

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

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Astbury Village Hall @7.30pm.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor N Sharman – Fat Arrow Ltd.

### **Public Forum**

Nobody present

### **Part 1**

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

### **91/16 Apologies**

Councillor R Sutton due to a prior commitment, Councillor S Banks due to son's ceremony and Councillor N Plant due to work commitment.

### **92/16 Minutes**

87/16 - 16/4732C Alcumlow Farm – No Objection and finishing time at 12.00am.

85/16 - Mr and Mrs Cook not Brook to be thanked for the donation.

**Resolved** the minutes from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **93/16 Matters arising from the minutes**

#### **Daffodil bulb [planting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October on the green**

A team of volunteers had planted nearly 1,000 bulbs on the green in Astbury. PC had planted 240 bulbs in pots to be planted in January on the A34.

RS had organised the soil to be tested and it was satisfactory until January when he would revisit.

#### **Chance Hall /Brook Lane signs**

Both signs had been reported reference numbers 3268513/3268515

#### **Minerva Arts**

There had been a response letter received thanking APC for the donation and stating the next stages:

Our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund will be going in during October and they are hoping that there will be no longer than a six week turnaround period so they will hopefully know if they are successful by Christmas.

The Group are also making approaches to other councils in the area and are currently awaiting news.

They are aiming to start the research phase of the project in January and will begin to approach any groups from then onward so any assistance with making contacts and publicising the project at that point will be greatly accepted and appreciated.

It was agreed it would be put in the newsletter for any interested parties to join.

#### PCSO

After a few attempts the clerk had failed to arrange a date for their attendance. The chairman requested that an open invitation was given for them to attend.

#### Mrs Browning's email - grass cutting on the green

The clerk had acknowledged the complaint.

#### Thank you letter for donation towards the BT box

Completed

#### Laptop and projector

This had not been received as the projector was out of stock.

#### Blocked drain on Fence Lane

Not actioned – clerk to address

### **94/16 Safe route to school and the sale of the Rectory**

There had been no response letter from Mr Alan Kempster – Down at Church House regarding the sale of the Rectory. The Chairman, Councillor R Bailey CE and the Clerk had met on site with Mr R Welch from CE highways on 21.10.16. He advised that highways would measure the width of the road but though it was unlikely to lead to the widening of the pavement. There was a possibility of cutting the holly hedge back by 18 inches and moving the access route into the school closer to the car park.

RL reported that the owners seemed to now have completed the sale.

**Resolved** the clerk would make contact with the buyer to arrange a meeting with the new occupiers to reach a compromise.

### **95/16 Land at Brownlow Heath**

PC had arranged for a local farmer to clear the area free of charge and an action of goodwill. AB wished the local residents to be consulted individually about the proposals. JC would retrieve a map of the area and the boundary line.

**Resolved** the Clerk would write to all houses along the Brownlow Heath Lane to gain their views before any action is taken.

### **96/16 BT phone box**

The phone box had been painted and looked excellent. Photographs had been put on the website and would go in the newsletter.

A discussion about the installation of a defibrillator in the BT box was held between members. The clerk would investigate electricity supply, cost and installation arrangements.

### **97/16 Business Plan**

The clerk had drafted a business plan for the next four years with the assistance of NS and PC. The chairman was going to add some comments.

**Resolved** the Parish Council approved the business plan after some amendments had been made and the Clerk circulated.

## **98/16 Budget 2017/18**

A draft budget was circulated to all members. The expenditure was discussed YTD and the estimated carry over figure was agreed for 2016/17. It was agreed the expenditure had been high this year due to many outstanding capital issues that had been resolved but never actioned.

RL proposed £10,500 CK seconded

FOR – RL, CK AGAINST – AB,PC,PS,NB,PC,JC,NS,JC

AB proposed £10,000. PC seconded

FOR - AB,PC,PS,NB,PC,JC,NS,JC. AGAINST – RL,CK.

**Resolved** the precept for 2017/18 would be set at £10,000

## **99/16 Highways**

### Traffic Calming Survey

NS had been referred several times between highways members after several phone calls. It was now awaiting a response from Simon Wallace.

### Signs

Bridleway sign in Brownlow Heath – this sign had fallen over.

Traffic light sign by Congleton Garden Centre – fallen over

Brown sign (Astbury Golf Club) too low when accessing the A34 – needs lifting

### Salt Bins

Need attention – Brownlow crossroads – missing, Puddlebank – needs filling, Dodds Lane – missing.

### Highways meeting 24.10.16

The clerk and RB had attended in Holmes Chapel- the street light had been reported again to Ian Darlington.

### E mail from Mr Riley

A concerned resident had sent an email to the clerk about the dangers along the A34 in the Parish. He had described the potential accidents that could be caused when vehicles were overtaking within the hatched area by Childs Lane.

The PC agreed that the statistics on accident reporting within the past five years was inaccurate.

**Resolved** the Clerk would arrange a site visit with highways and Councillor A Banks would attend.

### Footpath along A534 needs cutting back

Clerk to report

### Road at the bottom of Dodds Lane (near Bank Farm)

This road was breaking at each side and needed repairing

### Street light by Village Hall

RB to pursue

## **100/16 Police**

Councillor C Kennerley and Councillor N Plant had attended a meeting on 08.11.16 with the Police and Crime Commissioner Mr David Keane. CK reported back to members.

## **101/16 Accounts**

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £13,565.99 (£10,485.75

PC + £3,080.24 NP).

Payments

- £825.00 Mr J Gardener (area around the bench)
- £721.80 Laptops Direct
- £230.00 Brooks Bros (BT box)
- £24.00 Fat Arrow (Website)
- £83.78 Mr P Critchlow (daffodil bulbs and pots)
- £30.00 CHALC (NB training 10.10.16)

Receipts

- NIL

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

### **102/16 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman updated members on NP to date.

### **103/16 Cheshire East**

Councillor R Bailey had attended a meeting with Fiona Bruce to try and encourage the sectors to work together to resolve issues within Cheshire East. The lack of carers was evident across the region. She gave the Clerk the Cheshire East Care Services Directory 2016 which was a comprehensive guide to choosing and paying for your care. There was a Spring Clean scheduled in March next year to follow up from 'Keep Britain Tidy'.

### **104/16 Planning Applications**

16/5122C Astbury Marsh Caravan Park, Newcastle Road, Astbury- provision of 11 single storey utility blocks of brick construction with pitched roof over.

**Resolved** No Objection in principal

16/5381C Brook Farm Lane, Watery Lane Astbury CW12 4RR- Proposed barn conversions from interior design studio/redundant barn to single dwelling.

**Resolved** No Objection

### **105/16 Chairman and Members Report**

JC had attended the Sand Quarry liaison group meeting to discuss the Bent Farm site on 8<sup>th</sup> November and reported back to members.

AB requested that members allowed him to devise a calendar with an estimate cost for the January meeting.

**106/16 The next meeting would be the on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 10.10 pm**