

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

Councillor J Carter Chairman
Councillor A Banks,
Councillor N Barton,
Councillor P Cliff,
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman
Councillor P Critchlow,
Councillor B Jelf,
Councillor R Lomas,
Councillor N Plant,
Councillor N Sharman,
Councillor R Sutton, *left early*
Councillor P Redstone Cheshire East
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr J Carter - CCTV, Cllr N Sharman – CCTV, Cllr R Sutton 19/2173W, Cllr P Cliff – Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Critchlow – Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Critchlow – Wallhill Lane, Cllr B Jelf – Wallhill Lane.

Public Forum

2 members of the public present (to be noted their children were also present). Both residents lived on Wallhill Lane and had attended the meeting to gain the support of the Parish Council to close Wallhill Lane as this would result in the most ideal option to mitigate road safety when the CLR was opened in 2020. The situation was unsafe now without the predicted increase in traffic after opening of the CLR with vehicles travelling to the A34. Both residents gave examples of 'near misses' and accidents that had occurred. The residents explained they understood from verbal sources Mr Sean Halewood CEC Highways Officer (leading the project) had expressed support for closure. Cameras and speed bumps were inappropriate. Two children also gave a resume of how unsafe the speed and volume of traffic was from the viewpoint of a child living on the lane.

The Chairman wished it to be noted that after the various email exchanges and the contact from the local press, the Parish Council had made no decision on the mitigation measures for Wallhill Lane at this time. The PC were awaiting contact from the CE Highway officers.

75/19 Apologies

Councillor C Kennerly due to work commitments.

76/19 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 14th May 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

77/19 Councillor Resignation

It was noted Cllr S A Banks had resigned.

Resolved a letter of thanks would be sent by the Clerk and the position would be advertised.

78/19 Business Plan

Resolved the Chairman would revise the plan and circulate a draft to members for review at the next meeting.

79/19 Councillor Responsibilities

Resolved the following responsibilities were agreed by full Council.

- Personnel – Cllr J Critchlow
- Planning - Cllr N Plant
- Website – Cllr N Sharman
- School Liaison – Cllr J Carter

80/19 CCTV

The Clerk had circulated the relevant documents from ICO. JDH Services Ltd had offered free guidance as the PC had instructed the company for advice in 2018.

Cllr N Plant proposed '*the option of CCTV was not pursued on the Village Green.*'

Cllr B Jelf supported this proposal.

VOTE - FOR – RS, NB, P Critchlow, AJC, BJ, RL, NP, NS. AGAINST-AB. ABSTAIN - JC, PC

Resolved the CCTV on the Village Green would not be pursued at the time.

81/19 Wallhill Lane Mitigation

The Parish Council had not been furnished with any information from Mr Sean Halewood or Mrs Fay Price to come to any conclusions on the proposed mitigation options for Wallhill Lane. It was noted the traffic counts were being completed for the second week at this time.

Resolved the Clerk would contact the CE Highways Officers to clarify the position of the Parish Council and to request a meeting.

82/19 War Memorial

Information was still being compiled.

Deferred

83/19 Planning Applications

- 19/2449C Woodlands, New Road, Moreton CW12 4RX – proposed two story side extension, removal of existing internal layout

Resolved No Objection

Cllr R Sutton left the meeting

- 19/2173W Bent Farm Quarry, Wallhill Lane, Brownlow, Congleton CW12 4HW – extension to Bent farm quarry for the extraction of sand and progressive restoration.

Resolved No Objection with conditions (avoidance of light pollution - Neighbourhood Plan Policy P9 refers).

The restoration plan for the existing quarry site was discussed at the Sibelco Liaison Meeting Tuesday 11th June attended by Cllr. J Carter & Cllr. B Jelf. Commencement was anticipated in 2022. There would be no access to the public.

- Local Plan – Site and Allocation Policy Document meeting on 3rd June at Westfield's, Sandbach

The Chairman fed back the communication he had received.

- Weldhouse Farm

A representative from the Camping and Caravan club had attended site and made clear that the operation of selling / storing vehicles had to cease otherwise the certificate would be withdrawn. A CE planning enforcement officer had also attended site and made recommendations to the owner.

84/19 Highways

Cheshire Railings at Moreton Crossroads

Resolved Brook Brothers would be instructed to paint the Cheshire Railings

Meeting with Mr C Hodgson- traffic issues around the Village Green

There had been a site visit with CH, ex Cllr R Bailey, the Chairman and the Clerk in February and there still had been no feedback from the officer. The Clerk requested support from the Ward Cllr.

Fence Lane and Wharf Lane

There had been concerns raised about the size of lorries travelling down Wharf Lane.

Resolved the Ward Cllr P Redstone would request a weight limit on Wharf Lane or the bridge from a safety position.

Hedge along Childs Lane

The Clerk had written to the owners in January and followed twice with phone calls. The hedge still had not been actioned.

Resolved the Clerk would contact highways to instruct enforcement.

85/19 RBS Bank Account

Cllr N Plant and Cllr P Cliff had conducted some research in relation to changing bank accounts and being awarded some monies for the RBS.

Resolved the Parish Council would now undertake a Santander account and the signatures would be Cllr J Carter. Cllr P Cliff, Cllr N Plant and Cllr A Banks.

Resolved the Clerk was given the authority to instruct online banking for the Parish Council. It was noted the Financial Regulations would need amending.

86/19 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £16,729.22

Payments

- *Cheque no 686 - £569.28 Came and Company*
- *Cheque no 687 -£25.00 Astbury Primary School*
- *Cheque no 688 – £35.00 CHALC (Re issue of Cllr A Banks COC training)*
- *Cheque no 689 - £35.00 CHALC (Cllr B Jelf training 12.06.19)*

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as above

Receipts

- Nil

87/19 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor P Redstone.

Cllr PR reported that himself and Cllr LW were trying to arrange a meeting with CE Highways in refence Wallhill Lane and would invite the PC.

They were also pursuing Mr C Hodgson in refence traffic mitigation measures around the Village Green. The potholes along Watery Lane were also being chased.

89/19 Chairman and Members Report

May Day

Cllr RL gave an update.

Fence Lane resident communication

The Clerk had contacted the local PC in the area, and she was increasing presence in the area. Cllr NB and the Clerk were due to meet with the PCSO on Friday 16th June.

Operation London Bridge

The PC declined to have a portrait of the Queen.

Puddle bank Lane

Cllr N Plant requested the PC investigate the new development on the lane

90/19 Clerks Report

Thank you letter from Mrs R Bailey - noted

Thank you letter from War Society – noted

Pension update

The Clerk had opted out of the pension scheme, but the procedure had been completed incorrectly. TCS Management had advised the Clerk should be placed in a pension scheme and then opted out. There would be a charge for this instruction.

Resolved the Parish Council would contribute to the costs proposed when Cranage Parish Council undertake the action.

Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September

It was agreed that the Merchant Navy Day should be supported and placed at Glebe Farm. The Clerk was requested to gain some more information.

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"

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