

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 at Astbury Village Hall.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Banks and Councillor R Lomas in Alcumlow Farm.

Public Forum

4 members of the public

Mr Gary Roberts from Odd Rode Parish Council, Mr Andrew Thomson Planning Consultant and Mr Don Muir Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Gary Roberts

There was a training presentation to explain to full Council the responsibilities of a public body in relation to financial movements. There was an explanation including a presentation of the audit procedure which should be completed at the end of each financial year. The Internal and External auditor's responsibilities were presented and the changes to be implemented in 2017/18. The priority of a risk assessment was explained. GR tried to explain the responsibilities the Council had to the electoral role when ensuring the precept is managed both by the Responsible Financial Officer and the members. The power point presentation would be circulated to members.

The proprietors of Alcumlow Farm

Due to the recent concerns about planning permission and change of use the proprietors had attended the meeting to explain and alleviate concerns. The noise level of music decibels, at outside functions, was within the required limits and the time of closure was always 11.30pm. Planning permission had been gained for change of use and the parking. The Chairman thanked them for attending.

Residents from Brownlow Heath

They had attended to raise concerns about the traffic flow from the A534 down Wallhill Lane through Brownlow Heath to gain access to the A34. It was a 'rat run' and getting worse due to the parked cars and the speed of traffic. They wanted support from the Parish Council as to what traffic calming measures could be put in place before the further impact of the Congleton Link Road was added.

Part 1

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

62/16 Apologies

Councillor N Sharman due to annual holidays, Councillor S Banks due to family illness

and Councillor C Kennerley due to work commitments .

63/16 Minutes

50/16 *It was agreed members would message ideas/articles before the publication of the newsletter in September*

Resolved the minutes from 10th August 2016 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

64/16 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Andrew Thomson - Planning Consultant and Mr D Muir (NP member) had attended to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. Astbury Parish Council had reached Regulation 15 will hand the NP to Cheshire East which will be reviewed for a 6 week review period. There had been a NP bill passed last week which reiterated the importance of the NP. CE had a statutory 6 week consultation period where all the statutory consultees would comment on the plan. CE then may decide to change the NP or not, but within Regulation 15 the committee had followed this process so this should not result in any surprises. They would speak with the PC first. An independent inspector would then examine the NP and may visit the area before returning comments to CE and then the PC. The PC does have an opportunity to disagree. There would then be a referendum held in the parish (where 50% of the voters had to support the plan) on the NP before it is adopted. All residents would then have a copy of the plan.

65/16 Matters arising from last meeting

Letter from Ven Ian Bishop

In response to the letter sent to the estate agent there had been a response from the Ven acknowledging the deterioration of the Rectory. There had been some outside garden work completed over the last two weeks. It seemed that there now had been a new sale agreed but the access from the Village Hall to the school was under dispute. It was agreed the Clerk would make contact again with the estate agent to ask if there could be an 'easement' over the land and a compromise reached and the access could be retained.

Acumlow Farm

After the report had been made in the public forum everything seemed in order.

Insurance on BT box

The Clerk had now insured the box with 'Came and Company'. A suggestion of a water fountain had been made to go , from the newsletter – the clerk would acknowledge. It was agreed the clerk would make enquires about a quote to paint the BT box.

Footpaths along the A34

Phil C acknowledged these had not been actioned.

66/16 Paving area around the bench on the village green

The clerk had met with three builders to tender for the work of building a paved area around the bench –

- Mr G Whittaker
- Mr K Dooley (failed to tender as too busy to carry out the work)
- Mr J Gardener

AB proposed JG. PC seconded JG
VOTE – Unanimous

Resolved Mr J Gardener would be appointed to carry out the work.

67/16 Newsletter

The newsletter had been distributed this month. The Women's Institute, Ladies Fellowship, Village Hall and the Council had all agreed to add an article next time. The Clerk would ensure the news items would be added to the website.

68/16 PC Ruth Thomas

Ruth was the new beat officer for Astbury Parish. The clerk would invite her to attend the next meeting.

69/16 Highways

- Traffic Calming Survey – NS had now submitted this to highways for comments
- Wharf Lane/ Fence Lane – it had been agreed with the Road Safety Team that there is a need for chevron signs, bend warning signs and SLOW on the road. Simon Wallace advised that the actions would be taken before Christmas. Highways had taken no action about the filling in on the opposite side of the road
- Daffodils – RS would organise the soil being tested on the green and the purchasing of some bulbs.
- Signs in the Parish – the clerk asked for some support with the reporting of damaged signs and dirty warning signs across the parish.
- The traffic lights need reporting on the bridge as they were facing the wrong way.
- Astbury boundary sign was damaged
- Chance Hall lane sign was damaged
- Private parking sign had been removed from the PC notice board on the Village Hall– NB would action

70/16 Notice boards

The Parish Notice Board Company reduced their quotation to £4725.00 + VAT so the PC had instructed them as upon inspection they were the best value for money and a local company.

The four new notice boards had been installed in the parish on Tuesday.

71/16 Business Plan

The PC requires a business plan to form the direction of the Parish for the next 3/5 years which will then lead to the budget process and precept.

The clerk suggested that at the next meeting she would devise a sheet for all Councillors to complete within the meeting to cover everybody's ideas and expectations so a business plan could be devised before the November meeting. The Clerk requested all Councillors visited the 'common land' owned by the Parish Council in Brownlow to see if it was a venture worth pursuing.

72/16 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £17,770.69 (£14,556.53 PC + £3,214.16 NP).

Payments

- £240.00 Fat Arrow (website)
- £6,270.00 The Parish Notice Board Company (including £500.00 installation fee)
- £149.94 The Parish Notice Board Company (magnets)

Receipts

- £3,990.00 Precept CE

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

73/16 Cheshire East

Councillor R Bailey made members aware of a planning application in Bunbury in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The new rules in Route Reviews were discussed as when considering new speed limits the police were now taking into account driver's habits before recommendations were put forward.

The devolution powers were discussed.

74/16 Planning Applications

16/4396C LEEWOOD HOUSE, 1, FENCE LANE, NEWBOLD
ASTBURY, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 3NL Proposed
single storey rear extension **Resolved** No objection

75/16 Chairman and Members Report

The chairman discussed a letter from Minerva Arts who were proposing to develop a project in the village – the clerk was requesting to gain some more information before a financial contribution was made by the PC.

CK had sent a request to report a blocked drain on Fence Lane.

AB wished to discuss the training schedule for 2017. It was agreed members could attend if they wished as it was of great benefit to the PC.

The Chairman wished to thank Councillor P Critchlow for painting the 1898 mile post on the A34.

76/16 The next meeting would be the on 5th October 2016 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm