

**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 13 JANUARY 2016**

**AGENDA**

**APOLOGIES**

**PARISHIONER QUESTIONS**

- 1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 NOVEMBER 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, Barton, Cliff, J & P Critchlow, Kennerley, Plant, Sharman & Sutton.

CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance. CE CLLR Wardlaw offered apologies.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs SA Banks, Lomas & Stanway. CE Cllr Liz Wardlaw offered her apologies.

## ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 AUGUST 2015

Due to ill-health of clerk, minutes were deferred to 10 February 2016 meeting.

## ITEM 2 – PROGRESS REPORT ON PREVIOUS MINUTE MATTERS

There were no matters raised. Any notified changes re planning application decisions etc have been amended in the text.

### 2.1 CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS (CEH)

#### 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.**

### **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”  
JAN 2016 – Submission of information request to Cheshire East Planning ex Macclesfield Council  
Application 15/5648C – see Agenda Item 6.**

Letter submitted to CE 15/01/16

### **2.3 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS**

**15/1529W – Bent Farm Quarry: 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. 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.

JAN 2016 – decision is still awaited

**PENDING**

**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**

### **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.**

### **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)**

Helping Hands – re advertising in Parish Magazine.

### **3.6 Noticeboards**

In view of the difficulties experienced in contacting suppliers and also supplier conditions ie cash with order, it is suggested that the matter of replacement boards be re-examined.

There has been an article published in the Clerk magazine which contains more full information as to providers /manufacturers of noticeboards than previously noted.

### **3.7 Ackers Crossing Telephone Box – possible purchase**

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) Financial Control – further information to be provided.

(C) Congleton Town Council – information emailed 2 December.

## **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
- Members advised order of priority on minor road improvements to be:
  1. Astbury Marsh - improved crossing of A34.
  2. Peel Drive – attention to rutting of verges
  3. New Road/A34 junction – junction markings

#### **4.1.2 Cheshire East Local Plan– latest information**

No information from CE since last meeting

#### **4.1.3 Pre-budget report**

Information circulated 4 November.

#### **4.1.4 Parish Councillor Co-option**

Nick Plant to be supplied with necessary paperwork.

#### **4.1.5 Congleton Link Road**

Update email circulated 28 October. Planning Application now submitted. Letter sent in response to CE.

#### **4.1.6 Local Plan – Candidate Sites – meeting wed 11 November at Westfields.**

Neighbourhood Plan representative attended – no real significance for parishes.

#### **4.1.7 Road Signs – Clearing & Cleaning**

Information emailed 4 December.

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

#### **4.2.1 ChALC – Planning Training**

Crewe YMCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 10am-12noon: information email circulated 10 December.

#### **4.2.2 CHALC – Transparency Fund**

Information emailed 4 December. AGREED Cllr Sharman to investigate possible requirements.

### **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. There has been correspondence with CE to CE Cllr Wardlaw but this did not answer the points raised with CE in our letter.

Further Planning Application now received – see Agenda Item 6.

#### **4.3.3 Cheshire Fire – Blue Light Collaboration**

Information email circulated 10 December

#### **4.3.4 Cheshire Police – Precept 2015-16**

Information emailed 10 December.

#### **4.3.5 Lychgate Lantern Repair**

Repair invoice received.

#### **4.3.6 TESCO Community Scheme**

Information emailed 3 December.

### **ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Clerk – December & January payments	£620.00
Jane Cliff – Newsletter/Astbury Traffic distribution	£516.52

#### **5.2 Village Hall Bookings**

Detail received at meeting from Cllr Barton. To be forwarded to Clerk for checking and payment as necessary. To February meeting.

#### **5.3 Lychgate Light Repair**

Mr Tim Gresty submitted a repair invoice in the sum of £172.54. To February meeting.

#### **5.4 Village – Tourist Information Board on church wall**

Requires repair/replacement. Cllr Barton offered to undertake the necessary work at a maximum cost of £50. To February meeting.

### **ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS**

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

15/5590T – Egerton Arms: tree works  
Information emailed.  
AGREED – NO OBJECTION

**PERMIT**

15/5648C – Land East of Gorse Lane (Lavender House)  
(See previous email info circled in late 2015).  
AGREED – Chairman & Cllr Sharman to submit response to CE advising  
planning history of this site.

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL**

**15/5835C – 1, Peel Drive**

**First Floor side extension and single storey rear extension.**

**AGREED – DECISION DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY MEETING**

**15/5854C – Glebe Farm**

**Expansion of established agricultural diversification to improve coffee lounge and kitchen facilities, canopy to courtyard, change of use of former agricultural buildings to craft / workshops / retail units, and additional / overflow car parking with permeable surface (part retrospective), variation of conditions restricting hours of use and origin of sales.**

**Seven parishioners attended the meeting to express their concerns at this application seeking to expand commercial activity at Glebe Farm.**

**AGREED – DECISION DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY MEETING**

**NB Please note that Cheshire East have not responded to our letter requesting detail of existing agreed applications etc as per our letter of 18 August. I have today spoken to John Lindsay, Cheshire East Planning Enforcement Officer who is in the process of sorting a full reply to our letter asap.**

**ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS**

**7.1 Daffodil planting**

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

**7.2 Cheshire Railings**

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

**7.3 New Road**

**Request signage on A34 warning traffic from North of New Road junction.**

**7.4 Mow Lane**

**Pot holes etc at Winterton's bend.**

**7.5 Fence Lane**

**Water on road from overflowing ditch.**

**7.6 Village Green**

**Dean Trust may assist with maintenance/improvement of village green tree circular seat and surround. Chairman to prepare sketch and specification of work.**

**7.7 Astbury Rectory**

**Dean Trust may also assist with maintenance of land between rectory and Astbury School which is understood to be excluded from sale of rectory.**



**7.8 Wall Hill Lane**

**Request for information as to Parish Council's response to Congleton Link Road approach to traffic on Wall Hill Lane.**

**JK CARTER  
CHAIRMAN**

**FEBRUARY 2016**