

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at Astbury Village Hall.

Declaration of Interest

None declared

Public Forum

Nobody present

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (Chairman), Councillor R Sutton (Vice Chairman), Councillor N Sharman, Councillor C Kennerley, Councillor J Critchlow, Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor A Banks, Councillor N Barton, Councillor R Lomas (*arrived 7.50pm*) and Councillor L Wardlow *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

47/16 Apologies

Councillor N Plant due to work commitments, Councillor P Stanway due to an injury, Councillor P Cliff due to work commitments and Councillor S Banks due to a family illness.

48/16 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 13th July 2016 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

49/16 Matters arising from last meeting

Drawing of paving around tree on the Green – the chairman circulated a drawing of the proposed paved area, to be added by the Parish Council, by the seating area around the tree on the green in the village. All members supported the proposal with some concerns from N Barton about the edging for future breaking with the lawn mower.

Resolved the Clerk would request tenders for the work to be completed.

Grass cutting tender

Clerk had responded and forwarded details to CE

Letter sent to the Ven Ian Bishop regarding the Vicarage.

The Clerk read out the letter that had been sent requesting support in tidying up the Vicarage. It was dated 19th July and no response had been received. It was agreed that the letter would be forwarded to the estate agents.

Acumlow Farm – planning permission

A Banks had made contact with the owner and it seemed that everything was in order especially with outside functions and the noise levels. It was agreed that the owner would be invited to the next meeting – AB to arrange.

Mr P Taylor (resident) - highways issues

The clerk had reported 3260753 plus fly tipping which had been addressed.

Laptop and projector

A Banks had researched costs including Microsoft office and security. This was circulated to members. It was in the region of £700.00 for everything after three quotes had been retrieved.

R Lomas proposed the PC purchased a laptop, projector, Microsoft Office and security subject to the Clerk agreeing further funding for the Transparency Code.

J Critchlow seconded this proposal.

VOTE – FOR - RL, JC, PC, JKC, CK, AB, NS. ABSTAIN- RS

Resolved The clerk would apply for further funding from CHALC and if successful the equipment would be purchased.

Mile Stone Post

The Chairman informed members that P Critchlow intended to re paint the mile stone on Magpie Hill.

50/16 Newsletter

The Clerk pointed out that the cost of the newsletter was high over the year and challenged if more could included. The Annual newsletter needed to have more content and the accounts published.

It was agreed members would message ideas/articles before the publication of the newsletter in September.

N Barton would ask the Village Hall if they wished anything to be included.

51/16 Highways

Traffic Calming Survey – a meeting was still outstanding with highways from CE. L Wardlow suggested making contact with Mr J Tickle

Parish Boundary Signs

There had been comments made from the public about the wording of the new Parish boundary signs, some thought it should have stated the village of 'Astbury' not 'Newbold Astbury' and 'Moreton cum Alcumlow'. It was stated this was the legal name of the Parishes and correct. No further action would be taken.

52/16 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman updated members with progress, there had been a meeting on Tuesday 2nd August. The Regulation 15 draft document would be circulated before the next meeting in September to members. There had been amendments made after comments on Regulation 14.

53/16 Notice Boards

The clerk had gained three quotes for the aluminium notice boards.

- £1,725.00 plus VAT (basic range)
- £4,336.10 plus VAT
- £5,386.00 plus VAT (prestige range) - £6,150 plus VAT with ornate style posts.

It was agreed that if a discount could be attained from the Parish Notice board Company for the prestige notice boards they would be instructed.

54/16 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £17,753.11 (£14,118.11 PC + £3,635.00 NP).

Payments

- £14.80 Councillor P Critchow (paint for mile stone) Neighbourhood Plan
- £45.00 Mr D & JH Muir (printing)
- £375.84 Thomson Planning Partnership Ltd

Receipts

- £453.22 HMRC VAT claim (past 3 years)

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

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council were eligible for more Transparency Code funding to assist with the laptop. It would be submitted before the next meeting.

55/16 Fixed Asset Register

A newspaper piece of evidence regarding the bench around the tree, on the green had been given to the Clerk showing it had been donated by the WI in 2000 to the Parish Council.

56/16 Website

NS updated members on the progress of the website all Councillors now had a profile picture. It was more informative and the Transparency Code had been achieved. AB had circulated some photographs to add.

57/16 Grant Funding Policy

This policy had been circulated to all members. The granted fund for one request to be set at £250.00 except with exceptional circumstances.

Resolved the Grant Funding Policy would be adopted by the Parish Council

58/16 Cheshire East

Councillor L Warlow discussed the Tour of Britain travelling through Congleton on 6th September 2016. The event will be bringing between 154,000 average spectators to stage 3. The route and activities were discussed. Councillor R Sutton noted the quarry were sponsors

59/16 Planning Applications

- 16/3635C School House Farm, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 4RG Variation of Condition 3 (15/2822C)
Resolved Objection with comments
- 16/3458C Three Oaks, Childs Lane Brownlow CW12 4TG New extension to replace existing extensions to rear and side elevations to the rear and side elevations and new porch
Resolved No Objection
- 16/3449C Wallhill Farm, Sandbach Road, Wall Hill Cheshire CW12 4TE
Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural to a dwelling.

Resolved No Objection. NB two dwellings not one as stated.

60/16 Chairman and Members Report

The BT phone box had been added to the insurance but was not insured for replacement costs only for accidental damage.

Resolved the phone box would be added to the insurance policy at a value of £2,500.

Councillor P Critchlow wished the footpaths along the A34 from the parish boundary to Childs Lane to be reported as they were overgrown and not walkable.

61/16 Clerks report

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council should be a member of the ICCO Freedom of Information.

62/16 The next meeting would be the on 14th September 2016 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm