

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at Astbury Village Hall.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr P Cliff – 16/4732C

Public Forum

2 members of the public

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (Chairman), Councillor A Banks, Councillor R Lomas (arrived at 7.40pm), Councillor P Stanway, Councillor J Critchlow (Vice Chairman), Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor C Kennerley, Councillor R Sutton, Councillor P Cliff, Councillor N Barton, Councillor N Plant, Councillor R Bailey *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

104/17 Apologies Cllr N Sharman due to personal reasons and Cllr S A Banks due to work commitments.

105/17 Minutes

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

106/17 Head teacher from Astbury Primary School

Members discussed the previous meeting with the head teacher of the local school. There was still some concern about the involvement with the Astbury May Day which needed addressing next year. It was concluded that there was a lot of work to be done to take the school back to the level of standard previously attained.

107/17 Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum date had been announced as the 17th August and the count would be at 'Westfields' in Sandbach. Cllr J Carter, Cllr P Critchlow, Cllr J Critchlow, Cllr N Sharman, Mr D Muir and Mrs S Boynton had been registered to attend, this had not yet been confirmed by Brian Reed. There were banners and posters present around the Parish advertising the referendum and a leaflet drop to explain the vote was due to be delivered to every household this week. Cllr N Plant and Cllr C Kennerley hoped the leaflet explained the reason to vote as they had received feedback that the public did not understand.

The funding application from 'Groundworks UK' had not been resolved as there needed to be invoices submitted. The funding for the leaflets to promote a 'Yes' vote was taken from the Sandy Lane Action Group monies.

108/17 Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been installed but was waiting authorisation from North West

Ambulance before becoming activated. Cllr N Critchlow and Mrs H Decker, a local resident, from Moreton Terrace Cottages had been nominated as the two authorised care people in the Parish. The Clerk was able to arrange a training day for the public and the Councillors with Community Heartbeat Trust.

Resolved this would be held in the coffee shop at Glebe Farm and it would be advertised in the next newsletter – Clerk to arrange.

109/17 Volunteers to work in the Parish

Qwest Services ,Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford, CW7 1AH

This company had been contacted by the Clerk several times but no response had been forthcoming.

The Chairman requested this was pursued again for the next month and put on the next agenda.

110/17 Common Land at Brownlow

The Clerk had submitted a request to Adrian Fisher at Cheshire East for legal support to resolve the encroachment on the common land at Brownlow. His response was 'If the Parish consider that an encroachment has taken place on the registered common, then please set that out formally, with all the relevant information, to Patricia Evans the legal team manager but I might suggest that you also discuss this directly with the owner of the cottages to see if anything can be resolved by agreement'

Members discussed options.

Resolved the Clerk would write a letter to the owners of 2 Moreton Cottages and request that the boundary line was taken back and the encroachment on to the common land was withdrawn before further action was taken by the Parish Council.

111/17 Highways

Traffic Calming Survey

Cllr N Sharman still had not received a response from Cheshire East although he had taken it to the Congleton Chronicle. The response from the highways had been not in keeping with the issues raised.

Resolved Cllr N Sharman would action a Freedom of Information request to Cheshire East for a more detailed Traffic Calming Report.

Footpath siding along the A34

The Clerk had obtained 3 quotes to side out the footpaths along the A34. The Parish Council discussed in detail that if they paid for this work to be completed it was a double taxation on the public and something that Cheshire East should be accountable to carry out.

Cllr R Bailey offered to intervene and see if she could persuade highways to take some actions in the near future if the budget allowed.

Bus Routes

The Clerk had made comments.

Moss Road sign damaged

Clerk to report

Left hand turn sign not actioned on A34

Clerk to report

112/17 War Memorial

Clerk requested to carry over on to the next agenda due to insufficient information

113/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £8,576.11 (Parish Council - £8,576.11 + NP – Nil)

Payments

- *Cheque no 600* £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd

Receipts

- Nil

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

114/17 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor R Bailey.

Cllr R Bailey let the Council know the Local Plan had been accepted on 27th July and when responding to new planning applications the old Congleton Borough Plan 1999 was obsolete.

She updated the Council on a project called 'Building for Life' which she was involved in, it was evident that new developers would not build bungalows for the elder generations as they were not profitable. CE was encouraging builders to build homes that would accommodate the young and the older generation e.g. properties to accommodate stair lifts, wider doorways and easier access for wheel chairs.

There were 20 roundabouts across the borough that had been released to be sponsored by local businesses and would have their details on each one. Highways had approved the signage so it was not causing any issues.

115/17 Planning Applications

17/3508C Astbury St Mary's CE Primary School, School Lane, Astbury, Congleton CW12 4RG – Entrance extension to existing school.

Resolved No Objection

17/3901C Springfield Cottage, Fence Lane, Newbold Astbury, Congleton CW12 3NL – Proposed front extension at first floor level and part ground floor extension.

Resolved No Objection

17/3583C Keepers Cottage, New Road, Moreton, Congleton CW12 4RU - Change of use from garage/workshop to residential dwelling.

Resolved Objection

17/3536C Brook Farm, Watery Lane, Astbury Congleton CW12 4RR – Proposed garage (resubmission of application 17/1426C)

Resolved No Objection

Approval of 16/4732C Alcumlow Hall Farm, Chance Hall Lane, Astbury CW12 4LT – Change of use from disused farm barn to events venue/ function room.

Cllr P Cliff reported that he as a private resident had reported activities to CE planning enforcement and had received an officer visit on 5th August and the following report had been received;

As agreed, I am writing to you to confirm the outcome of my visit to your property during the late night hours of Saturday 5th August. From the position in the garden, I was able to hear the bass beat of the disco music and an odd vocal patrons' raised voice. During the period that the live band was playing, I was able to discern the songs and cheering – which was unacceptable. Hence, I decided to visit the wedding barn premises to ascertain where the noise escape may be most prevalent – and deemed it is likely to be the roof of the barn – albeit I will be recommending that the services of an acoustic consultant are obtained. I will be writing to the proprietors to advise that noise mitigation work should be addressed as a matter of urgency. I am aware that work to the inside of the roof will be problematical due to its height (scaffold required) and the length of time that it may take (size). In addition to the roof, other noise mitigation work is planned such as moving patrons to a new external area to the rear of the barn at night times and also creating an inner barn door to cover gaps in the wood work of the door. I will be asking for dates / a time scale of all works to ensure that the situation can be remedied as soon as possible – and will keep you informed as regards progress in this matter.

*Yours sincerely
Brenda Lomas
Enforcement Officer*

The Parish Council debated the concerns and the obvious flouting of commitments the occupiers of the site had made to the Parish Council and the failure to comply with the conditions of the application.

Resolved the Parish Council would write to support the concerns raised with CE planning enforcement

116/17 Chairman and Members report

Cllr J Carter raised the standard of the BT phone box opposite the Village Green.

The Clerk would report.

Cllr A Banks updated members on the calendar for 2018, he had approached 3 companies for costing and the most favourable quote was Saxoprint.

Resolved the Parish Council would appoint Saxoprint.

Cllr J Critchlow wished daffodil planting to be on the next agenda.

Cllr A Banks had approached the retired Clerk and had arranged a date for the collection of the past minutes.

117/17 Clerks Report

North West Ambulance Fund – the Clerk had been approached for a donation. It was agreed that this was a personal decision and no donation would be made from public money.

Outstanding Service Nomination

Resolved Cllr J Carter would be submitted

118/17 The next meeting would be the on 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

