

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present Councillor J Carter (who chaired the meeting), Councillor P Cliff, Councillor R Sutton, Councillor N Plant, Councillor N Barton, Councillor S A Banks, Councillor C Kennerly, Councillor R Lomas, Councillor R Bailey *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr C Kennerly under payments and Cllr S A Banks under payments.

Public Forum

Nobody present

73/18 Apologies Councillor N Sharman due to holidays, Councillor A Banks due to a family birthday, Cllr P Critchlow due to holidays, Cllr J Critchlow due to holidays, Cllr P Stanway due to work commitments.

74/18 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 16th May 2018 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

75/18 Planning Applications

- 18/2594C Oakleigh, Childs Lane, Brownlow, Cheshire CW12 4TG- Demolition of existing building (which has consent for conversion to replacement dwelling (resubmission 18/1263C)

Resolved No Objection

Planning Appeal APP/R0660/C/16/3165487 and APP/R0660/C/16/3165509 – Land West of the holdings (known as the stables), Watery Lane, Newbold Astbury CW12 4RR.

Update:

The Enforcement Officer had visited site and residential occupation of the static caravan had ceased however a touring caravan is currently on the land and is being used for residential purposes which is a breach of the notice. The stables have not been demolished.

76/18 Councillor Responsibilities

After the last meeting some Councillors had missed delegation assignment and a review was undertaken. The following was agreed with members.

Councillor J Carter – Sibelco representative, Neighbourhood Plan, Business Plan Delivery and Personnel.

Councillor P Cliff – Highways

Councillor R Sutton – Community Assets

Councillor N Plant – Finance including Audit Compliance

Councillor N Barton – Village Hall Representative

Councillor S A Banks – Personnel and Planning

Councillor C Kennerly – Highways

Councillor R Lomas – May Day Representative

Councillor N Sharman – Website, Neighbourhood Plan and Highways

Councillor A Banks – School Liaison

Councillor P Critchlow – Neighbourhood Plan and Newsletter.

Councillor J Critchlow – CHALC Representative, Local Council Award Support and Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr P Stanway – Police and Church Representative.

77/18 Highways

VTC Highways Consultants Highway Report

Mr J Carruthers had communicated a summary of short/medium/long term solutions with costings to slow traffic down in and around the Village Green. The members were concerned that the speed was not the priority issue it was more volume of traffic and the effects on the village. There was a long discussion of options available to the Parish Council and the Chairman reiterated that highways issues were the number one concern of all residents in the Parish. Some members felt that the liaison with Cheshire East highways could be taken from the Parish Council without any outside support.

It was agreed this item would be deferred until Cllr N Sharman was present.

White Hatching along the A34

Cllr A Banks had requested the Clerk chased up this action.

Signs along the A34

It had been brought to the attention of the Council that the signs were becoming excessive on the Chance Hall Lane/A34 junction verge.

Resolved the Clerk would contact CE highways for advice.

Chevron Sign on A534

Still outstanding

Congleton Link Road

The contractor had been approved at the CE cabinet meeting this week and details would be released in July. This road should be started in November 2018.

Dodd's Lane /Brook Lane

The actions had been taken on Dodd's Lane but not Brook Lane. Some Councillors felt the works were substandard but would check and update the Clerk.

CCTV on the Village Green – deferred to the absence of Cllr A Banks.

Pot hole on Watery Lane -Clerk to report.

78/18 War Memorial

Deferred

79/18 New Home Bonus

When setting the Budget on 22nd February 2018 CE Full Council agreed the establishment of a 'New Homes Bonus - Community Fund' to be set up at a value of £2m to cover the period 2018/19 and 2019/20 subject to development of an appropriate governance framework.

This report sets out the scheme that will be implemented during 2018/19 initially. There will be an allocation of £1 m each year and the area of Congleton/Middlewich/Alsager/Sandbach and the surrounding rural areas were to receive £328,973.00. This was quite biased in our favour due to the amount of housing development in the area.

There would be an application process in place for Town & Parish Councils to follow and then it would be presented by the Ward Councillors and decided by Cheshire East.

80/18 GDPR

A privacy document had been written and three supplementary documents which would be utilised would be circulated to members.

The Parish Council email addresses were not all being utilised, and they needed to be relaunched as soon as possible.

81/18 Accounts to note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £12,296.34 Payments

- *Cheque Number 643 - £75.00 The Horseshoe Inn (Annual meeting)*

- *Cheque Number 644* - £594.00 Mr E Beech (bench repairs)
- *Cheque Number 645* - £539.41 Came & Company (Insurance)
- *Cheques Number 646*- £1,020.00 Brooks Bros (Cheshire Railings)

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

Receipts

- NIL

Insurance Claim

One bench by the cemetery gates which had been damaged by a car in February had now been repaired but the other bench was beyond repair. The Clerk had received two more quotes to replace the missing bench.

Resolved the Clerk should pursue this claim and endeavour to retrieve the £250 excess.

82/18 Cheshire East

Cllr R Bailey had attended a cabinet meeting the previous day and communicated the relevant points to the Council members. The New Homes Bonus would only be granted to specific projects such as sports schemes, transport schemes, library schemes, allotments, road safety and homelessness.

The contractor had been chosen for the CLR, the funding was due to be retrieved from Central Government of £45m plus £24m from Cheshire East and the remaining monies would come from local housing development in the area.

There had been many road projects discussed in the area, e.g. A500 dual scheme and the Middlewich by Pass.

Adult Social Care improvements proposals were discussed as this now received a £4.7m budget.

83/18 Chairman and members Report

May Day

Cllr R Lomas updated the Council on the revenue and the proposed allocations of the monies to the organisations in Astbury including the school. He would confirm the final details at the next meeting.

Correspondence

The Chairman proposed this item would go back on to the agenda. All members agreed.

Local Council Award

The Parish Council had achieved Foundation level in May. The Chairman wished to thank the Clerk helping the Parish Council achieving this recognition.

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"

84/18 Clerks Salary

The chairman discussed the Clerks salary and proposed changes.

Resolved. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary be amended in line with NALC pay scales for the financial year commencing with the quarter ended June 2018 including an increase from Scale Point 25 to 26 to maintain Parish Council parity.

85/18 the next meeting would be the on 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

