

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at Astbury Village Hall @ 7.30pm.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor N Sharman - account payments.

Public Forum

PCSO N Hobbs

Part 1 public and press

Present Councillor J Carter (Chairman), Councillor P Cliff, Councillor J Critchlow, Councillor S A Banks, Councillor R Sutton, Councillor N Plant, Councillor P Stanway, Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor N Sharman, Councillor N Barton, Councillor L Warlow *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

16/17 Apologies

Councillor C Kennerley, Councillor A Banks and Councillor R Lomas due to work commitments.

PCSO N Hobbs report

17/17 Resolved to suspend standing orders to receive a report from PCSO Nigel Hobbs. He reported the area he was now covering including the issues with parking outside schools and speed being his main priority. There had been a schedule of activities circulated for January. He gave members his contact details. Cllr S Banks asked for support with activities on Yew Tree Lane.

18/17 Minutes

*11/17 amended to "that the closest hospital would be then on the Wirral or Chester **not** Liverpool"*

Resolved the minutes from 11th January 2017 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

19/17 Matters arising from the minutes

Thank you letters

Letters had been sent to the three organisers of the Christmas tree, Astbury Garden Centre for the daffodils and the William Dean Trust for the donation for the cost of the bench.

20/17 Defibrillator at Ackers Crossing

The Clerk had been advised from Community Heart Beat Trust to apply for lottery funding for the defibrillator in the phone box. This had been completed by the Clerk on

behalf of the Parish Council and there may be an acknowledgement time of up to 10 weeks.

21/17 Broadband

Cllr N Sharman reported on the recent information from CHALC in relation to broadband within Cheshire East. The map on connectivity levels was displayed and discussed. It was acknowledged that was a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved a questionnaire would be included in the next newsletter to ask all residents to respond to the Parish Council with their level of speed and their location in the parish.

22/17 Common Land at Brownlow Heath

The Chairman , Cllr P Critchlow , Cllr J Critchlow had met with several residents on Saturday 28th January to discuss the Parish Council proposals in relation to clearing the common land for public use. It materialised from this meeting that the small road to the common land was unadopted and maintained by the residents. They were concerned about fly tipping and the open space being utilised inappropriately.

Cllr J Carter proposed that the previous resolution 05/17 was rescinded.

Cllr S Banks, Cllr P Cliff, Cllr N Sharman and Cllr N Sharman supported this decision.

Resolved there was a recessionary resolution to rescind 07/17 dated 11th January 2017.

Cllr P Cliff proposed that the PROW and bridleway was reinstated.

VOTE FOR – Unanimous AGAINST – Nil.

Resolved The Parish Council would endeavour to reinstate the PROW and Bridleway.

Cllr P Stanway requested the common land boundary line was placed on the agenda.

23/17 Standing Orders

The Parish Council discussed how they would deal with planning applications in between meetings if the deadline was passed.

The preferred option was that the Clerk would be delegated the powers to respond to planning applications unless the application was considered by the Chairman as 'contentious'. The revised Standing Orders had been circulated and members agreed with the amendments.

The Clerk advised that the following point needed to be added to the Standing Orders - *." The law allows that audio/video recording or photography is permitted in council meetings".*

Resolved the Standing Orders would be adopted with the above amendments.

24/17 Highways

Outstanding issues

Wharf Lane – not actioned

Fence Lane – not actioned although work had been carried out still not resolved.

Footpath sign – actioned

Chance Hall Lane and Brook Lane – sign not actioned

Road surface passed Ackers Crossing towards Mow Cop – this was acknowledged as

Odd Rode Parish but the Ward Councillor supported actions from Astbury PC.
29.01.17 - Accident along A34 by Chance Hall – Cllr P Cliff reported a vehicle on its roof in the hedge along A34

2.2.17 @ 01.15 - Accident along Wharf Lane - a car ended again in the brook after coming off the road. Cllr S Banks had taken photos.

The benches had not been actioned as the clerk advised that she could not find anyone with the relevancy insurance. Cllr N Plant directed her to Congleton Town Council.

- Dodds Lane – Bank Farm 3270676 outstanding
- Street light outside VH – outstanding Cllr R Bailey

Traffic Calming Survey

No actions had been taken to date but Mr S Wallace had agreed to extra monitoring requested by the Parish Council - a report on traffic flows and numbers through the village as the recent ones are recorded from 2004. As a minimum one monitoring point should be located within the Conservation Area - ie between Peel Drive and the Egerton Arms but additionally if possible monitoring points should be placed on Peel Lane, east of its junction with Dodds Lane and on Dodds Lane, east of its junction with Peel Lane. This would enable the source of traffic to be apportioned between that arising from the Congleton/Mossley/Hightown area and that arriving from Biddulph via Mow Lane/Dodds Lane

Resolved the Parish Council agreed to accept the above reports and to take actions

25/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £9,556.63 (£8,112.69 PC + £1,433.94 NP).

Payments

- £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd
- £35.00 Mrs J Mason (ICO commissioners)
- £35.00 CHALC (Health and Safety Course 18.01.17)
- £25.00 Mr G Roberts (Training 2016)

Receipts

- Nil

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as a true and accurate record.

26/17 Cheshire East Resolved to suspend standing orders to receive a report from Councillor L Warlow updated members on the road surface from Ackers Crossing and would inform Mr J Tickle of our concerns. The street light on telegraph post needed extra tests before being repaired.

There was a consultation on the bus times and she would circulate to the Clerk for comments from members if they were interested.

There was some information of small parishes purchasing fuel in bulk to save costs.

27/17 Planning Applications

There were no applications to consider.

The Chairman updated members on the Local Plan consultation period which had now opened. There did not seem to be anything controversial in the Parish of Astbury.

28/17 May Day

Due to the apologies from Cllr R Lomas there was no report received.

29/17 Chairman and Members report

The Chairman informed members about the recent enquiry from the resident in Wallhill Farm to offer support to the parish.

A resident had sent in a complaint to the Chairman in relation to concerns she had about fires near to the PROW at Glebe Farm. She would be referred to the appropriate department within Cheshire East.

Cllr P Critchlow and Cllr J Critchlow had planted all the daffodil bulbs. The chairman thanked them for their efforts.

A newsletter would be produced in February.

30/17 Clerks Report

The clerk reported on the Health and Safety Course and the actions outstanding in relation to working from home and the points to consider when employing contractors in the Parish.

The Parish Council would be included with the Annual Parish Council meeting in May

31/17 The next meeting would be the on 8th March 2017 at 7.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm