

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 NOVEMBER 2015**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 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**

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FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT

Chairman plus Cllrs A Banks, SA Banks, Barton, Cliff, J&P Critchlow, Kennerley, Plant, Lomas, Sharman, Stanway & Sutton.

CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CE Cllr Liz Wardlaw offered her apologies.

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

Minutes 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)

Members AGREED the removal of this item from the agenda as the lights appear to have settled into good operational order.

There were no further reports on any matters in agenda item 2.

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. Members AGREED that notices on the Parish Council website be allowed as per the email already circulated, 27 October.

3.4 Social & Leisure (RL)

A Nativity would take place generally in line with previous years on 11 & 12 December.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

Helping Hands – re advertising in Parish Magazine – no progress.

3.6 Noticeboards

Clerk reported that the Ts & Cs from Parish Noticeboard Company were not acceptable as a payment was required with order. Further contact to be made.

3.7 Ackers Crossing Telephone Box – closure notice

Nil report

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 that the Strategic Review had been given a clean bill of health.

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

AGENDA ITEM 4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CE)

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. 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's paper placed on PC website and also detailed in an issue of the Parish Newsletter due in late November
- A34/New Road junction – Rhoda has requested that this be added to the Minor Highways Improvement List

Other items reported included:

- Apologies from CE re pavement lights still not restored
- 2016 Tour of Britain Cycle Race will pass through CE
- CE very likely to be involved in geo-thermal energy extraction

4.1.2 Cheshire East Local Plan– latest information

A report on the wider engagement event held by CE not yet received.

4.1.3 Pre-budget report

Information circulated 4 November.

4.1.4 Parish Councillor Co-option

Mr Nick Plant was welcomed to his first meeting of the Parish Council by the Chairman at the start of the meeting.

4.1.5 Congleton Link Road

Update email circulated 28 October. Planning Application now submitted.

4.1.6 Local Plan – Hearing Dates

Information email circulated 19 October.

A candidates sites meeting to be held on 11 November. Neighbourhood Plan team member attending.

4.1.7 Local Councils Conference 2015 on 10 December

Venue to be advised.

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

4.2.1 ChALC – Congleton Thematic Group

Meetings at Sandbach re “Smart Motorway” improvements to M6: detailed report emailed 4 November.

4.2.2 Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Meeting at Congleton, 17 September: 5-page detailed report email circulated 5 November.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Parishioner letter re activities on Watery Lane

September report: the matter is being investigated by CE Planning Dept. Visits have already been made and the original complainant is in touch directly with CE who have been requested to keep NACMPC in the information loop.

November: obvious difficulties in making progress. CE continuing investigation/action. Email information circulated 28 October.

4.3.2 Parishioner complaint re Glebe Farm

A letter has been sent to CE with copies to CE Cllrs Bailey and Wardlaw. To keep parishioners informed a copy of the letter has also been forwarded to Mr Harrison.

November: no reply from CE as yet.

4.3.3 Sale of Rectory

Members AGREED to remove this item from agenda.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk – September, October & November payments £940.00

5.2 Annual Return – 2014-2015

Despite the problems due to the poor health of the Clerk, there was a clear report from the auditors although an internal audit had not taken place.

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning applications received for comment

15/4480C – Congleton Link Road

In the light of previous comments and information members agreed that a letter be sent opposing the build of the Link Road.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

7.1 Payment for use of Village Hall

Cllr Barton reported that the matter of non-payment by the parish Council had been raised at a meeting of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Barton agreed to obtain a statement of the position from the Treasurer to be passed to the Clerk.

7.2 Christmas Lights

Cllr Cliff agreed to contact the installer and check re any possible new materials required to the electricity supply.

From previous meetings

7.3 Daffodil planting

Cllr A Banks to contact Astbury Meadow GC and Chairman to contact Congleton GC re supply of bulbs for planting late 2015.

7.4 Peel Lane – pavement lighting

Not working between Egerton Arms and Peel Drive – CE Cllr Bailey to report. See item 4.1.1.

7.5 Lychgate Light

Repair/replacement required. Chairman liaising with parishioner to arrange repair.

7.6 Cheshire railings

Cllr P Critchlow to supply info to Clerk re grant monies.

7.7 Village – Tourist Information Board on church wall

Requires repair/replacement. Cllr Barton to investigate.

7.8 Fairfield, Astbury Village – erection of fence

CE have acknowledged receipt but as yet no report received. Planning Application refused but resubmitted.

7.9 New Road

Request signage on A34 warning traffic from North of New Road junction. See item 4.1.1.

**JK CARTER
CHAIRMAN**

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