

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 08 AUGUST 2015**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 JULY 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 A Banks, SA Banks, Barton, Cliff, J & P Critchlow, Kennerley, Sharman, & Sutton

CE Cllrs Rhoda Bailey, Liz Wardlaw in attendance together with eight parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Lomas & Stanway.

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

Minute 4.3.2 relates to a matter requested to be placed on the agenda by a parishioner and in respect of which some eight parishioners attended the meeting. The matter is therefore regarded as an agenda item, not as a parishioner question.

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING 8 JULY 2015

The minutes of meeting held 8 July were agreed and signed a true record. Typographical errors relating to Annual Meeting Minutes were corrected by deletion of the incorrect words.

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.

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.

AGREED TO LEAVE ITEM ON AGENDA UNTIL MEMBERS AGREE ITS REMOVAL

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

MAY 2015 – POSSIBILITY OF PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

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.

AUG 2015 – CE too far advanced to include 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?

SEP 2011 – 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.

MAY1 2015 – KERBING AT NEW ROAD JUNCTION TO BE FITTED.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

Minutes of August meeting continued

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.

MAR 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".

AUG 2015 – Chronicle: "for rental"

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.

BOTH APPROVED

15/1529W – Bent Farm Quarry

PENDING

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

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.

Chairman advised that at the annual meeting with the quarry operators, it was stated that there may be possible future extensions of the quarrying towards Smallwood. This is contrary to what was intimated in the recent past.

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 Neighbourhood Plan, 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)

Monthly usage report email circulated.

3.4 Social & Leisure (RL)

Nil report.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

Congratulations on recent issue.

Helping Hands – re advertising in Parish Magazine – nil report.

3.6 Noticeboards

Following receipt of quotations, the possible replacement of boards was discussed.

AGREED that Clerk contact Parish Noticeboard Company to progress matters and to report to September meeting.

3.7 Ackers Crossing Telephone Box – closure notice

Clerk reported no progress to date.

ITEM 3A – NACMPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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

(A) 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.

(B) Chairman reported on a meeting with CE progressing the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

No obstacles had been put forward. Strategic review in September.

(C) Financial Control – further information to be provided.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CE)

4.1.1 Ward Member's Report – Cllr Rhoda Bailey

Footpath – initial moves have taken place to convert the existing A34 crossing, midway to the Marsh, into a “full pedestrian crossing”. Raised as a “Safe Route to School”.

Items to update:

- **A34 – 30mph limit extension – still under discussion**
Peel Drive – parking problems – still under discussion. CE Cllr Wardlaw offered to investigate status of ownership with CE.
- **Astbury Village Traffic – Road Painting to be implemented. Stuart Bateman is contact. Scheme to include bollards to edge Astbury Garage forecourt**

Cllr Sharman had originated a “paper” of possible changes to traffic flow in Astbury Village. A copy is attached to these minutes. Many comments and suggestions were made in respect of these possibilities. To allow all parishioners to be involved it was agreed that the “paper” be placed on the PC website and also detailed in a future issue of the Parish Newsletter.

4.1.2 Congleton Neighbourhood Plan/Original

Advice has been received that pursuing this matter of misuse of public funds will not succeed. To remove from future agendas.

4.1.3 Cheshire East Local Plan– latest information

An update has been email circulated to members of latest info re Congleton Link Road. A report on the wider engagement event held by CE will be published in a few weeks.

4.1.4 Parishes Election Information

Two parishioners had expressed an interest in joining the PC. Members AGREED that both be invited to attend the September meeting.

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

4.2.1 ChALC – Congleton Thematic Group

No report had been received regarding the meetings held at Sandbach re “Smart Motorway” improvements to M6.

4.2.2 Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner

No report had been received re the meeting held at Middlewich. Members were advised that the next meeting is to be held at Congleton Town Hall on 17 September, 6.30pm start.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Parishioner letter re activities on Watery Lane

Clerk reported that the matter was being investigated by CE Planning Dept. Visits have already been made and the original complainant is in touch directly with CE.

4.3.2 Parishioner complaint re Glebe Farm

A phone call had been received re the excess noise generated from certain events held at Glebe Farm extending into the late evening. Parishioners present spoke of the problems and interference caused by various events.

Following long discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact CE requesting the supply of detail of all approved Planning Applications relating to Glebe Farm and also advising of any other usages which are allowed to take place without specific planning consent.

4.3.3 Sale of Rectory

Clerk to contact diocese solicitors re possible dedication of land to be used for Safe Route to School.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – August payment	£310.00
Jane Cliff – newsletter	£372.52

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning applications received for comment

No planning application were received for comment.

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Peel Lane – possible environmental problem

Clerk to notify authority.

7.2 New Road – signage

Request for signage on A34 warning traffic from North of New Road junction. Clerk to contact CE.

7.3 A34 – parking on grass verge.

**JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN**

SEPTEMBER 2015