

**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 10 SEPTEMBER 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**

**OCTOBER 2014**

## PRESENT

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

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Banks, SA Banks, Kennerley & Sutton.

## ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 13 AUGUST 2014

The minutes of Meeting held 13 August 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)

**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.

**AUG 14 – Complaints still being received re need for sequencing/timing to be investigated. CE CLLR BAILEY HAS MET WITH CE HIGHWAYS STAFF WHO ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE ALTERATIONS TO TIMING ETC OF LIGHTS. SHE IS TO MEET WITH CE STAFF ONCE MORE ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER.**

#### 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.**

**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.**

**May14 – promise of action by Simon Davies at May parish meeting.**

**Sept 14 – A34 AGAIN REINSTATED OVER APPROX 30 YARD LENGTH EITHER SIDE OF BENT LANE TURNING LANE**

**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**

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

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

14/3657C – Land to the West of Padgbury Lane  
Outline application for development of up to 150 dwellings etc – resubmission of  
13/4216C

14/3649C– Land to the West of Padgbury Lane  
Outline application for development of up to 120 dwellings etc – resubmission of  
13/4219C

**AGREED RECOMMEND REFUSAL FOR BOTH APPLICATIONS. CHAIRMAN TO  
RESPOND AS FOR ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS                      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.**

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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 early autumn. Neighbourhood plan update to be included.**

### **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**

**A draft management structure is being developed. A total of 10-12 people will be required. The public meeting held 3 September attracted only a few new helpers.**

**Chairman reported on meetings with Cheshire East on 31 July and 11 August at which CE advised that assistance, including finance, would be provided to neighbourhood plan parishes.**

## **ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CE)**

#### **4.1.1 Ward Member's Report – Cllr Rhoda Bailey**

**The following items require updating as information is provided by CE.**

**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 Cheshire East Local Plan**

**Public hearings ongoing 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. No specific attendees or motions agreed.**

#### **4.2.2 ChALC Rural matters Board**

**Meeting Byley Village Hall, 7pm Tues 30 September. No specific attendees. Agenda appears outside parish interests.**

#### **4.2.3 ChALC Community Safety Event**

At Police HQ Winsford, 25 September. No specific attendees.

#### **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. Changes are proposed to the road markings on the “garage side” of the Village Green. CE to supply more detail.

#### **ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate**

Clerk – September payment **£310.00**

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minutes of September meeting continued.....

#### **ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **6.1 Planning Applications**

The following were received for comment.

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**AGREED RECOMMEND REFUSAL FOR BOTH APPLICATIONS. REASONS AS ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS.**

##### **6.2 Planning Appeals outstanding**

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

#### **ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS**

##### **7.1 Reported damage to village green, tree etc**

Chairman presented to the meeting photographs and written information which he had received from a parishioner regarding damage caused by a lorry to the road kerbstones, the surface of the Green, the Village Tree and the electric wiring in the tree. The information contains vehicle registration and operator detail.

Following discussion members **AGREED** that attempts be made to obtain recompense from the vehicle operator/owner/driver as appropriate.

### **7.2 Projector & screen for planning usage**

Clerk advised that he had had obtained outline pricing for projectors and screens. These gave costs of from £250 to over £750 for the 2 items. He was hoping to obtain more detailed information from local users and possibly arrange “test” viewings.

### **7.3 Village green tree seat & surround**

Clerk to check minutes and advise October meeting.

**JK CARTER  
CHAIRMAN**

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