

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

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

Declaration of Interest

Cllr N Sharman – Fat Arrow Ltd

Public Forum

1 member of the public present.

The resident just wished to enquire about the issues reported at the last Parish Council meeting in relation to Weld House Farm.

The Chairman responded with the actions the Parish Council had taken and the report from the enforcement officer.

114/18 Apologies Cllr S A Banks – family commitments, Cllr C Kennerly – work commitments, Cllr R Lomas – holiday.

115/18 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 8th August 2018 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

116/18 Planning Applications

- 18/4001C The Long Barn, Sandbach Road, Wallhill, CW12 4TE – outline application for proposed detached dwelling.

Cllr N Barton proposed Objection and Cllr N Plant seconded the vote.

FOR – AB, JC, P Critchlow, NB, NP,NS,PS,P Cliff, J Carter . AGAINST – RS

Resolved Objection

117/18 VTC Consultants

After the report had been circulated on 7th September, Cllr J Carter, Cllr P Critchlow, Cllr J Critchlow and the Clerk had attended a site meeting in the Parish with John Carruthers.

They had visited Dodds Lane, Mow Lane, the roads around the village green, Wallhill Lane, Brook Lane, Brownlow Heath Lane and the A34. The members had given a background of the issues and concerns. Mr JC will now write a full report by the next meeting for the Parish Council to comment on.

CCTV

Cllr A Banks updated members on progress to date.

118/18 Community Home Bonus

The Clerk had attended a meeting 3rd September at Sandbach Town Hall with members from Cheshire East Council to communicate the new home bonus scheme. Cllr P Bates the portfolio holder for finance chaired the meeting and his team communicated the regulations.

The Clerk had circulated the power point and communicated the details.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council could bid for monies for communication as by improving the broadband connections across the parish.

Resolved the Clerk would invite Connecting communities to the next Parish Council meeting for further guidance.

It was noted Cllr G Bell from Somerford Parish Council was the Town and Parish representative for Congleton. He would have no voting rights, but it was a role of scrutiny.

119/18 Highways

Fly tipping

After the case in Astbury and the evidence obtained it seemed that Cheshire East were in the progress of prosecuting an individual for fly tipping.

Cllr P Stanway wished it to be noted what a good job Congleton Town Council made of keeping the laybys clear on Mow Lane.

A34 footpaths

The footpaths had been sided out along the A34 but the footpath from the garden centre to Moreton were full of weeds and breaking up in several places.

Road Planings

They were available but needed to be delivered to a place suitable for people who required them to have access. They would be available for the unadopted road of Roe Park, should a suitable site for depositing them be found.

Signs across the Parish

The Chairman requested the support of the members to take note of all the damaged signs across the Parish and report to the Clerk as he had noticed there were many which required attention.

120/18 Broadband connection

The Parish council had received a written request for some support to improve the broadband connection in the parish as they were only receiving 0.9mb. They explained how far they were from the connection box and it was affecting his life patterns.

The parish Council would try and investigate this further and take some actions.

The Clerk was requested to respond accordingly.

121/18 War Memorial

Cllr P Critchlow had visited the company in Smallthorne to clarify the best method to add the missing names on the war memorial. It was advised to add three extra pieces of granite.

The Clerk had requested permission from the Vicar of St Marys Church Astbury and he had agreed but encouraged the Parish Council to make sure they were correct in their findings before taking any actions.

122/18 GDPR

The Clerk updated members on progress. It was noted some Parish Councils had instructed a Data Protection Officer. The Clerk circulated some details and costings to instruct a DPO.

If all the Clerks of four Parish Councils she was employed by supported this option Astbury agreed to be included.

123/18 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £8,016.53

Payments

- *Cheque no 655* - £1,062.00 Browns of Congleton Ltd
- *Cheque no 656* - £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd

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

Receipts

- £7,500 Precept CE
- £1,030.00 Came & Company

124/18 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor R Bailey and Ward Cllr L Wardlow.

Cllr LW explained where the fly tipping case had reached with the prosecution status.

The Community Home Bonus was clarified and if the Parish Council wished to pursue the option of improving connectivity they had to draft the bid before the end of October. there was a meeting scheduled with all the Ward Councillors for the Congleton area and the representative to discuss the initial bids that had been submitted.

War memorial hospital in Congleton – Cllr RB informed members that the war memorial had been closed several times over the winter due to staffing issues at Macclesfield hospital.

This had resulted in the Congleton Staff being relocated. It was a super facility in Congleton and we would not want it to close and she was attending a meeting to express her views.

The Chairman offered the Parish Council's support as the hospital was a great service to the community.

125/18 Common Land

The Chairman and the Clerk had met and finalised the details to now engage with the Cheshire East's locum solicitors to change the boundary.

126/18 Chairman and Members Report

Police Cluster meeting on 18th October

Resolved Cllr N Barton would attend the meeting at Congleton Police Station

Footpath query on farms who received single farm payment and PROW.

The farmers who received the single farm payment could cut the hedges back to allow access along a PROW just the same as a highway.

Cllr R Sutton said if Congleton Ramblers needed any support when approaching land owners in the Parish to maintain their PROW he would support them.

127/18 the next meeting would be the on 10th October 2018 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

