

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at Astbury Village Primary School.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Banks - Alcumlow Farm. Councillor P Cliff and Councillor N Sharman-account payments 85/16.

Public Forum

4 members of the public (including a member of the press)

The proprietors of Alcumlow Farm

The concern regarding the noise that may be generated from the recent planning application 16/4732C was discussed and prevention measures of up to £8,000.00 were promised. The steel building would be insulated including walls and the floors. A mound was to be constructed and trees planted to break the sound travelling. There was an option to put the speakers in the four corners of the building or in the centre. Hours of operation would never exceed 11.30pm

Chairman of the Deans Trust – Mr J Ward

The PC had requested that a donation was given towards the new paved area around the bench on the Village Green. The trust wished to acknowledge that the full amount would be paid. *The Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council.*

Mr Ward also offered his support with the access to the school and due to the sale of the Rectory the possible closure of the current pathway concerned him.

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (Chairman), Councillor R Sutton (Vice Chairman), Councillor P Cliff, Councillor J Critchlow, Councillor C Kennerley, Councillor P Stanway (*arrived 7.55pm*), Councillor N Sharman, Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor N Plant, Councillor A Banks, Councillor N Barton, Councillor L Wardlaw *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

77/16 Apologies

Councillor R Lomas due to a rotary meeting and Councillor S Banks due to family illness.

78/16 Minutes

64/15 *It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan had not been handed to CE yet as there was some more work to carry out.*

66/16 *Councillor J Critchlow had seconded this item not John Carter as indicated*

Resolved the minutes from 14th September 2016 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

79/16 Matters arising from the minutes

Daffodil bulbs and soil testing

RS had organised the soil testing on the green and would report back at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Councillor P Critchlow would purchase some miniature bulbs for the A34 including peat and pots and Councillor R Sutton would purchase the bulbs for the Village Green. The limit of spend would be £100.00.

The Chairman wished the bulbs to be planted by volunteers on 22nd October at 10am.

Letter to Deans Trust

As acknowledged in the public forum time Deans Trust had stated they will cover full payment for the paving.

Traffic lights on bridge

These have been repaired but hit again.

Minerva Arts

This was a request for grant funding to support 'Souling' which aims to bring to life the historic souling plays that were performed across Cheshire for the middle ages to up to the early 20th Century. They wish to work with groups of any age and local amateur dramatics.

Resolved a donation of £150.00 would be given from the PC.

Blocked Drain- CW12 3NL

The Clerk would report.

PCSO

Not available to attend – clerk to pursue.

80/16 The paved area around the tree on the Green

The brick type was agreed and the insurance documents had been received from the builder.

81/16 The sale of the Rectory

The school had requested support from the Parish Council since the last meeting due to the close completion of sale of the Rectory. This may consequently result in the access from the Village Hall car park, to the school, across the land owned by the Rectory to be closed. This had not been formalised in the sale and the Diocese were not in agreement to add in any clauses to ensure the pathway and allotment was maintained in perpetuity to the school. The Chairman, Clerk and Councillor R Sutton had met with two of the Governors and the Head of the school, on site, to discuss on 13th September and subsequently the PC had written a letter to Mr G Colville at Church House in Daresbury. This had not resolved the issue.

Resolved the Clerk and Chairman would write another letter to the Diocese stating they were wrong not to ensure the access was maintained for the school children.

Resolved contact would be made with CE highways, with the help of the Ward Councillors, to enquire about alternative measures and a possible compulsory purchase of land to widen the footpath.

82/16 BT phone box

Autos as suggested by a resident failed to quote.

Brookes Brothers (painters by trade) quoted £225.00 to paint.

The previous quote from Mr J Clowes was £190.00.

One offer by local resident.

Resolved Brookes Brothers would be instructed to paint the phone box at Ackers Crossing.

83/16 Audit 2015/16

The Clerk discussed the points that had been raised in the audit. The members were aware of the issues raised and that the action plan needed to be adhered to in the future.

84/16 Highways

Councillor A Banks would attend the Highways meeting on Tuesday 25th October in Crewe organised by CE.

The traffic calming survey had been acknowledged by CE and was being reviewed by Mr Rob Welch and Mr Simon Wallace.

The Clerk had gained some information about the proposed traffic calming solutions along Wallhill Lane to the A34 from the A534 when the CLR begins construction. There were photographs which could be clearly seen. PC would pass on to the concerned residents who attended the last meeting.

An email from Margret Browning was read out regarding the cutting of the Village Green. The clerk would acknowledge.

85/16 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £15,100.75 (£11,886.59 PC + £3,214.16 NP).

Payments

- £1,271.27 Cranage Parish Council (clerks salary July to Sept)
- £446.36 Peter Cliff & Sons Ltd (newsletter)
- £24.00 Fat Arrow (website)

NP

- £133.92 Thomson Planning Partnership Ltd

Receipts

- £20.00 donation from Mr and Mrs Jim Cook – Brownlow Hall Farm
- £320.79 Transparency code – NALC

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

As previously agreed APC would now purchase a laptop and projector and related software.

86/16 Cheshire East

Councillor L Wardlaw updated members with Diabetes recognition within CE. The local plan had now moved to Macclesfield from Congleton. After public demand the waste collection point at Arclid was staying open. She would offer support with arranging contact with CE highways in relation to the safe route to school in Astbury.

87/16 Planning Applications

16/4732C Alcumlow Farm, Chance Hall Lane, Astbury CW12 4TL
Change of use from disused farm barn to event venue/function room.

Resolved No objection, with conditions

88/16 Business Plan Questionnaire

The hard document was circulated for Parish Councillors to complete in order to prepare a business plan.

The Chairman discussed the common land at Brownlow and asked members to consider whether this was a viable option to promote as open space with picnic benches. It was to be noted that there may be a dispute regarding the boundary line and there was a PROW.

89/16 Clerks Report

Annual CHALC meeting in Middlewich on 20th October at 6.30 pm all members welcome to attend.

Councillor N Barton will attend the Clerks and Councillor Induction Course on 10th October held by CHALC.

90/16 The next meeting would be the on 9th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm