

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

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Astbury Village Hall @ 7.30pm.

### **Declaration of Interest**

None declared

### **Public Forum**

Nobody present.

### **Part 1 Public and press**

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

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### **47/17 Apologies**

Councillor P Cliff due to work commitments, Councillor S A Banks due to ill health, Councillor N Barton due to a hospital collection, Councillor N Plant due to annual holidays.

### **48/17 Minutes**

**Resolved** the minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **49/17 Highways**

#### **Wharf Lane**

This had been actioned - chevron signs, posts at the side of the brook, sign cleaning and hard core to aid vehicles crossing. Councillor C Kennerley requested that the cost involved for this work was investigated and to check the proposed action plan was fulfilled.

#### **Fence Lane**

No action had been taken to unblock the gully.

#### **Low Bridge Sign on Watery Lane**

Not actioned

#### **Pothole on Green**

Actioned

#### **Traffic Calming Survey**

The results had been completed by Cheshire East. It seemed that there was not a speeding issue on any of the three lanes tested.

- i) Peel Lane (West of School Lane)
- ii) Peel Lane (East of Dodds Lane)
- iii) Dodds Lane (between Peel Lane and Gorse Lane)

The figures did not justify police intervention. Cllr N Sharman requested that more detail was obtained in preferable hour slots. The Chairman had compared the figures to 2004 and there had been an increase in cars of 1,350 a day.

#### Points raised by members to action

- The 'lay by' sign by Watery Lane has rotted away and needs replacing.
- The '10 tonne weight sign' by Dodds Lane was facing the wrong way.
- Bollard by the bottom of the green had not been actioned – reference 3284329.
- The Clerk was requested to chase up the footpath siding out dates along the A34.

#### Article in Congleton Chronicle reference HGV's along Dodds Lane

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr R Johnson Traffic Management Officer to retrieve the figures discussed in this article. It seemed that HGV's were travelling along this stretch of road and getting stuck.

#### **50/17 Newsletter**

The Annual Parish Newsletter would be produced by the end of the month. The Chairman would include a report and the Clerk would provide the accounts for 2016/17. It was noted it was a 7pm start.

#### **51/17 May Day**

Cllr R Lomas reported on the organisation of the May Day to date. It was all being planned by a small local team of people and the school would partake in the dancing. There had been a slight change in the refreshment arrangements. It was an event that had been held for over 100 years and a tradition Astbury would always endeavour to organise even though there seemed to be a little apathy in the planning of the event.

#### **52/17 Common Land at Brownlow Heath**

The Clerk had contacted the Land Registry and taken some advice which had led to applying for a land registration document for the common land and the adjacent land in ownership with Moreton Terrace Cottage. The documents should be available by the next meeting.

#### **53/17 Footpaths**

Astbury Mere Trust had approached the clerk to request if they would like any new magazines they were due to produce to communicate the local walks in and around the Mere. The Parish Council would like some to place at Glebe farm, the Horseshoe Inn and if possible put with the newsletter. The clerk would enquire and report back.

#### Dog Bins

There had been a request for extra dog bins within the parish. The following sites were discussed;

- On Bent Lane by the bridge
- By the PROW sign along Sandy Lane
- By the notice board on the Village Hall car park

- At Ackers Crossing near the phone box alongside the canal
- On Childs Lane in Brownlow at the end of the Sandy Lane bridleway
- Opposite the Brownlow Inn.

#### **54/17 Accounts**

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £9,643.63 (£7,993.69 PC + £1,433.94 NP).

#### Payments

- £269.40 Congleton Town Council ( Bench painting)
- £194.60 CHALC Affiliation Fee
- £1,271.27 Cranage Parish Council ( Clerks salary Jan to March)
- £94.80 Fat Arrow
- £105.79 Clerks expenses (Jan to March)
- Neighbourhood Plan
- £1,433.94 Groundworks UK

#### Receipts

- £5,000.00 Precept (Cheshire East)

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

#### **55/17 Freedom of Information Policy**

Cllr N Sharman had circulated a draft policy for the Council to adopt. Members discussed the costs involved if a hard copy was requested and was not available on the website. It was agreed a cost for photo copying would be included and hours worked to retrieve the documents.

**Resolved** The Freedom of Information Policy would be adopted by the Parish Council.

#### **56/17 Cheshire East**

**Resolved** to suspend standing orders to receive a report from Ward Cllr Bailey.

Cllr R Bailey reported on the call for Strategic Sites document circulated by Cheshire East. It seemed evident that no Town/Parish Councils had submitted identified sites, just developers that had become involved. Crewe and Nantwich CHALC had organised a training day to assist Parish Council's to respond to this document due to having excess funds available.

There was a call for improvements to local football pitches within the borough. CE was unaware of any in Astbury, the Chairman identified the local primary school's pitch.

#### **57/17 Planning Applications**

17/1865C The Orchard, Childs Lane, Brownlow, Congleton CW12 4TQ

Proposed replacement garage

**Resolved** No Objection

17/1513C 11 New Road, Moreton CW12 3PA

Side single Story Extension

**Resolved** No Objection

17/1426C Brook Farm, Watery Lane, Astbury CW12 4RR

Proposed garage

**Resolved** No Objection

It was noted that the Inspector would be visiting the Land west of the Holding (known as the stables), Watery Lane, Newbold Astbury, Congleton .CW12 4RR on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10am. The Parish Council had been invited to attend.

**Resolved** Cllr J Carter would attend the meeting.

### **58/17 Clerks report**

The training event had been organised for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. All Councillors could attend with the exception of Cllr R Lomas.

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**59/17 The next meeting would be the on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00 pm in Astbury Village Hall. It was noted this would be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.**

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**Meeting closed at 9.30 pm**