traffic/Road Use (NS)

Now covered under agenda item 2 - Cheshire East Highways.

3.3 Website (NS)

Cllr Sharman reported continued good progress re website update.

3.4 Social & Leisure (LL&RL)

Flower Bed by A34 – Chairman to provide plan.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

June issue published. Enthusiastic comments re photo from bell tower.

3.6 Noticeboards

Repairs/upgrades – temporary repairs carried out. Final fix to follow.

ITEM 3A – NACMPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr J Critchlow gave an update of progress and provided written information via email to members. Meetings are held monthly and volunteers still very welcome. Clerk offered to maintain the Plan accounts within the main PC accounts as has been the case to date.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CE)

4.1.1 Ward Member's Report – Cllr Rhoda Bailey

A34 – 30mph limit – still under discussion

Peel Drive – parking problems – still under discussion.

Moss Road/Peel Lane/Dodds Lane – 30mph limit and 40mph limits under review.

HGV activity on lanes to Mow Cop – causing damage to lane edgings and fencing. Also road safety problems due to high speeds through parishes. Usage has decreased.

4.1.2 Congleton Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk yet to meet with Fiona Bruce.

4.1.3 Congleton Community Hub Pilot

Launch at Eaton Bank Academy July 2nd, 6pm. No volunteer attendee.

4.1.4 Congleton Link Road – Local Traffic issues – Wallhill Lane etc

Clerk to write to CEH requesting that the consultation date be extended and to determine why no letter was sent to the Parish Council.

4.2 ChALC/SLCC/CTP/CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION (CCA)

4.2.1 ChALC – Digital Mapping Workshop

Cllr Sharman reported that the event had been mainly a sales exercise but he had gained information which may be useful.

4.2.3 ChALC – Congleton Area Meeting – Sandbach 3rd June – Nil report.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Parishioner's Letter re damage to Village Green

Further letter received – see agenda item 4.3.9 in April minutes. Clerk to reply.

4.3.2 Rural Local Council Sounding Board

Information emailed to members but no volunteer attendee.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – June payment	£310.00
Jane Cliff – newsletter	£368.68
Astbury Village Hall – 6 months rental to end sept	£180.00

5.1 Internal Audit

Clerk reported that a local Clerk, duly qualified, has agreed to carry out the audit before the July meeting.

5.2 Annual Return

The Annual Return was completed, excluding the Internal Audit Section.

5.3 Accounts FY 2013-2014

Members AGREED the final accounts which were signed by the Chairman of the meeting and are included in these minutes.

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning Applications

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ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Watery Lane – “football field” – report activity to CE Planning Dept.

7.2 Peel Lane – hedge overgrowing footpath from Rectory gates to School Lane – grids need emptying from Rectory gate to School Lane.

7.3 Dodds Lane – general state of surface and edging.

**JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN**

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