

## **NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Astbury Village Hall.

### **Part 1**

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**Present** Councillor J Carter (who chaired the meeting), Councillor R Sutton, Councillor P Stanway, Councillor N Plant, Councillor P Critchlow, Councillor J Critchlow, Councillor N Sharman, Councillor R Bailey *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

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### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr N Sharman under payments.

### **Public Forum**

1 member of the public present.

There were concerns expressed that the statistical nature of the presentation from Mr J Carruthers (VTC Consultancy) at the Annual Parish Meeting were incorrect as they did not include the 2008 data. The results that had been circulated to the public, in his opinion were misleading and incorrect. An email had been sent to Mr Carruthers in May and there had been no response to date. The highway issues were one of the main priorities in the village and in his opinion very little progress was being taken by the Parish Council. He went on to query why the 2017 Cheshire East traffic figures had not been readily available to be include in the presentation.

**86/18 Apologies** Cllr A Banks – work commitments, Cllr C Kennerly – work commitments, Cllr N Barton – no reason, Cllr R Lomas – prior meeting engagement, Cllr P Cliff – work commitments, Cllr S A Banks- no reason.

### **87/18 Minutes**

**Resolved** the minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **88/18 Planning Applications**

- 18/3114C The Cottage, Brookhouse Farm, Puddle Bank Lane, Astbury – proposed new menage.

**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:

No actions taken since the last meeting – the Clerk was requested to enquire to the enforcement officer.

Rushey Hey, Oak Lane, Astbury CW12 4RT – it was noted that the event in June had not taken place although there was another one scheduled for August.

Weld House Farm, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 3NQ – it was noted more activity had taken place on site. The Clerk was requested to check if it required permission and whether it had been applied for with CE planning.

### **89/18 VTC Consultants**

The comments from the public forum were discussed. It was accepted the Parish Council had engaged Mr J Carruthers and he was not at liberty to reply to members of the public.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would instruct Mr J Carruthers, VTC Consultants to carry out one day a month at a cost of £150.00 a day for 6 months to assist the Parish Council together with Cheshire East to improve the traffic concerns throughout the Parish.

**Resolved** all members would identify highway issues and locations in their Parish area and bring them to the next Parish Council meeting to formulate a plan of instruction for Mr J Carruthers.

### **90/18 Newsletter**

Cllr P Critchlow had a most welcomed return of articles for the newsletter which included the school, the church and the Women Institute. The Chairman requested he included the highways decision made this evening to update residents.

### **91/18 Highways**

#### Kerb Stones on the Village Green Conservation Area

Cheshire East would replace but they would be concrete and not natural grey stone. If this was a requirement it would be placed on a project improvement list which would take a while. The Clerk had retrieved a quote of £495.

**Resolved** the Chairman would contact Cheshire East Conservation Officer for advice and support.

#### Dodds Lane and Brook Lane

Dodds Lane resurface had still not been completed to a satisfactory standard and Brook Lane had not been completed at all. These had been scheduled in the last financial year. Cllr R Bailey was asked to resolve these issues.

#### Wallhill Lane

A local resident had offered to cut back his offending tree that was covering the priority sign, but he requested the Sand Quarry would cut back their hedges along Wallhill Lane. Cllr R Sutton would endeavour to resolve this issue before the next meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sutton for his efforts.

#### Watery Lane pothole

Cllr N Plant reported this had been resolved.

#### Street Light on Peel Lane

As nobody was sure if this had been resolved due to light nights the Clerk would enquire and report back.

#### Signs along A34 junction/ Chance Hall Lane

The advertising signs were not highway compliant and had now been removed by Cheshire East.

#### Layby on Mow Lane

Cllr P Stanway reported that the layby on 'Ganny Bank' was frequently full of rubbish including many glass bottles and beer cans. He had himself collected them on several occasions and subsequently had enquired if Cheshire East could arrange some extra trips, but it seems ANSA litter pick on the Ridge and Congleton Town Council collect the laybys. He wished it to be noted he saw no purpose to this layby or the one by the Horse Shoe Inn and it would be of benefit if it was filled in to avoid this litter dropping.

#### Fly tipping in Layby near Horse Shoe Inn

Cllr N Plant reported fly tipping on the lay by. The Clerk was asked to report. It was empty paint cans and other decorating debris.

### **92/18 War Memorial**

Cllr P Critchlow reported this was still outstanding as the relevant company had not visited site. It was suggested another company in Smallthorne was contacted to help assist in getting the works completed.

### **93/18 New Home Bonus**

The application process had not been finalised and was still awaiting approval from Cheshire East. It was due to be seen by the Town and Parish Councils by September. The members discussed the possible funding options to be considered.

#### **94/18 GDPR**

**Resolved** the new GDPR Policies would be adopted by Full Council

The Clerk had organised a meeting with one representative from each Parish Council (Cllr Andy Banks had attended on the Parish Council's behalf) of which she worked. There had been a check list completed to take actions by the Clerk. Some actions were agreed;

- i) any information from the retired clerk needed returning to the Clerk's office
- ii) the Neighbourhood Plan's history surveys needed placing with the Clerk.
- iii) the website needed the privacy statement /cookies and relevant documents adding.
- iv) the old newsletter provider needed contacting to ensure the addresses had been erased.
- v) the recent new polices which had been circulated needed adopting and adding to the website.
- vi) all Councillors must be operating from the dedicated Parish Council email address

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr A Banks for attending the meeting.

#### **95/18 Accounts to note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £10,043.79** Payments

- *Cheque Number 650* – £1,462.44 Cranage Parish Council (Clerks salary including £102.44 HMRC contributions)
- *Cheque Number 651* – £61.88 Mrs J Mason (expenses from April to June)
- *Cheque Number 649* £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd

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

#### Receipts

- NIL

#### Insurance Claim

The insurance company had approved the replacement bench and it would be completed in August

#### **96/18 Cheshire East**

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

Cllr R Bailey went over the rules for the New Home Community Bonus allocation. She suggested the Parish Council contemplated their options under the guidelines. The Community Grants policy was under review and it was due to be renamed as 'Early Help and Community Grants' which would now cover start up grants and community activities. There was £200,000 available.

Community hubs were now up and running in many local areas, Holmes Chapel, Alsager and Congleton. The rural areas were not as focused but there were many things they could engage in to assist the community they lived in.

Sustainable Modes of Transport to Schools, there was a positive approach to encourage children to walk and cycle to school, alternative modes of transport were necessary.

#### **97/18 Chairman and members Report**

##### May Day

The monies allocation had not been finalised.

##### Town and Parish Council Conference

This was scheduled for 26th September in Middlewich.

**98/18 Clerks Report**

**Footpath Report**

The Clerk had received a footpath report from the Congleton Ramblers which had identified nine walked footpaths within the Parish and the relevant issues reported. Cllr R Sutton offered to enquire with the local landowners involved.

**100/18 the next meeting would be the on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 9.20 pm**



