

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

### **Part 1**

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#### **Present**

Councillor J Carter (who chaired the meeting),  
Councillor A Banks,  
Councillor S A Banks,  
Councillor N Barton,  
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman  
Councillor P Critchlow,  
Councillor R Lomas,  
Councillor C Kennerly,  
Councillor N Plant,  
Councillor N Sharman,  
Councillor P Stanway,  
Councillor R Sutton,  
Councillor R Bailey, Cheshire East  
Councillor L Wardlow, Cheshire East  
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

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#### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr N Sharman – Fat Arrow Ltd

#### **Public Forum**

10 members of the public present.

Some residents from Wallhill Lane had attended to express their concerns on the mitigation measures required due to the Congleton Link Road being implemented. They had seen the draft plan from 2017 but felt there were not enough measures being implemented. There had recently been two major traffic incidents on the lane both of which could have been fatal. They wish the improved measures to be put in place before the completion of the CLR. The original document assured the residents that figures had been taken in 2012 and they would have comparable figures taken after the completion of the road. This needed to be supported by the PC. They were very concerned that Wallhill Lane will become the final link to the A34. in the Congleton Link Road.

The residents wished the extra points adding to the existing improvements;

- Grass verges to be widened and white posts to be set all along Wallhill Lane to stop the wholesale destruction of the verges by traffic – particularly large farm vehicles.
- The lane to be narrowed in the broader areas to signal the narrowing of the lane at Less-a-Tree Cottage and Summit Cottage
- 20mph limit to be extended from Charity Farm to Summit Cottage.
- The road surface of the 20mph area to be of different materials to suggest a pedestrian shared space.
- A painted footpath from Chapel Cottage to the new farmhouse at Lesser Reeves Farm to ensure safety of families and ramblers and dog walkers using the area and its adjoining footpath.
- Speed bumps in the 20mph area.
- Speed cameras installed in the 40mph area between Bent Quarry and Holford Farm to prepare traffic for the 20mph area.

- Large tubs of shrubs to be placed on both verges at either end of the 20mph signs to demonstrate traffic is entering a shared space.
- A traffic census to assess current levels of traffic.

No changes to be made to the draft proposals by Cheshire East or the Parish Council without prior consultation with the residents of Wallhill Lane.

Two residents from the A534 wished to request the support of the PC due to the recent announcement of the closure of Sandy Lane. They both had children who attended Holmes Comprehensive School and caught the public number 42 bus home, then dropped off on the A54. They then walked along Sandy Lane to get home. If the lane is closed, they would have to walk along the A534 where there is no pavement to return home. Mr P Griffiths *Project Manager CLR* and GRAHAM had been informed but no response had been forthcoming. They were now approaching Fiona Bruce MP.

### **17/19 Apologies**

Councillor P Cliff due to a family celebration

### **18/19 Minutes**

**Resolved** the minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **19/19 Planning Applications**

*No applications had been submitted since the last meeting.*

#### Weld House

There had been reports that the site was being used for more than overnight motor home/ caravan stays.

**Resolved** the Clerk would contact the original planning officer who last visited the site.

#### Car Sales outside the church

It had come to the attention of the Parish Council that a car sales company, LA Cars Cheshire Ltd, were operating from a residential property 'Westcroft' and the cars were being parked in front of the church. Two of the cars seemed to have no road tax.

**Resolved** the Clerk would write to the occupier of 'Westcroft' to take remedial action as it was an illegal process.

### **20/19 Traffic issues in the Parish following public consultation**

#### Meeting with Mr C Hodgkinson CE Highways, Cllr R Bailey, the Chairman and the Clerk

Mr CH had responded with a report following him failing to attend the scheduled meeting. It was agreed the response was not satisfactory and inaccurate in some places.

**Resolved** a new meeting would be arranged.

### **21/19 Highways**

#### Signs to be checked by Parish Councillors

Cllr PC and Cllr JAC were completing the outstanding ones.

#### Congleton Link Road

The road construction had now commenced and there had been several notices in the local press in relation to road closures. The Clerk had been approached by a representative from GRAHAM to meet monthly to discuss issues in the Parish. There had been a consultation event at Blackfirs school on 29.1.19.

The resident's comments were acknowledged. The Clerk had arranged a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February with CE Highways and the Local Ward Councillors to discuss the mitigation measures on Walhill Lane.

**Resolved** the Chairman and the Clerk would attend.

The points that had been raised by the public forum time would be consider at the meeting and the inclusion of Brownlow Heath Lane and Brook Lane as these had not been referred to by CE.

#### Sandy Lane closure

The comments from the residents on A534 would be referred to Mr Paul Griffiths for a response.

#### Footpaths along the A34

The clerk had reported and there was no budget in this financial year. CE were due to have an increased budget in 2019/20 or footpaths.

