

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 FEBRUARY 2015**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 JANUARY 2015**
- 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

MARCH 2015

PRESENT

Chairman plus Cllrs S A Banks, J Critchlow, Stanway & Sutton.
CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance, plus 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Banks, Cliff, P Critchlow, Kennerley, L&R Lomas, Medley & Sharman

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

1) Planning Application 14/5564C, Greenway, Newcastle Road.

Two parishioners requested information regarding the recommendation to refuse planning application 14/5564C, Greenway, Newcastle Road, made by the Parish Council at the January meeting.

The Chairman and Clerk answered the questions raised to the satisfaction of the parishioners and stressed to them that the Parish Council, although a statutory consultee, had no powers in respect of the decision making which was entirely in the hands of Cheshire East Council.

Although Cllr A Banks was present at the January meeting, he followed the correct procedure by declaring an interest in the application and took no part in the discussion or voting of that specific item.

2) Astbury Village – traffic, by-pass etc

A parishioner requested a reply to written questions previously submitted to the Parish Council. An apology was offered for non-reply to date.

The letter had been passed to the Neighbourhood Plan group and the Plan was not yet sufficiently advanced for answers to be given. It was hoped that a first iteration of the Plan would be circulated in the near future.

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 14 JANUARY 2014

The minutes of meeting held 14 January 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 railwaybridge – 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.

NOV 2014 – Timings still wrong – report once more.

JAN 2015 – Timing improved – problems with differing vehicle heights

FEB15 – retain in minutes until operation of lights is fully acceptable

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 2014 – PC request to CEH to extend 40mph limit on Moss Road to meet with Astbury 30mph limit on Peel Lane with possible extension of Astbury 30mph limit into Dodds Lane.

JAN 2015 – CE NOTICE OF PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF 40MPH LIMIT FROM MOSS LANE TO PEEL LANE. PC TO ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE EXTENSION FOR A SHORT DISTANCE INTO DODDS LANE.

d) Wallhill Lane/A534 JUNCTION – missing direction sign (3 years)

AUG 2010 – modern sign in design.

MAR 2011 – 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.

DEC 2011 – No comment

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

E. 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.

DEC 2011 – Drawing lost – chairman to provide another drawing.

2.2 PLANNING INVESTIGATIONS

Gorse Lane – “Lavender House” - report of non-agricultural activity. Cheshire West 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 re-contact CE enforcement to clarify the situation. 14/3/13 Report of possible vehicle storage.)

Dec 2013 report of vehicles moved to Gorse Cottage.

Feb 2014 – 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 New decisions underlined

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

RECOMMEND REFUSAL FOR BOTH APPLICATIONS. DECISION PENDING TO COMMITTEE. SEE AGENDA ITEM 6.3

14/4765C – Astbury Sidings, Oak Lane

Outline permission (with access) for up to 4 dwellings

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

PENDING

14/4911C – School House Farm, School Lane

Proposed new detached dwelling to replace farm shed.

NO OBJECTION

PENDING

14/5564C – Greenway, Newcastle Road

Change of use from redundant stable/coach house to residential use.

WITHDRAWN

14/5759C – Brookfield, Childs Lane

Single storey extension to form poolhouse to rear of property.

REFUSED

15/0429W – Bent Farm Quarry

GPDO for storage structure. Detail of works on CE website.

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.

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

ITEM 3 – PARISH ACTION PLAN REPORTS

3.1 Environment & Housing (JKC) – Now covered in agenda item 3A

3.2 (NS) Traffic/Road Use – now covered under agenda items 2 and 4.1.

3.2 Traffic/Road Use (NS)

Now covered under agenda item 2 – Cheshire East Highways.

3.3 Website (NS)

Cllr Sharman has circulated usage info.

3.4 Social & Leisure (LL&RL)

Flower Bed by A34 – plan provided. Waiting CE response.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

Helping Hands – enquiry re advertising in Parish Magazine – Email circulated.

3.6 Noticeboards

Discussion at March meeting re possible procurement ex Parish Noticeboard Company.

3.7 Ackers Crossing Telephone Box – closure notice

AGREED – Clerk to pursue the possible purchase at quoted price of £1.

ITEM 3A – NACMPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As the Neighbourhood Plan is to replace the Parish Plan, it is suggested that in due course the Neighbourhood Plan Team present a programme/procedure to the Parish Council to allow a seamless changeover.

Progress is continuing to be made and a first outline of the Plan should be presented to the Parish Council in the near future.

Meeting minutes email circulated to Neighbourhood Plan & PC members

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CE)

4.1.1 Ward Member's Report – Cllr Rhoda Bailey

Cllr Bailey provided an update of CE matters relative to local councils including.

The following items were updated.

- A34 – 30mph limit extension – still under discussion
- Peel Drive – parking problems – still under discussion
- Astbury Village Traffic – Road Painting to be implemented. Stuart Bateman is contact.
- The leader of Cheshire East Council, Cllr Jones, has offered to meet with parish councillors to discuss a possible Astbury by pass, in view of the recent accident on the A34. Meeting detail TBA.
- Fairer Energy Scheme – information now on CE website.

4.1.2 Congleton Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk yet to meet with Fiona Bruce.

4.1.3 CE Local Plan

Updates email circulated.

4.1.4 Election Information

Email circulated re meetings. Clerk to report re posting of info.

4.1.5 Congleton Cross Parishes Meeting

Info email circulated. Neighbourhood plan personnel to attend.

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

4.2.1 CCA – Meet the Developer

Event @ Crewe Alex Ground 12 March – info tabled and email circulated. Neighbourhood plan personnel to attend.

4.2.2 PCC Consultation Meeting

Email circulated – no attendee.

4.2.3 ChALC News

December edition email circulated.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.2 Congleton Town Council – NEW Neighbourhood Plan

Email circulated – no attendee.

4.3.2 CE Local Access Forum

Cllr Stanway has offered to follow up.

4.3.3 Brereton PC – enquiry re future housing

Passed to Neighbourhood Plan team for action.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – February payments	£620.00
Vidahost – website domain costs	£70.80

5.2 Budget/Precept FY2015-16

A precept request for £7980 has been made.

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning Applications

None received.

6.2 Bent Farm Quarry

Notice of permitted building.

6.3 Padgbury Lane Pre enquiry meeting

Info email circulated. No notification from CE.

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Reported damage to village green, tree etc – update

Claim in progress

7.2 Projector & screen for planning usage – update

Clerk advised that to date he had been unable to organise any test viewings.

7.3 Village Green Tree Seat & surround – update

Chairman to draw specification for tender.

7.4 Rushey Hey – update

Information re sales activities was reported. Clerk to recontact CE.

7.5 Christmas Lights – new

Christmas lights very good this year. Thanks to provider and also to Astbury Garage for electricity supply.

7.6 Limekiln Farm Lane – new

Requires attention.

7.7 Brook Lane – new

Bridge seriously damaged. Already reported by CE Cllr Bailey

**JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN**

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