

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 9 JULY 2014**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JUNE 2014**
- 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

AUGUST 2014

Prior to the meeting, CEH Officer, Martin Davis , addressed the council regarding the recent survey regarding Wallhill Lane traffic in the event of the build of a Congleton Link Road.

PRESENT

Chairman plus Cllrs SA Banks, J & P Critchlow, Kennerley, Sharman, Stanway. CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance. One parishioner present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Banks, Cliff & Cllrs L & R Lomas,

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 11 JUNE

The minutes of Meeting held 11 June 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.

JULY 2014 – INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS COMPLETED.

CE Cllr Bailey to clarify with CEH – changeover sequencing/timing of lights, extent of fencing and need for warning sign of lights on Moss Road.

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, PLUS REQUEST TO CEH TO EXTEND 40MPH LIMIT ON MOSS ROAD TO MEET WITH ASTBURY 30MPH LIMIT ON PEEL LANE.

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

APPROVED

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

NO OBJECTION

APPROVED

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)

Next issue likely to be published in summer.

3.6 Noticeboards

Repairs/upgrades – temporary repairs carried out. Final fix to follow. Clerk to obtain costs for replacement boards.

ITEM 3A – NACMPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Chairman reported that a meeting has been planned for 3 September at the Village Hall in an attempt to raise the number of helpers. Meeting to be advertised through newsletter. A draft management structure is being developed.

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. See agenda item 2.1.2 for more detail.

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. CE Cllr Bailey reported that the initial effort was being given to the towns rather than the rural areas.

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

CEH Officer Martin Davis advised members that although monies have been allocated toward the Link Road project, there was unlikely to be any real activity for the next 2-3 years. He was given a copy of the NACMPC response to the Link Road consultation.

4.1.5 Garden Waste Collection Survey

Detail to be put on the parish website.

4.1.6 Community Safety Meeting

Congleton Town Hall – Tues 29 July @6.30

4.1.7 Healthwatch Board

Info circulated to members – opportunity to join in info.

4.1.8 Polling Station Review

AGREED that a response be made suggesting the use of the Village Hall rather than Astbury School. It has easier access and greater parking space. Possibly accommodated in the side room.

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

No correspondence.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Brereton Parish Councillor, Jane Deans – shared PCSO suggestion

AGREED that the level of crime, the rural nature of the parishes and the closeness to Congleton town made a PCSO not viable. Clerk to notify Cllr Deans.

4.3.2 Councillor Vacancy – Andrew Medley

The Clerk tabled an email from Andrew Medley who has recently moved to live in Astbury Village, regarding the Parish Councillor vacancy. Mr Medley was in attendance at the July meeting and following an exchange of information he was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council. Clerk to supply the necessary information to Cllr Medley.

4.3.3 Fields In Trust

Passed to Neighbourhood Plan team.

4.3.4 Astbury Village Traffic

Request from Astbury Garage to investigate possible changes to the two village green roads to improve overall traffic management. Following a lengthy discussion AGREED to approach CEH requesting information as to possible actions.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – July payment £310.00

5.1 Internal Audit

Clerk reported that the internal audit should be completed by the middle of July.

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning Applications

The following were received for comment.

14/2900C – Brookside Nursery, Childs Lane – Proposed rear extension to detached garage

Chairman to organise Planning Committee meeting.

6.2 Planning Appeal

13/2092C – Whetstone Edge Farm – proposed detached bungalow

Procedure changed to informal hearing to be held at Crewe on 29 July. Copy of PC original letter of objection passed to Chairman who advised that he would attend.

6.3 Application examination

Clerk to obtain costs of equipment necessary to enable the Parish Council to display application information via IT equipment and to assist in Neighbourhood Plan production.

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Pavement Lighting – members were given phone numbers to report lighting problems.

7.2 Police contact – Clerk to obtain phone contact detail for urgent non-emergency matters.

JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN

AUGUST 2014