

**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 APRIL 2015**

**AGENDA**

**APOLOGIES**

**PARISHIONER QUESTIONS**

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 MARCH 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**

**MAY 2015**

## PRESENT

Chairman plus Cllrs A Banks, SA Banks, J & P Critchlow, Kennerley, L & R Lomas, Stanway & Sutton.

CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Cliff, Medley & Sharman

## PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

There were no parishioner questions.

## ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 11 FEBRUARY 2014

The minutes of meeting held 11 March 2015 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.**

**MAR 2015 – retain in minutes until operation of lights is fully acceptable.**

**APR 2015 – notice of further work on parapet with night closures.**

#### 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 2011 – Passed to traffic section. September 2012 – LOW PRIORITY on ward list.**

**APR 2013 – “Hardening very unlikely to happen” (report CE Cllr Bailey)**

**APR 2015 – Retain in minutes**

**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 2013 – UNDER REVIEW BY CHESHIRE EAST.

APR 2015 – Still under review – retain in minutes

**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.

#### **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.

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

NOV 2014 – New drawing provided.

### **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 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**

**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. SEE AGENDA ITEM 6.2**

**14/4765C – Astbury Sidings, Oak Lane**

**PENDING**

Outline permission (with access) for up to 4 dwellings

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL**

**15/0898 – Astbury Village Hall**

**PENDING**

Removal of timber Georgian windows replacing with double glazed timber windows. **RECOMMEND RETENTION OF EXISTING GEORGIAN WINDOWS TO RETAIN CHARACTER OF VILLAGE HALL.**

**15/0090c – Limekiln Farm, Limekiln Farm Lane**

**PENDING**

Conversion of redundant milking parlour and dairy to ancillary living accommodation

**NO OBJECTION**

### **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.**

### **ITEM 3 – PARISH ACTION PLAN REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Environment & Housing (JKC)**

Now covered in agenda item 3A

#### **3.2 Traffic/Road Use (NS)**

Now covered under agenda item 2 – Cheshire East Highways – and 4.1.

#### **3.3 Website (NS)**

Cllr Sharman has circulated usage info.

#### **3.4 Social & Leisure (LL&RL)**

Barn Dance – 25 April, May Day – 16 May.

#### **3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)**

Next issue to advise re Annual Joint Parishes Meeting and May Day. PC to advise re Helping Hands enquiry.

#### **3.6 Noticeboards**

Cllrs Critchlow to visit Northwich supplier and report to May meeting.

#### **3.7 Ackers Crossing Telephone Box – closure notice**

Clerk to pursue possible purchase with BT and CE.

### **ITEM 3A – NACMPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**As the Neighbourhood Plan is to replace the Parish Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan Team to include in the Neighbourhood Plan, a programme/procedure to the Parish Council to allow a seamless changeover in maintaining reports to the Parish Council.**

**Contact is being maintained with a wider Congleton Grouping of Local Councils known as Congleton Area Forum with a meeting planned for Wednesday 8 April @ 5pm. Neighbourhood Plan to report to May Meeting,**

**Meeting notes of the Neighbourhood Plan group are email circulated to members by Cllr J Critchlow.**

**Chairman reported that good progress continues to be made. Draft policies have been forwarded to Tom Evans for comment and will be email circ'd to members by May 6 to allow for discussion at the May PC meeting. A presentation to parishioners is scheduled to be made at a meeting on June 10. Info to parishioners to be “newslettered” to parishioners.**

## **ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

##### **Items to update**

- **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.**
- **Astbury by-pass – Chairman reported on a meeting held at CE offices in Sandbach with CE Council Leader Cllr Jones, an Astbury resident and CE officers. The “report” in the Congleton Chronicle was apparently based on information supplied to the newspaper and was not in any way a minuted report of the meeting which was a discussion exercise only.**

**PC Chairman had sent a letter to the Congleton Chronicle stating the facts of the exercise and to ensure that a correct record is held for posterity, relevant pages of the Congleton Chronicle editions are filed with these minutes.**

#### **4.1.2 Congleton Neighbourhood Plan/Original**

**Nil report due to election.**

#### **4.1.3 Cheshire East Local Plan**

**Latest information of status with Inspector had been email circulated to members.**

#### **4.1.4 Election Information**

**Clerk tabled nomination papers and timing information. Detailed information from CE was email circulated.**

#### **4.2.1 CCA – Meet the Developer**

**Event @ Crewe Alex Ground 12 March – info tabled and email circulated. Nil report.**

### **4.3 MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **4.3.1 Ian Nesbitt – letter received re weight restriction in Moss Road/Peel Lane**

**Matters to address the problems reside with Cheshire East.**

## **ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**Clerk – April payment**

**£310.00**

## **5.2 Annual return 2015**

To be presented to the May or June meeting. Dependent on receipt of information from RBS.

## **ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS**

### **6.1 Planning applications received for comment**

#### **15/1529W – Bent Farm Quarry**

**Removal of condition 29 on application 8/08/0375/CPO**

**Cllr Sutton declared an interest in this application and left the room during the discussion and vote.**

**Condition 29 relates to the closure of the site. Removal is being requested to allow sand from other sources to be brought to the “works area” of the quarry and mixed with “Bent” sand.**

**The relaxation of the condition could extend the life of the quarry and delay the final restoration beyond the exhaustion of the quarry.**

**AGREED – following a lengthy discussion IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RELAXATION OF THE CONDITION DURING THE WORKING LIFE OF SAND EXTRACTION FROM THE QUARRY. REMOVAL OF THE CONDITION WITHOUT THIS NEW CONDITION WAS TO BE OPPOSED.**

**Clerk to report re further developments – info emailed**

### **6.2 Land off Padgbury Lane**

See agenda item 2.3. AGREED not to take part in the appeals.

## **ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS**

### **7.1 Updates**

**Reported damage to Village Green, Tree etc: Claim in progress.**

**Projector & Screen for Planning usage: Clerk advised that to date he had been unable to organise any test viewings.**

**Village Green Tree Seat & surround: Chairman to draw specification for tender.**

**Rushey Hey: Information re sales activities was reported. Clerk to re-contact CE.**

### **7.2 Accident report**

**Cllr A Banks’ report of a further accident outside Astbury garage with no injury was email circulated.**

**JK CARTER  
CHAIRMAN**

**MAY 2015**