

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 APRIL 2016**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

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C POINTON CLERK

MAY 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 13 2016

**PRESENT Vice Chairman plus Cllrs A Banks, SA Banks, Barton, Cliff, J & P
Critchlow, Kennerley, Plant & Sharman.. CE Cllr Rhoda Bailey in attendance**

**APOLOGIES – Chairman plus Cllrs Lomas & Stanway
CE Cllr Wardlaw also offered her apologies.**

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 MARCH 2016

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 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

MAY15 – 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.

2.1.2 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.
APR13 - STREAM EDGING/FENCING REPAIR STILL OUTSTANDING.
MAY15 – KERBING AT NEW ROAD JUNCTION TO BE FITTED.

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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

Now moved to agenda item 6.2.

2.3 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Now moved to agenda item 6.3.

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 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 reported:

- (a) Monthly "visitations" email circulated,
- (b) Transparency code – report delayed to May meeting.

3.4 Social & Leisure (LL&RL)

Nil report. Cllr Lomas apologies.

3.5 Newsletter (J&PC)

Cllrs Critchlow reported:

Helping Hands – re advertising in Parish Magazine: no progress, remove from minutes

3.6 Noticeboards

Cllr Plant offered to investigate the possibility of repair/replacement, hopefully to report to the May meeting.

3.7 Ackers Crossing Telephone Box – closure notice

Possible purchase for use as “noticeboard”. Clerk to attempt contact through BT as no reply from CE.

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 acceptable to the Parish Council to allow a seamless changeover of reporting to the PC.

(b) Financial Control – full information and method still not notified. Historic information not yet provided re grant application. Dates of Village Hall hirings still not confirmed.

(c) Grant letter – Clerk has become main contact. ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CE)

4.1.1 Ward Member's Report – Cllr Rhoda Bailey, Cllr Wardlaw

CE Cllr Bailey provided a report on CE matters including Clean for the Queen. Cllr Sutton advised that pigeon racing would be taking place at Bent Farm.

Items to update:

- A34 – 30mph limit extension – still under discussion by CE
- Peel Drive – parking problems – still under discussion. CE Cllr Wardlaw has advised status of land ownership extremely difficult for Cheshire East to determine with CE.
- Astbury Village Traffic – Stuart Bateman is no longer the contact. Road Painting to be implemented and scheme to include bollards to edge Astbury Garage forecourt. Work is scheduled for early April.
- Cllr Sharman's Paper delayed. Hopefully report to May meeting

4.1.2 Cheshire East Local Plan

Latest information email circulated.

(a) CE Residential Design Guide Consultation: Local Councils meetings to be held at Crewe, 14 April and at Congleton Town Hall on Wednesday 20 April @ 6pm. Info email circulated.

(b) Allocation of Gypst/Traveller sites: letter ex CE to ChALC email circulated. Clerk to investigate status of Astbury Marsh site.

4.1.3 Congleton Link Road

Letters sent in response to CE planning application and in respect of Wall Hill Lane traffic both email circulated to members.

CE have not replied to the request for proposed actions re Wall Hill Lane and Brownlow Heath Lane

4.1.4 Queen's 90th birthday

CE funding for street parties etc. Applications by 6 May. Info email circulated, No suggestions for Parish activities.

4.2 ChALC/SLCC/CTP/(CCA), PCC

No items received.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS

4.3.1 Watery Lane – parishioner complaint

SEPTEMBER 2015: 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 2015: Obvious difficulties in making progress. CE continuing investigation/action. Email info circulated 28 October.

MARCH 2016: CE advise that action has been taken by CE.

APRIL 2016: Long historic email ex Martin Sheard email circulated.
(TO INCLUDE DETAIL OF CE ACTION)

4.3.1A 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.

JANUARY 2016 – 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.

Planning Application 15/5854C received – **DECISION PENDING.**

4.3.2 Sale of Rectory

Clerk has contacted diocese solicitors re possible dedication of land to be used for Safe Route to School. Reply: already know of request.

JANUARY 2016 – possible aid ex William Dean Trust. See item 7 in Jan minutes.

Rumoured delays in sale completion.

4.3.3 Astbury “Scrambling” days

Parishioner complaint email circulated info ex Mr Worthington. Clerk to obtain further information re CE planning department lack of notification etc, clarification of allowed events, and request future notification as previously supplied to Parish Council.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Accounts for payment, including VAT as appropriate

Clerk –April payment	£310.00
Newsletter – March edition -	£378.20
Village Local Map Board repair materials	£47.33
Astbury Village Hall – room hire – this has still to be agreed as Neighbourhood Plan detail is still not available. Clerk to contact Village Hall treasurer to finalise.	

AGENDA ITEM 6 PLANNING MATTERS

(JULIE – YOU WILL HAVE THE DECISIONS WRITTEN ON THE PLANNING SHEETS)

ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning applications received for comment

16/1449C – OAKLEIGH, CHILDS LANE

Householder prior approval application.

Prior approval of a single storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling extending 7 metres beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 4 metres and eaves height of 2.3 metres.

Comments by 20 April. Passed to Planning Committee.

16/1427C – WALLHILL FARM, SANDBACH ROAD

Conversion of barn to 2 x 3 bedroom houses.

Comments by 27 April.

16/1226C – 12 BROWNLOW HEATH LANE

Amendment to application 15/4555C

Side extension comprising lounge, hall, cloakroom & Utility and internal alterations together with part demolition of outbuilding and parking for 2 cars.

Comments by 21 April

6.2 Previous Applications

16/0405N – Whitehouse Farm, Moss Road

PENDING

Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and provision of new detached dwelling and garage.

16/0913C – Dubthorn Barn, Watery Lane

PENDING

**Proposed single storey side extension to form porch
NO OBJECTION**

15/5835C – 1, Peel Drive

APPROVED

**First Floor side extension and single storey rear extension.
NO OBJECTION**

15/5854C – Glebe Farm

PENDING

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.

ITEM 7 – MEMBERS ITEMS

Annual Joint Parishes Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting: AGREED the meetings to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 11 May @ 7.30.

Previous items progress

Daffodil planting – Cllr A Banks to contact Astbury Meadow GC and Chairman to contact Congleton GC re supply of bulbs for planting late 2015. Cllr A Banks reported he had obtained a large quantity of bulbs. Chairman no contact to date.

Mow Lane/Dodds Lane – Extreme damage to surface at junction. Pressure on CE to take swift action. Emails ex PS/RB info circulated. CE to be chased.

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.

Village – Peel Lane pavement lights still not operational. CE to be chased.

Rushey Hey – two static caravans now appear to be permanently occupied. With CE. CE to be chased.