

## **NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Astbury Village Hall.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor P Cliff – 16/3137C

### **Public Forum**

Nobody present

### **Part 1**

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

### **33/16 Apologies**

Councillor C Kennerley work commitments and Councillor S Banks due to a family illness.

### **34/16 Minutes**

26/16 Accounts - an addition of "*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"

**Resolved** the minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> June were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **35/16 Matters arising from last meeting**

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

#### Notice boards in the Parish

Councillor N Plant apologised that due to time commitments he was unable to source the notice boards.

He had researched a company 'Greenbarnes'. The clerk had also researched companies 'theParishnoticeboardcompany' and 'Harry Stebbing' - prices and designs were discussed by members. The best value for money and future maintenance was considered.

RL proposed - the Council would order 4 black brushed steel aluminium 8 x A4 notice boards for the parish with gold lettering on the top.

JC – Seconded

VOTE – FOR unanimous. AGAINST- Nil

**Resolved** the Council would order 4 black brushed steel aluminium 8 x A4 notice boards for the parish with gold lettering on the top and a magnetic backing board. Three

of the notice boards would require legs.

#### BT Phone box

This had been adopted and the clerk had received a kit to repaint the phone box. This would be communicated in the next newsletter and after comments a decision would be taken by the PC. The phone box would be added as a liability but not a replacement asset on the insurance policy.

#### Training Session by Gary Roberts from Odd Rode Parish Council on Audit Compliance.

It was agreed GR would attend the September meeting at a cost of £25.00.

### **36/16 Register of Interests**

Since the employment of a new clerk it had become apparent that there were no hard copies of the Councillors 'Register of Interests'. These as a matter of priority would now have to be completed and returned to the new clerk. All Councillors were presented with a hard copy to complete and return. It was a breach of the code of conduct if the Councillor failed to complete and sign.

### **37/16 Highways**

Councillor S Banks and the Clerk had met again with Mr Simon Wallace - Senior Engineer from CE Highways on 8<sup>th</sup> July (first site visit with Mr John Tickle- Senior Highways and Mr Richard Cooper on 10<sup>th</sup> June).

The following agreements had been made at Wharf Lane –

- Road Safety team to visit Fence Lane and do a safety assessment on the bend and the ditch. Chevron signs, bend warning sign and a SLOW warning on the bend were suggested.
- There should be a no through road sign on the junction of Fence Lane and Yew Tree Lane and will be done as future works.
- The side of carriageway needs filling as part of the carriageway and cleaning of sign -  
Enquiry Reference Number: 3259794. Enquiry Subject: Conditions of Signs  
Street: Fence Lane. Date Logged: 13/07/2016

#### Traffic Calming Survey

Councillor N Sharman had completed the traffic calming survey and it had been circulated.

There were key proposals around the green that had been suggested –

- Alignment of southern exit to A34
- Alignment of eastern apex of Village Green
- Chicane and refuge at northern church steps.
- Closure of northern exit to A34
- Conversion of roads around green to one way working
- Road surfaces
- Speed limit review.

The Chairman reminded the PC that this part of Astbury since 1971 was part of a 'Conservation Area' and the speed of traffic and calming measures were part of this agreement.

**Resolved** the report would be sent to Highways at Cheshire East and their viewpoint would be sought before any further action would be taken by the PC. Councillor N

Sharman would action.

### Grass Cutting on the Green

The Chairman had been approached by a local company to tender for the work of cutting the grass on the green. The Clerk would ensure his details were passed to Cheshire East.

### **38/16 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman updated members with progress. The Clerk had received the funding from 'Groundworks UK'. This was excellent news as the monies would assist with the completion of the plan and the publication costs. There was also one key outstanding invoice.

Regulation 15 would be emerging in August.

### **39/16 Accounts**

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

#### Payments

- £20.00 Cheshire Community Action
- £2,374.75 Nuneaton Signs (4 boundary signs)
- £783.96 Cranage Parish Council (clerks salary from May to June)
- £54.60 Clerks expenses (May to June)

#### Receipts

- £680.00 Transparency fund CHALC  
Neighbourhood Plan
- £3,635.00 Groundworks UK

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

The signatures had been amended at the RBS. The confirmed signatures were John Carter, Sally Banks, Peter Cliff and Julie Mason.

Councillor A Banks would gain quotes for a laptop and a projector, this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **40/16 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct**

The Clerk had circulated all the above to members on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Resolved** the documents above would be adopted by the Parish Council.

### **41/16 Website**

Councillor A Banks had taken photographs of all members for the website.

Councillor N Sharman updated members on the progress of the website to date. The transparency code was discussed and points to still action were noted.

### **42/16 Cheshire East**

Councillor R Bailey completed an accident history and required some more detailed information regarding an accident that had happened that week involving a motor bike.

The 'Green Gap' had been challenged by Cheshire East and other councils, this referred to the green space between villages and towns. It had been heard in the high court to be considered in planning law. It had now been given the right of appeal in the Supreme Court for all councils over the country. This was good news for the rural areas. RB went on the update members on the 14/4480C CLR decision at the SPB on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. She had passed on the PC comments about the increased impact on the 'rat run' from A534 to the A34 along Wallhill Lane and through Brownlow. It had been agreed that no action would be taken on traffic calming measures unless consultation with the PC. The Chairman thanked her for her efforts.

#### **43/16 Planning Applications**

- The Rectory in Astbury

The Chairman updated members that the Rectory had sold again. There were concerns about the standard of the outside of the building. The walk way to the school was overgrown and untidy.

**Resolved** the clerk would write to the Diocese to express concern and to note that the William Dean Trust had offered a contribution to maintain the walkway.

- Acumlow Farm – planning permission and change of use concerns had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Council would approach the tenant to ask for clarification.

*Councillor P Cliff left the room*

- 16/3137C 1, Alcumlow Cottages, Brook Lane, Brownlow, CW12 4TJ. Extension to existing barn. Fully accessible dwelling proposed, utilising roof line, structure and facade materials predominately.

**Resolved** No Objection. It was to remain freehold and be an annexe part of the main dwelling. It was for elderly relatives.

*Councillor P Cliff returned to the meeting.*

- 16/2842C Gorse Cottage, Astbury, Cheshire CW12 3NR  
Construction of Dwelling

**Resolved** Objection.

This was a conflict of the NPPF paragraph 87 & 89. It was inappropriate development in the green belt and an unsustainable site.

#### **44/16 Chairman's Report**

There had been an email received from Mr P Taylor from 'Bonneyfield Cottage', Mow Lane thanking the Council for the resurface but there was a blocked drain that needed reporting and if not dealt with the new surface would damage.

The Clerk was requested to action

Councillor P Cliff had been approached by Mr R Ward from Whitethorn Farm to support a grant for new holiday lets when converting a farm building.

The Chairman would forward the NP policy which supported such adventures in the parish.

#### **45/16 Clerks Report**

**Resolved** The Chairman signed the Clerks new employment contract.

The clerk discussed training options available to all Councillors.

**46/16 The next meeting would be the on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 9.40 pm**