

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at Astbury Village Hall.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr N Sharman - payments Fat Arrow Ltd

All Councillors present completed a dispensation in order to approve the precept for 2018/19.

Resolved the Clerk approved all dispensations.

Public Forum

Two members of the public present

Both residents were concerned about the increase in volume/driver intransigence of traffic around the Village Green. A taxi was required to pick up/drop off at their property each day and at times it was causing traffic queues and disruption due to other vehicles not being able to pass the parked taxi whilst picking up. A recent instance with a lorry was described and followed with a request to Cllr R Lomas if the larger vehicles when dropping off at the farm would utilise the road on the south of the VG.

They reiterated that pedestrian safety was a priority in accordance with the CE Local Plan and the pavement to the north of the VG was also too narrow and instances of cars hitting pedestrians were given.

They requested for the understanding and input by the Parish Council to take urgent action in relation to the traffic travelling through the village.

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (who chaired the meeting), Councillor J Critchlow (Vice Chairman) , Councillor C Kennerley, Councillor R Lomas, Councillor S A Banks, Councillor P Cliff, Councillor P Stanway, Councillor N Sharman, Councillor N Plant, Councillor N Barton and Councillor R Bailey *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

150/17 Apologies Cllr R Sutton due to a prior commitment , Cllr P Critchlow due to a personal commitment , Cllr A Banks due to work commitments, Councillor L Wardlow *Cheshire East* due to family commitments.

151/17 Minutes

Cllr P Cliff proposed the minutes and Cllr N Plant seconded. All members supported accepting the draft minutes.

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

152/17 Planning Applications

- 17/5364C Chantry Cottage, Wallhill Lane, Brownlow CW12 4TD – Amendment to permission Ref 17/2467C conversion of former detached garage and boat store (

with extant permission for a holiday let) into single dwelling, to include increasing the eaves height by 900mm

Resolved Objection

- 17/5480C Keepers Cottage, New Road, Moreton CW12 4RU. - Change of use from garage/ workshop to residential dwelling (resubmission of ; 17/3583C)

Resolved Objection

- Astbury Sidings, Oak Lane, Astbury- Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two detached houses and associated access and parking arrangements.

Resolved Objection

153/17 Highways

Traffic Calming Survey

The report was still not available to the Parish Council.

Cllr P Stanway proposed the Parish Council instructed an independent traffic survey (subject to three tenders) to gain the traffic figures throughout the village.

Cllr P Cliff seconded the proposal.

VOTE; FOR – Unanimous

Resolved the Clerk would instruct an independent traffic survey to establish vehicle numbers, type and speed around the Village Green.

CCTV

The Chairman proposed due the absence of Cllr A Banks this would be on the next agenda.

Cheshire Railings

The volunteers had attended for one six hour slot which was not sufficient.

Resolved the Clerk would gain three tenders to action the works.

It was noted the painting should not be carried out until the spring.

Footpath siding out along the A34

The works had commenced by CE but it was not of a high standard and had only been a quarter completed. It was agreed the Clerk and Cllr R Bailey would pursue.

Wallhill Lane

The road was unsafe due to the priority being the wrong way, hedges in need of being cut back, signs needing attention and some residents parking on the road.

Resolved the Clerk would arrange a site visit with Mr S Wallace.

Horse Riders

Cllr P Stanway wished the Parish Council to re enforce the use of hi vis jackets for horse riders throughout the Parish - "*See and be seen*".

Resolved it would be put in the next newsletter.

Cllr N Plant would remind the riders at the local riding establishment and Cllr R Bailey would mention the issue and the Cheshire East Local Access Group.

20mph signs outside the school

The old signs still had not been removed.

154/17 War Memorial

Cllr P Critchlow had reported that he had emailed and sent in photographs to the relevant party.

155/17 Budget 2018/19

The budget was approved by full Council.

Cllr P Stanway proposed the precept at £15,000. Cllr S A Banks seconded the proposal.

VOTE; FOR – JKC, PS, SAB, NB, CK. AGAINST – NP, PC, RL, JC, NS.

Cllr N Plant proposed £18,000. Cllr R Lomas seconded the proposal

VOTE; FOR- NP, PC, RL, JC, NS. AGAINST – JKC, PS, SAB, NB, CK.

The Chairman utilised the casting vote

Resolved The precept would be £15,000 for 2018/19.

156/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £11,211.08

Payments

- *Cheque number 612* - £113.35 Jewson Builders (Cheshire railings)
- *Cheque number 613* - £60.00 NALC Local Council Award Scheme
- *Cheque number 614*- £30.00 Brookes Brothers
- *Cheque number 615* - £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd

Receipts

- NIL

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

157/17 Defibrillator Training

The training had been advertised around the Parish and all members were requested to attend.

158/17 Cheshire East

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

Cllr R Bailey updated members on the new rules for attending primary and secondary schools in relation to proposed changes in relation to transport provision. It was currently under consultation.

She also pointed out from the public comments that evening that the CE Local Plan related to the safety of pavement provision was in the future not existing ones. This was impractical to implement.

Cllr L Wardlow had chaired the cabinet the previous day.

159/17 Chairman and Members report

Daffodil Planting – Cllr J Critchlow thanked members for attending to plant the bulbs at Ackers Crossing. It was very well received by the locals.

Poppy Planting for the School

Resolved the Parish Council would contribute monies to this project.

Cllr J Critchlow would gain some quotes before the next meeting.

Website

It had been noted the website was not working on safari with tablets and phones. Cllr N Sharman would review.

Newsletter

The next date was confirmed in January.

Sandy Quarry Liaison Group

The Chairman had attended the meeting on 31st October. All environmental figures were within guidelines e.g. dust particles, noise etc and next year a further planning application is expected to be submitted for land to the west of Wallhill Lane.

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"

160/17 Common Land at Brownlow

Resolved the Clerk would investigate advice the provisions of Sections 16 and 19 of the Commons Act 2006 and the specific circumstances that would apply to the facts of the matter.

It was agreed the Clerk would update Mr Mearman.

161/17 Clerks working from home allowance

Resolved the Parish Council would increase the Clerks working from home allowance. The issues of security and 'back up' of the clerk working from her own computer were discussed.

Resolved the Parish Council would purchase a Council computer together with the other three Parish Councils where the Clerk was contracted to work

162/17 The next meeting would be the on 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm