

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at Astbury Village Hall.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr P Cliff – 16/4732C, Cllr N Sharman – payments - Fat Arrow, Cllr J Critchlow – CHALC payment and related travelling expenses (Local Council Award course).

Public Forum

1 member of the public

Mr J Mearman had attended the meeting to discuss the recent correspondence from the Parish Council in relation to the dividing boundary line of the common land at Brownlow. He was under the impression that the issue had been resolved over 10 years ago and had provided copies of the letters of exchange between the unitary authority and him at that time. The recent letter had come as a surprise and he wished to resolve it amicably.

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (Chairman), Councillor A Banks (arrived at 7.35pm), Councillor N Sharman, Councillor S A Banks, Councillor J Critchlow (Vice Chairman who chaired the meeting), Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor P Cliff, Councillor N Barton, Councillor N Plant, Councillor L Wardlow *Cheshire East* (arrived at 8pm) and the Clerk.

119/17 Apologies Cllr C Kennerley due to work commitments, Councillor R Lomas due to holidays, Councillor P Stanway due to work commitments and Councillor R Sutton no apologies submitted.

120/17 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 9th August 2017 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

121/17 Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum on the 17th August had been a great success; the electorate is 587 - 221 voted (turnout 37.52%), 203 Casted in favour of a YES and 18 Casted in favour of a NO.

This resulted in the Neighbourhood Plan being accepted by Cheshire East. Cllr S A Banks wished to give a huge thank you to the team on such a wonderful success for the Parish, so emphasised how much hard work and effort had gone in to achieving this result.

122/17 Defibrillator in the phone box at Ackers crossing.

The defibrillator has now been activated by North West Ambulance but no training date had been confirmed to date by the Community Heart Beat trust. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the lettering to advertise the defibrillator to be

installed on the phone box.

123/17 General Data Protection Regulation

Cllr N Sharman updated the Parish Council on the changes in UK law due in May 2018 in relation to GDPR legislation. It will supersede the current UK data protection act 1998 and due to EU legislation the Government have prepared a bill to enact the changes. The relevant 12 step changes were explained to members although some weren't relevant there were some issues the Council would have to implement.

124/17 Highways

Traffic Calming Survey

Cllr N Sharman had issued a FOI request to gain all the relevant information in relation to the traffic survey had been carried out in and around the village. The response had been received back suggesting there would be a charge involved of £140 per survey. There since, had been correspondence with Mr S Wallace Highways Cheshire East and no response had been received to date but if it was not resolved within the 20 day deadline Cllr N Sharman would take it further.

Resident complaint submitted to Cllr A Banks

A resident wished a crossing to be installed close to Glebe Farm due to the speed and volume of traffic. It had been referred to Cllr L Wardlow who had responded.

Cheshire Railings – painting

QWEST a volunteer service had responded with 2 volunteers willing to paint the railings. The Council agreed the Cheshire Railings at the Brownlow crossroads would be actioned first.

Resolved the Clerk would arrange Congleton Town Council to clear the overgrowth around the railings to gain suitable access and the Clerk would then make contact with relevant landowners.

Resolved Cllr N Barton would arrange the purchasing of materials and safety clothing.

Resolved the Clerk and Cllr N Barton would meet the volunteers on site to explain the task involved.

Footpath siding out along the A34

There had been no progress since the last PC meeting from Highways Cheshire East. The Clerk communicated the three quotes that had been gained by contractors with the relevant insurance and risk assessments.

Cllr N Plant proposed the footpaths and tree bows were cut back by Congleton Town Council due to it being dangerous. Cllr A Banks seconded this proposal. VOTE - FOR - 7: AGAINST 2

Outstanding issues since last meeting

Moss Roads sign – to be actioned with traffic lights

Fallen left hand turn sign and layby sign – to be actioned on A34

Weight sign and Give way sign to be replaced on Wallhill Lane

Highways meeting on 4th October at Holmes Chapel Community Centre

Cllr N Sharman, Cllr J Carter, Cllr P Critchlow, Cllr J Critchlow and the Clerk would attend.

125/17 War Memorial

Cllr P Critchlow had researched the restoration of the War Memorial on the Trust website and there were grants available to cover 75% of the costs. At the present time the website was under review so he would revisit before the next meeting. It was suggested it was maybe something the William Dean Trust could contribute towards.

126/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £8,528.11 (Parish Council - £8,528.11 + NP – Nil)

Payments

Neighbourhood Plan

- *Cheque no 601* £260.03 Mrs S Boynton expenses for NP
- *Cheque no 602* £178.20 Mr D Muir expenses for NP

Parish Council

- *Cheque no 603* £35.00 CHALC (Cllr J Critchlow Local Council Award 03.08.17)
- *Cheque no 604* £24.00 Fat Arrow
- *Cheque no 605* £19.80 Mrs J Critchlow travel expenses

Receipts

- £5,000.00 Precept Cheshire East
- £200.00 Groundwork UK (NP)

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

127/17 External Audit 2017/18

The Clerk informed the Council that a clear audit had been received from BDO. **Resolved** the audit was accepted by full council.

The Clerk explained that the Transparency Code was being adhered to as per the grant funding.

128/17 Local Council Award

Cllr J Critchlow communicated the recent training event she had attended to full Council. She felt it was a valuable award to attain and felt there was not a tremendous amount of work to still accomplish to achieve Foundation Level.

Resolved the Parish Council would endeavour to achieve the Local Council Award before the end of the year.

129/17 Disciplinary and Grievance Policies

Resolved The Parish Council adopted both these policies as a true and accurate record.

130/17 Training Policy and Training Plan

Resolved The Parish Council adopted the Training Policy as a true and accurate record.

131/17 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor L Wardlow.

Cllr L Wardlow updated members on items that had been discussed in the cabinet meeting. There had been approval for the Middlewich eastern by pass road, there had investment achieved for the regeneration of Macclesfield and Crewe. It was also anticipated when the works were completed in Crewe the archives from Chester would be relocated here but it was dependant on Lottery and Heritage funding.

There was communication on the Community Levy Funding in Cheshire East to replace Section 106 monies.

Lastly there had been a long debate on badger culling throughout the area. This was a highly emotive subject from both sides which resulted in the motion not being agreed.

132/17 Planning Applications

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

It seemed this still had not resolved.

133/17 Chairman and Members report

Newsletter – Cllr P Critchlow discussed topics for the newsletter which should be published next month.

Arclid Waste Tip – this was due close at the September.

Daffodil Planting – the Council approved the purchase of bulbs to plant in October. Cllr J Critchlow wished the school to become involved in the planting.

134/17 Clerks Report

Annual CHALC meeting – 19th October 2017

BT phone box on the Green – painted and repaired

Cllr L Wardlow left the meeting at 9.45pm

PART 2

Resolved; "That in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 as extended by the Local Government Act 1972 section 100 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the under mentioned item on the grounds that the publication of the matter would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

135/17 Common land at Brownlow

The recent correspondence was discussed in relation to the history of events with the boundary line.

Resolved the Clerk would write to the legal department within Cheshire East Council to seek clarity in the actions available to the Parish Council.

Resolved the Clerk would write to Mr Mearman to update him on the agreed actions taken tonight.

136/17 The next meeting would be the on 11th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