#### Cheshire Railings Improvement Plan in the Parish

There were railing situated;

- i) Near Great Moreton Hall
- ii) Opposite Astbury Garden Centre
- iii) Sandy Lane
- iv) Childs Lane

It was agreed that members would look at the most appropriate set for improvement before the next meeting.

#### Hedge along Childs Lane

It was noted that the Clerk had written to the owner to request the overhanging hedge was cut back.

#### Watery Lane

Cllr SAB was concerned about the lane as it was very muddy as all the ditches were blocked and the water was running over the road. The local farmer was also allowing his cows to roam along the road which was a hazard for drivers. It was noted that there were regular fires at the site with tree waste being deposited for disposal.

**Resolved** the Clerk would report the ditches and potholes to highways.

**Resolved** Cllr RL would contact the local PCSO to discuss the issues with the cows and the burning of trees at the farm.

**Resolved** the Clerk would contact CE to refer to the tree burning at Mill House Farm.

#### Mow Lane

Cllr PS wished it to be noted that there was water running on to Mow Lane and there were two large pot holes drivers were avoiding.

**Resolved** the Clerk would report.

#### Traffic Lights at the Flash

There had been several complaints that the time the green signal was shown this side of the traffic lights was not long enough.

**Resolved** the Clerk would make enquires if any actions can be taken.

### **22/19 War Memorial**

The Chairman had approached the Church for permission to redesign the memorial after the Parish Council had agreed to add an extra 23 names. This was now due to be added to the PCC agenda. He would now approach the Diocese.

### **23/19 Risk Assessment 2018/19**

**Resolved** to accept the Risk assessment circulated to members.

#### Equipment Checklist

The Clerk discussed the check that had been carried out. The Church Lych gate light needed repairing and the information notice board needed painting.

**Resolved** the Clerk would arrange for an electrician to remove/ install the light.

**Resolved** Cllr N Plant would renovate the light.

**Resolved** Cllr N Barton would treat the Information board.

The relevant Risk assessments would be completed.

### **24/19 Annual Newsletter/Annual Parish Meeting**

#### Broadband Article

The article had been circulated with the intention to be added to the next newsletter.

**Resolved** it would be included in the annual newsletter

There would be a speaker from the War Memorial Group and the Clerk had invite CE Highways to discuss the mitigation measures proposed for Wallhill Lane, but this was dependant on their acceptance.

### **25/19 CCTV**

Cllr A Banks had visited the church and discussed the CCTV they had in operation. It needed attention to improve the picture and coverage of the Church forecourt and Village Green roads. detail. There was an initial quote shown to realise the costs of new equipment It was agreed Cllr A Banks would investigate some more costings before the next meeting and the implications of installing new CCTV in relation to GDPR and regulations.

### **26/19 Accounts**

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £11,282.76

#### Payments

- *Cheque no 669* - £40.00 Mrs J mason (flowers for Astbury Garage ref Christmas lights)
- *Cheque no 670* - £200.00 Somerford Parish Council (GDPR audit contribution)
- *Cheque no 671*- £116.15 Fat Arrow Ltd (website renewal)
- *Cheque no 672* – £362.93 Crewe Colour Printers

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

#### Receipts

- Nil

#### Donation to North West Ambulance

**Resolved** this request would be declined.

### **27/19 Cheshire East**

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

The medium-term financial budget strategy was very topical now and being discussed in detail with some hard decisions being addressed. The strategy for funding schools had been included and the final figures for next year. There had been a cabinet meeting for the CIL monies which had been approved. It seemed Astbury was one of the highest in the area at £71 per square metre for development.

There was a discussion on the preferred method of decision making whether it be the cabinet or committee structure. RB thought it would be very difficult for a unitary authority the size of CE to make decisions within a cabinet structure.

### **28/19 GDPR**

'Use of personally owned computer equipment for Council business' forms were circulated and signed by members.

The housekeeping was virtually completed, and the Retention Document would be published before the next meeting.

There was a requirement for a computer company to check the 'back up' was in place and ensure the 'fire wall' was operating. As part of the retention document the holding a period of emails which also needed attention and there was no trigger to change the password on a regular basis.

A contract was being devised between the newsletter provider and the website host. The Clerk would also visit the archives in Chester to deposit some records.

### **29/19 Clerks Report**

Town & Parish Council Conference 29.01.19

It was noted this was cancelled and rescheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Elections Briefing

The Clerk was due to attend on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**30/19 Chairman and Members Report**

Cllr N Plant discussed the flood lightening at the Church. The Chairman responded that a renewal of the installation by the PCC was underway.

**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"**

**31/19 Common Land at Brownlow**

This was to be deferred after more research had been completed.

**32/18 The next meeting would be the on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall**

**Meeting closed at 9.55 pm**



