

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 2016 at Astbury Village Hall.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor N Sharman - website

Public Forum

Nobody present

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (Chairman), Councillor R Sutton (Vice Chairman), Councillor N Sharman, Councillor P Stanway, Councillor J Critchlow, Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor S Banks, Councillor N Barton, Councillor N Plant and Councillor R Bailey *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

19/16 Apologies

Councillor A Banks due to work commitments, Councillor R Lomas due to a prior arrangement, Councillor P Cliff due to a family commitment and Councillor C Kennerley work commitments.

20/16 Minutes

The retired clerk had submitted minutes for 13th April 2016.

Amendment - Councillor J Carter was absent due to holidays and Councillor R Sutton chaired the meeting.

Resolved the minutes from 13th April 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.(noted late and not transparent)

11/16 Amendment- although it was now legal for the clerk to approve cheques it was agreed that two Councillors would always approve cheques at full Council meetings unless a payment was outstanding between meetings and in this instance the Clerk would approve with one other Councillor.

Resolved the minutes from 11th May 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

21/16 Matters arising from last meeting

Drawing of paving around tree on the Green – the chairman requested this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Parish Boundary Signs

Councillor P Critchlow had drawn some signs for the Parish boundary signs and the clerk had obtained a quote.

Resolved the Clerk would instruct Nuneaton Signs to make and install 3 Parish Boundary signs.

BT box at Ackers Crossing

The Clerk had made enquires about the adoption of the BT phone box from BT. The contract had been circulated to members.

Resolved the Parish Council would adopt the BT phone box and inform the residents on the website and the next newsletter. It would be added to the fixed asset register and the insurance policy.

It was agreed that there would be a request to ask residents what they would like the box to be used for in the future in the newsletter.

Resolved the clerk would obtain some quotes to repaint the phone box.

22/16 Highways

Traffic Calming Survey in the Village

The Chairman thanked Councillor N Sharman for all the hard work he had put into completing the survey. It was an excellent report.

The Chairman asked all members to read the report and it would be placed on the next agenda for actions.

It would also be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Team.

HGV's on Wharf Lane

This was noted and would be monitored in the future.

23/16 Neighbourhood Plan

There was a meeting scheduled for 15th June.

The funding application was still outstanding.

24/16 Notice boards

Councillor N Plant asked for this to be deferred to the next meeting.

25/16 Register of Interests

Since the new Clerk had taken over there had only been one ROI handed over to date. This was a legal requirement and although some were on the website there were no signatures available.

If the old clerk could not retrieve the documents the ROI would have to be completed again by each Councillor.

26/16 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £15,281.53

Payments

- £650.00 Astbury Village Hall (arrears of payment 2014/16)
- £240.00 Astbury Village Hall (room hire April – December 2016)
- £100.00 Mr G Roberts (for completing audit 2015/16)
- £25.00 Mrs M Pennington Internal Auditor

Receipts

- Nil

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as above.

Resolved a meeting would be arranged by the clerk to close one of the two bank accounts at the RBS and update the address. Councillor S Banks and Councillor J Carter would attend.

The Sandy Lane Action Group” have decided to abandon and it had been agreed that the monies that were still available to the group would be distributed to APC, Somerford PC and Brereton PC in relation to initial contributions, it was anticipated Astbury would receive approximately £600 to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor N Sharman left the room.

27/16 Website

As the website was a key part in the functioning and adherence of procedure to the Parish Council it was suggested that it was updated and maintained on a regular basis by a professional body. There was no other option when implementing the Transparency Code.

NP - proposed that Councillor N Sharman would update and maintain the website.

SAB – seconded

VOTE – unanimous

Resolved Councillor N Sharman would implement/upgrade the website and update current documents on a monthly basis.

The cost would not exceed the Transparency Grant fund the Clerk had applied for from CHALC/NALC.

Resolved Councillor A Banks would be the support Councillor responsible for implementing the Transparency Code with the Clerk.

Councillor N Sharman returned to the meeting.

28/16 Cheshire East

Councillor R Bailey informed members that the compulsory land purchases for the Congleton Link Road would be discussed in cabinet on Tuesday 14th June.

15/4480C CLR was on the agenda at the SPB on Wednesday 15th June.

Safer routes to School were discussed.

29/16 Planning Applications

- 16/2189C Land West of Padgebury Lane , (south site) Padgebury Lane, Congleton CW12 4LR variation of conditions 4,5,6,7,8,9,14,15,17,18,20 &24 to planning app 13/4216C – outline planning to 150 dwellings and associated infrastructure

Resolved Objection with comments.

- 15/4480C Congleton Link Road.

This application was on the agenda on 15.06.16 and the PC had been allocated 5 minutes.

Resolved Councillor P Cliff would attend to speak about the concerns of the traffic calming measures on Wallhill Lane/ Brownlow Heath.

30/16 Chairman and Members report

The Chairman had attended the meeting at the sand quarry on Tuesday 7th June. He fed back information to members.

Councillor R Bailey left at 9.25pm

PART 2

Resolved; "That in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as extended by the Local Government Act 1972 section 100 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the under mentioned item on the grounds that the publication of the matter would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

The Clerk read out the internal auditors report.

See appendix 1

31/16 Resolved the Audit for 2015/16 would be accepted as a true and accurate record.

32/16 the next meeting would be the on 13th July at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm