

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 13 AUGUST 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

SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT

Chairman plus Cllrs SA Banks, Cliff, L & R Lomas, Sutton.
CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Banks, J & P Critchlow, Kennerley, Medley, Sharman & Stanway.

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 9 JULY

The minutes of Meeting held 9 July were **AGREED** and signed a true record with Cllr Sutton added as presenting his apologies.

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)

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. Complaints still being received re need for sequencing/timing to be investigated. SEE NEW CIRCD EMAILS.

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 WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF 30mph LIMIT TOWARD MOSSLEY AND INTO DODDS LANE.

**Wallhill Lane/A534 JUNCTION - missing direction sign (3 years)
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**d) Wallhill Lane/A534 JUNCTION – missing direction sign (2.5 years)
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**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.
DEC 2011 – NO PROPOSALS AT PRESENT FOR ANY REMEDIAL WORK.
JULY 2013 – CONTACT WITH PRICE EVANS. NO FOLLOWING ACTION.
MAY 2014 – 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.)

Dec 2013 report of vehicles moved to Gorse Cottage. Feb '14 – property advertised for sale on Congleton Estate Agent website.

March 2014 – notice in Con Chronicle of £150,000 offer received by estate agents.

2.3 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

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

REFUSED

14/2471C – Meadow Barn, Watery Lane – Proposed extension and new double garage to an existing dwelling

PENDING

14/3485C – The Cottage, Brookhouse Farm, Puddlebank Lane – New stable block & associated yard area and change of land use to equestrian

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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.

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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 forwarded a written report advising that tracking capabilities had been added to the website.

3.4 Social & Leisure (LL&RL)

Flower Bed by A34 – Chairman to provide plan.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

Next issue likely late 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.

Meetings have taken place with Cheshire East on 31 July and 11 August. Detail of meetings to be circulated to members following Neighbourhood Plan meeting scheduled for 3 Sept.

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.

Brownlow flooding – gulleys have been jetted out.

M6 Sandbach Junction – will be closed from mid October 2014 to March 2015 to allow junction improvements to be implemented.

4.1.2 Congleton Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk yet to meet with Fiona Bruce.

4.1.3 Cheshire East Local Plan

Information had been circulated to members regarding the present status. Public hearings will commence September 16 at Macclesfield Town Hall.

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

4.2.1 ChALC Annual Meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday 22 October, 7pm at Middlewich. AGREED attendees and possible motions to be discussed at the September meeting.

4.2.2 ChALC Rural matters Board

Meeting Byley Village Hall, 7pm Tues 30 September. AGREED attendees to be discussed at September meeting.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Astbury Village Traffic

Request from Astbury Garage to investigate possible changes to the two village green roads to improve overall traffic management. Chairman reported on a meeting with EC Cllr Bailey and Stuart Boardman, CE Highways Officer. In view of low attendance at meeting request to be made that Mr Boardman attend a PC meeting later in the year to outline possible actions.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – August payment **£310.00**

Clerk – cash purchases – plants for War Memorial, noticeboard keys, prints (NP) and printing accessories **£52.77**

5.1 Internal Audit

Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed and the completed Annual Return had been forwarded to the external auditor.

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning Applications

The following were received for comment.

14/2471C – Meadow Barn, Watery Lane – Proposed extension and new double garage to an existing dwelling.

NO OBJECTION: usual planning policies to apply re additions to dwelling.

14/3485C – The Cottage, Brookhouse Farm, Puddlebank Lane – New stable block & associated yard area and change of land use to equestrian.

NO OBJECTION: no commercial use, light spillage

6.2 Planning Appeals

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 the hearing. The chairman advised that he had been unable to attend.

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Peel Lane – rectory/School Lane area – grids require jetting and hedges to be cut back.

**JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN**

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