

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 8 OCTOBER 2014**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 SEPTEMBER 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

NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT

Chairman plus Cllrs SA Banks J & P Critchlow, Kennerley, Medley, Sharman & Sutton.
CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

Mr Tim Gresty placed before the Council 2 typewritten pages containing statements and questions in respect of the Parish Plan which was published in 2005. The progress of that Plan, and the effects of other national and local matters relating to the present status of the parishes, dealing mainly with Traffic, Housing and Land Use. The papers were discussed at length and the 2 pages are attached to these minutes. The Parish Council is to discuss these matters further at the November meeting.

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of meeting held 10 September 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 2014 – Complaints still being received re need for sequencing/timing to be investigated.

SEPT 2014 – CE Cllr Bailey has met with CE HIGHWAYS staff who are investigating possible alterations to timing etc of lights.

OCT 2014 – PROBLEMS STILL BEING REPORTED AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED.

MATTER TO BE REPORTED ONCE MORE TO CE HIGHWAYS.

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.

Oct 2014 – Report of high fence posts installed – also at “football field”.

2.3 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

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

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

14/3649C – Land to the West of Padgbury Lane **PENDING**
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 – COMMENTS RETURN DEFERRED TO 17 OCTOBER**

14/3550C – Whitethorn Farm, Watery Lane **PENDING**
Conversion of redundant farm buildings into 4 holiday cottages.
NO OBJECTION – not for separate housing

14/4425C – Brookside Nursery, Childs Lane, Smallwood **PENDING**
Garage extension annexe
CHAIRMAN TO CALL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING.

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 advised of further future changes.

3.4 Social & Leisure (LL&RL)

Flower Bed by A34 – Chairman to provide plan.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

Autumn issue ready for publication. Neighbourhood plan update to be included.

3.6 Noticeboards

Repairs/upgrades –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.

Chairman to advise Clerk of CE finance officer contact.

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.

Astbury Village Traffic – CE Highways Officer is on sick leave.

4.1.2 Congleton Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk yet to meet with Fiona Bruce.

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

4.2.1 CCA – Special resolution

Email circulated. No action. CCA are tidying their working.

4.2.2 Congleton Ramblers – Parish Footpath Report – Newbold Astbury

AGREED to contact CE re works required.

4.2.3 Astbury Wakes – Annual Service – Sunday October 12th @ 10am

Email circulated. NB service is in the morning

4.2.4 ChALC Annual Meeting – no attendees.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Congleton Partnership - Senior Forum Meeting – minutes – No Action.

4.3.2 NPPF Info – paper ex Parliamentary Forum – No Action.

4.3.3 Community Group Funding – No Action

4.3.4 Dodds Lane Rail Bridge – proposed bridge works

Member comment that the works have been carried out on the incorrect place, CE to be contacted.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – September payment £310.00

5.2 External Audit

The external auditor report was accepted.

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning Applications

The following were received for comment.

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6.2 Planning Appeals

13/2092C – Whetstone Edge Farm APPEAL DISMISSED
Proposed detached bungalow.

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Reported damage to village green, tree etc – update

Members having agreed that attempts be made to obtain recompense from the vehicle operator/owner/driver as appropriate. Cost estimates were awaited to pursue the claim.

7.2 Projector & screen for planning usage – update

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 prior to any purchase.

7.3 Village Green Tree Seat & surround – update

Clerk advised that this matter required a specification to be drawn so that quotations may be obtained this was as noted in minutes of PC meeting November 2012.

7.4 Rushey Hey

Members were provided with an email copy of a possible planning contravention. A reply from CE advised all was OK re the reported matter.

JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN

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