

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at Astbury Village Hall.

60/17 Election of Chairman 2017/18

Cllr P Cliff proposed Cllr J Carter. Cllr J Critchlow seconded the proposal
Resolved Councillor J Carter was elected chairman for the ensuing year.
The acceptance of office was signed.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr P Cliff – payment for newsletters

Public Forum

2 members although one left early.

Part 1

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

61/17 Apologies Cllr R Lomas due to family commitments , Cllr C Kennerley and Cllr R Sutton due to a charity event , Councillor A Banks due to work commitments and Cllr N Sharman due to annual holidays.

62/17 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 12th April 2017 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

62/17 Election of Vice Chairman 2017/18

Cllr J Carter proposed Cllr J Critchlow and Cllr S A Banks seconded the proposal.
Resolved Councillor J Critchlow was elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
The acceptance of office was signed.

Committee Members

Village Hall Committee – Councillor N Barton
Sandy Quarry Liaison – Councillor J Carter
May Day Committee – Councillor R Lomas

63/17 General Power of Competence

The General Power of Competence

Conditions undertaken

(a)the number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected(3), whether at ordinary elections or at a by-election, is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council;

(b) the clerk to the parish council holds—
(i) the Certificate in Local Council Administration;
(ii) the Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy;
(iii) the Certificate of Higher Education in Local Council Administration; or
(iv) the first level of the foundation degree in Community Engagement and Governance awarded by the University of Gloucestershire or its successor qualifications; and
(c) the clerk to the parish council has completed the relevant training, unless such training was required for the purpose of obtaining a qualification of a description mentioned in paragraph (b).

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph “relevant training” means training—

(a) in the exercise of the general power;

(b) provided in accordance with the national training strategy for parish councils adopted by the National Association of Local Councils, as revised from time to time.

Resolved the Parish Council qualifies and accepts the General Power of Competence.

64/17 Highways

Fence Lane /Wharf Lane

Cllr R Bailey had informed the Council this had cost £12,000 in total. The clerk had challenged highways that the works had not been completed and they were unaware and had reprogrammed it for 5th June. There was concern about the follow up of highways works and Cllr R Bailey would make enquires.

Lay by sign on A34

Awaiting a new sign

Bollard on Green

Outstanding but stated as actioned.

Brook Lane and Chance Hall Lane -signs actioned

Traffic Calming survey

Deferred to next meeting as no data available.

Items to be reported

- Two gully tops missing on the junction of Gorse Lane and Watery Lane

Odd Rode Parish Council had requested support funding for an enhanced PCSO service (dedicated PCSO) from the Cheshire Constabulary.

Resolved No funding would be contributed.

65/17 Newsletter

The Annual Newsletter had been delivered to every household including the Chairman’s report and the accounts for 2016/17. ‘Sibelco’ had advertised for the public to attend an open day on 10th June.

66/17 May Day

The chairman reminded members it was scheduled for 20th May.

67/17 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman updated members on the plan to date. The Inspector was currently

visiting the Parish, in relation to the draft plan and policies. There were already 23 questions submitted which Mr A Thomson was responding to on the behalf of the team. It was still on schedule for a July/August referendum.

68/17 Common Land at Brownlow Heath

The Clerk was still awaiting the land registry documents.

69/17 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts – Royal Bank of Scotland = £10,533.15 (Parish Council - £10,533.15 + NP – Nil)

Payments

- No 588 £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd
- No 587 £20.00 Cheshire Community Action
- No 590 £470.59 Came and Company
- No 589 £457.52 Mr P Cliff (newsletter printing and posting)

RECEIPTS

- £2,020.00 Big Lottery Fund
- £20.00 Sibelco

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

70/17 Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017

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The Internal Audit had been completed by Mr G Roberts. The audit had passed with recommendations that the Clerks salary should be separated into HMRC payments and salary contributions.

72/17 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor. There was a revised bus timetable to soon be open for public consultation. It was be advised to the Clerk of the Council, in the local newspaper and advertised on the current bus routes. There had been many suggestions made to retain a community service by Cllr D Brown but it was not confirmed. There was a community bus which was operated by volunteers in Odd Rode Parish Council.

Cheshire East was proposing a possibility of including food waste into the green garden bins. This would not be turned into energy but it would go to Leighton Farm.

It was noted the new Mayor was Arthur Moran.

The A500 which was utilised when travelling to Nantwich was moving to a dual carriageway by junction 16 on the M6

73/17 Planning Applications

- 7, New Road, Moreton CW12 3PA - two storey and single storey side and rear extension
Resolved No Objection
- 5, New Road, Moreton CW12 3PA – proposed single story rear and side extension.
Resolved No Objection

It was noted that Minerals & Waste Development Plan Document – Issues Paper Consultation was currently open for comments.

This covered Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester authorities.

It was noted no planning applications had been submitted for Alcumlow Farm in relation to the landscaping and parking.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact the planning officer.

74/17 Clerks Report

Reminder - the training event was on 15th May at 6.30pm at the Horseshoe Inn in Newbold Astbury.

Register of Interests

Members updated their forms

Sibelco liason meeting 13th June – Cllr J Carter and Cllr P Critchlow will attend.

Arclid Waste and Recycling closure – Sandbach Town Council requested support.

Resolved the clerk would write on the Parish Councils behalf to object to this proposal

75/16 The next meeting would be the on 14th June 2017 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm