

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th October 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, Councillor N Sharman, Councillor S A Banks, Councillor C Kennerley, Councillor R Bailey *Cheshire East* and the Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr N Sharman – Fat Arrow Ltd and Cllr P Stanway 18/4572C

Public Forum

1 member of the public present.

The member of the public who was the applicant had come to speak on the planning application 18/4572C as he was the prospective purchaser and had submitted the application. He distributed a hand out to all the Councillors present to explain the current access to the site and the proposals intended.

128/18 Apologies Cllr P Cliff due to a prior engagement and Cllr R Lomas due to having a wedding commitment.

129/18 Minutes

Two amendments were proposed;

119/18 amended to “*they would be available for the unadopted road of Roe Park, should a suitable site for depositing them be found*”

126/18 amended to “*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.*”

The above amendments were accepted as a true record of events.

Resolved the minutes from 12th September 2018 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

130/18 Cheshire East

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

Single use plastics

The Women Institute had made a proposal for a motion to be passed that the use of single use plastics should be banned. This had gone through cabinet at Cheshire East and they were no longer being used in the Council buildings. She would like this to go through to Town and Parish Councils.

18/1427C Land at Bonneyfield Cottage, Mow Lane Astbury CW12 3NH had gone to appeal

It was noted Cllr R Bailey would be writing a letter from Cheshire East.

Waste Site in Middlewich

Cheshire East Council has purchased the land formerly used by Ideal Standard on Cledford Lane and has turned it into a borough-wide waste site. ANSA would arrange visits if Councillors wished to attend.

131/18 Planning Applications

Cllr P Stanway left the room

- 18/4572C Land opposite Hillside View, Mow Lane, Astbury, CW12 3NJ – conversion of former agricultural building to single storey
Resolved No Objection

Cllr P Stanway returned to the room

- 18/4644C The Poultry House, Brownlow Heath Lane, Brownlow Heath Lane, Brownlow CW12 4TH – To introduce a traditional style off grid Shepherds Hut to the site with an outdoor shower for seasonal holiday rental.
Resolved No Objection with conditions

18/1427C Land at Bonneyfield Cottage, Mow Lane, Astbury CW12 3NH

Development of stable block/storage building and manage including engineering operations and demolition of existing outbuilding. [APP/R0660/W18/3209158](#)

Resolved the Clerk would write a letter to the Inspector confirming the Councils objection and non-compliance with the adopted Neighbourhood plan. Also, to request attendance of a Council member at the inspectors site visit.

132/18 VTC Consultants

After the meeting on 7th September, Mr J Carruthers had submitted an interim report for the Parish Council to consider. The report had been circulated to members.

The following points were agreed;

- Passing places should be avoided on Dodds Lane and measures to reduce through running traffic.
- There needed to be more input through the Village. This was a significant part of the project and a wider range of options/suggestions needed.
- Wallhill Lane proposals needed to go to the Congleton Link Road liaison team when they engaged in consultation meetings with the Parish Council and the public.
- The Statistical Information was very interesting and informative especially in relation to the A34.

Resolved the Clerk would feedback information to Mr J Carruthers in order for his to submit his detailed report in November.

Resolved the Parish Council would allocate a maximum budget of £4,000 in this financial year.

133/18 Community Home Bonus Scheme

The first meeting involving the Congleton Area was scheduled for 29th October at 'Westfields' and this was where the 'Terms of Reference' would be decided and the process of allocating the bids. NBACM were still considering for bidding for monies to improving the broadband connectivity in the parish. They had invited a representative from Connecting Communities to speak but unfortunately, he had been unable to attend this evening. A report had been circulated it reported the current position for Astbury and Moreton based on project data and random speed checks shows that 44% of the 201 premises in the area have access to superfast broadband. This is mainly due to commercial activity from upgrades to the Congleton exchange cabinets 13 and 18. There is also some impact on premises via the Connecting Cheshire project upgrading Smallwood exchange cabinets 1 and 3 impacting premises in the areas of Wallhill Lane and Brownlow Heath. This proportion of premises not accessing superfast is considerably lower than the national average of 95%. Cheshire East and the Government is working on solutions to bring full-fibre networks to communities which allow gigabit access. Currently gigabit vouchers worth up to £3,500 can be made available to premises and communities to support a community fibre build.

Resolved the Clerk would invite Navin Sankersingh from Connecting Communities to the next meeting.

134/18 Highways

Congleton Link Road

Mr Paul Griffiths had reported via email to the Clerk, the new appointed contractor 'Graham contractors' is currently developing a detailed programme and recruiting a local community engagement officer. The plan they are working to is to have a few local drop-in sessions in January (probably at the primary school, Eaton public house). CE should have the detailed plans of the traffic management, timescales for the works and staff on hand to address individual concerns soon.

There will be adverts in the press after New Year.

In terms of the high-level programme, at the moment there are ground surveys and boreholes been undertaken. These are localised and will last a few weeks. The contractor will be using this information to complete a detailed design. The main site compounds (off Viking Way) will begin to be established in the New Year along with some advance ecological work (tree work, collecting newts, etc.) There might be a few utility diversions beginning to happen in February, but these will be minor and not cause too much disruption. Main works will commence in Spring 2019 depending on the weather.

Street Light on Peel Drive

Still not actioned

Mow Lane

Cllr C Kennerley wished the Clerk to report a dip in the road which was causing local drivers to swerve around it to avoid.

135/18 War Memorial

No progress to date still on going.

136/18 GDPR

All the three other Parish Councils the Clerk worked for had engaged in appointing a Data Protection Officer. The interview would be conducted on 18th October.

137/18 Donations

Resolved the Parish Council would donate £300.00 to St Marys Church Astbury

138/18 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £15,560.53

Payments

- *Cheque no 657* - £45.28 Mrs J Mason expenses (June to September)
- *Cheque no 658* - £1,586.05 Cranage Parish Council (Clerks salary from June to December plus office payments and including £122.69 HMRC contributions)
- *Cheque no 659* - £24.00 Fat Arrow Ltd
- *Cheque no 660* - £300.00 St Marys Church Astbury

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

Receipts

- Nil

It was noted the RBS in Congleton was closing.

139/18 Audit 2017/18

The Parish Council has provided PKF Littlejohn with a copy of the certificate of exemption as their turnover in 2017/2018 was below £25k. As no formal questions have been raised during the formal six-week public inspection period the Council should NOT receive any further communications from the external auditor. PKF Littlejohn do not provide exempt councils with an external auditor's certificate.

The Exempt category is being used for the first time for the 2017/2018 accounts, hence the difference in procedure.

Resolved as the six-week inspection period has closed, and there have been no public questions, then the Parish Council formally adopted the previous year's accounts.

140/18 Newsletter

There was little content available, and this would be postponed until the next meeting to produce a Christmas Newsletter.

141/18 Common Land

The Chairman and the Clerk had sent the relevant documentation to Cheshire East to amend the boundary line of the common land. They would await their advice.

142/18 Chairman and Members Report

Town & Parish Council Conference 26.09.18

The Chairman had attended the conference in Elworth Sandbach and communicated the key points. Cllr Rachel Bailey (the leader) had been the speaker and the cost of suspended Councillors to Cheshire East had been approx. £800,000.

Police Cluster meeting on 18th October

Cllr N Barton would be attending.

School

The security extension had been completed successfully. The school were reforming policies and in 2019 would become an Academy.

143/18 The next meeting would be the on 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm