

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at Astbury Village Hall @ 7.30pm.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor P Stanway – 17/0002C

Councillor P Cliff. Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor R Sutton, Councillor A Banks and Councillor J Carter - account payments.

Public Forum

Nobody present

Part 1

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

01/17 Apologies

Councillor N Sharman – personal engagement.

02/17 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 9th November 2016 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

03/17 Matters arising from the minutes

Christmas Newsletter

The newsletter had been well received and the Chairman thanked PC and JC for organising.

Laptop

AB had organised the setting up on the new laptop and projector and it was in operation for the first time tonight to enable Councillors have an improved visual aid when making council decisions. The Chairman thanked AB for his contribution.

04/17 Neighbourhood Plan

There was excellent news that the hard copy of the Neighbourhood Plan had been distributed to every household in the Parish. This was a superb achievement.

The consultation document was outstanding and needed attention as soon as possible.

The grant funding from 'Groundworks UK' still had some monies left after the printing and distribution costs - the clerk had organised an extension until 28.2.17 to aid full completion of the plan.

It was anticipated the referendum would be held in May in conjunction with Local Elections to save costs.

The Ministerial Statement from Mr Sean Hannaby at CE was reported on in relation to

considering NP's within CE as there was no Local Plan in place. RB added that there was an indication that the Inspector seemed to be satisfied that the CE Local Plan had achieved their 5 year housing supply figures.

05/17 Land at Brownlow Heath

There had been three responses received from the proposal letter for works to be carried out sent by the clerk. The one of objection had been resolved by Councillor P Critchlow.

Proposal - Councillor P Cliff proposed the land was cleared. Seconded - Councillor P Critchlow

VOTE. For – Unanimous with one exception. Abstain – AB

Resolved the Parish Council would organise the clearing of the land through the local farmer who had offered his services free of charge this was dependant on checking utility services and checking the insurance cover before work commenced.

06/17 Sale of the Rectory

The sale of the Rectory had now reached a conclusion. There had been an agreement for a deed of grant for the permanent use of the school path and a licence to use the school allotment from the new owner to enable the school children to walk safely to the primary school.

All members agreed this was excellent news.

07/17 Defibrillator in the Ackers Crossing phone box

BT only approved one operator XXXX to install a defibrillator inside the phone box. At this time the company were supporting Parish Councils with Lottery funding to purchase a unit.

Resolved the Clerk would apply for Lottery funding on behalf of the PC for a defibrillator in the phone box at Ackers Crossing.

08/17 Business Plan

Resolved the Business Plan would be adopted by the Parish Council

09/17 Highways

- Traffic Calming Survey - Councillor N Sharman
There had been a site visit with Mr S Wallace from Cheshire East and the options that had been suggested in the survey had been discussed. Some resolutions had been ruled out due to cost and not being feasible. The clerk was requested to request some more traffic numbers around the green including Peel Land and Dodds Lane.
- Meeting with Simon Wallace A34 – Councillor A Banks and the Clerk had met with Mr S Wallace from highways to discuss the speed of traffic along the A34. Historic accident figures did not reflect the danger of the speed perception. It was agreed that the white lines would be reinstated due to them being worn. It was acknowledged the right turning at Astbury Garden Centre needed improving.
- Watery Lane – actioned

- Fence Lane – due to be completed in Feb
- Bridleway Sign at Brownlow – actioned
- Footpath sign Brownlow – outstanding
- Salt bins – actioned
- Traffic accident on bend at Wharf Lane 02.12.16 – reported a car - Reno Clio skidded off the road and ended in the brook – ambulance attended.
- Dodds Lane – Bank Farm 3270676 outstanding
- Street light outside VH – outstanding

10/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £11,651.41 (£8,571.17 PC + £3,080.24 NP).

Payments

Neighbourhood Plan

- £20.00 Mr J Carter - stamps
- £1,259.50 DaMfotos
- £294.14 Mr J Carter Stamps
- £62.66 Mrs S Boynton –stationary

Parish Council

- £48.00 Fat Arrow (website)
- £48.00 Mr R Sutton (daffodils)
- £330.00 Astbury Village Hall (room hire 2017)
- £1,271.27 Cranage Parish Council (clerks salary Sept to Dec)
- £44.99 Clerks expenses (Sept to Dec)
- £250.00 St Marys Church Astbury (Grant Donation request)
- £33.98 Mr A Banks (projector case)
- £50.00 Mr P Critchlow (notice board maintenance 2016)
- £478.51 Peter Cliff & Son Ltd (newsletters)

Receipts

- £825.00 The William Dean Countryside Trust

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

It was agreed no donation would be given to the North West Ambulance service.
It was agreed a letter of thank you would be sent to the WD trust

11/17 Cheshire East

Councillor R Bailey updated members that the Mental Health Unit's possible closure at Macclesfield hospital. The Adult Health Scutinity Committee was reviewing this situation as it seemed unfair that the closest hospital would then be the Wirral.

The Parish Councils were reviewing funding for the use of a PCSO. Odd Rode PC was debating it throughout January.

12/17 Planning Applications

- 16/5301C Land off Padbury Lane Congleton application to vary conditions 5 and 19
Resolved No Comment
- 16/5511C 'Oakleigh', Childs Lane, Brownlow, CW12 4TG - conversion of existing building.
Resolved Objection
- 17/0029C Brook Farm, Watery Lane, Astbury CW12 4RR Listed building consent for a proposed barn conversion to single dwelling
Resolved No Objection
Councillor P Stanway left the room
- 17/0002C Hillside View Mow Lane, Astbury CW12 3NJ – proposed conversion of former agricultural building to single story dwelling.
Resolved No Objection
Councillor P Stanway returned to the meeting

13/17 Chairman and Members report

Councillor R Lomas discussed the Live Nativity performance in the village which happened in December, £900.00 had been raised for the church and he wished to thank all Councillors who had assisted the event.

It was noted volunteers were needed for the Astbury May Day.

The VC requested a letter of thank you was sent for the organisation of the Christmas lights.

Councillor A Banks had received some daffodil bulbs from Astbury Garden Centre as a donation. A letter of thank you would be sent by the Clerk.

14/17 Clerks Report

It was noted that the Minerva Arts had received funding from the Heritage Lottery funding .

The Clerk was attending a 'Health and Safety Course' by CHALC on 18th January.

The new PCSO had been appointed Nigel Hobbs 21809.

The Clerk requested members looked at the renovation needs of the two benches and the BT box on the bottom of the green

15/17 The next meeting would be the on 8th February 2017 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm