

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

### **Part 1**

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#### **Present**

Councillor J Carter Chairman (JKC)  
Councillor A Banks (AB)  
Councillor N Barton (NB)  
Councillor P Cliff (PCI)  
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman (AJC)  
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)  
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)  
Councillor C Kennerly (CK)  
Councillor N Plant (NP)  
Councillor N Sharman (NS)  
Councillor R Sutton (RS)  
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East (LW)  
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

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#### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr P Cliff – Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Critchlow – Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Critchlow – Wallhill Lane, Cllr B Jelf – Wallhill Lane.

#### **Public Forum**

6 members of the public present.

A resident from Watery Lane had attended to request support from the Parish Council in relation to the speed limit along the A34 especially at the junction of Watery Lane and A34. She gave examples of when the leaving the lane or the garden centre the speed of the traffic along the A34 was untenable and in her opinion was getting worse. She felt the speed limit of 40 mph should be extended along the A34.

Two residents from Wall hill Lane had attended to receive an update from the Parish Council on the mitigation measures along Wallhill Lane after the opening of the Congleton Link Road. They were slightly annoyed that no communication had been circulated from the two CE officers since the consultation and wanted to know the results of the traffic counters or any proposals.

A resident had attended in relation to the recent construction of an agricultural building on the Puddlebank Lane with no planning permission. He had attended to see if the PC had taken any actions.

The other two members were candidates for the vacancy.

#### **94/19 Apologies**

Councillor R Lomas due to annual holidays.

#### **95/19 Minutes**

*Cllr PCr wished the minute reference 80/19 amended to; 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, AJC, BJ, RL, NP, NS. AGAINST- AB, PCI ABSTAIN – JKC, PCr.

**Resolved** the minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **96/19 Co-option of Parish Councillor**

The PC had received three applicants.

Mr M J Gilsean – proposed Cllr BJ seconded Cllr JKC

Mr I Parry – proposed Cllr NS seconded Cllr NP

Mr J E Ward – proposed Cllr CK seconded Cllr RS.

After a ballot was held it was

**Resolved** Cllr J E Ward would be co opted as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman welcomed him to the team.

### **97/19 Business Plan**

The Chairman discussed the Business Plan and members contributed with ideas and proposals were agreed.

Cllr BJ wished it to be cross referenced to the budget.

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

### **98/19 Wallhill Lane Mitigation**

The Clerk reported that she had a conversation with Mrs F Price - CE officer, that day in relation to progress with Wallhill Lane. The traffic figures had been completed and they were being analysed, then the proposal would be taken to five Town/ Parish Councils for their views, (Brereton, Smallwood, Congleton and Somerford plus Newbold Astbury cum Moreton last). There was no agenda in the PC being last she felt it a benefit to see the other comments at the end as it was in their Parish.

It was not going to be a choice of measures; they were in the process of offering the most deliverable option after the consultation and the traffic figures.

### **99/19 War Memorial**

Information was still being compiled.

Deferred

### **100/19 Planning Applications**

- 19/3006C Astbury Motorhome stopover site, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 3NQ – Proposed change of use of land to incorporate motorhome storage area for up to maximum of 5 vehicles.  
**Resolved** Objection
- 19/2415C Limekiln Farm, Limekiln Farm Lane, Astbury CW12 3NU – proposed conversion of redundant dairy/ milking parlour into domestic dwelling.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 19/2756C Jubilee Garage, Newcastle Road, Moreton, CW12 4SB – demolition of buildings & the redevelopment of the site with a mix of 10 No houses and bungalows & Ancillary works. (resubmission of 18/2073C).  
**Resolved** Objection
- Land being developed on Puddle Bank Lane Ref; FS124828029 – the Clerk had reported this site to the enforcement officer and the landowner had been advised to complete a retrospective application as the previous application had elapsed.

### **101/19 Highways**

#### Congleton Link Road

There had been a meeting in June and the notes had been circulated. The 'Graham' newsletter had also been circulated and was on the website.

#### Cheshire Railings at Moreton Crossroads

The railings had been painted and were very good. The Clerk would write a report to promote the actions which had been undertaken with the Community Clean up monies.

Curb Stones on Village Green.

**Resolved** the Clerk would gain some quotes to replace/repair the edging stones around the green.

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

Mr CH still had not responded to the Ward Cllrs.

Fence Lane and Wharf Lane

This was still being actioned by the Ward Cllrs.

Hedge along Childs Lane

CE Highways were now in the process of writing the second letter to the occupier.

Grass cutting on the Village Green

The grass had been cut on the green very late after the daffodils and CE highways had left the grass cuttings which was killing the grass underneath. The PC had arranged for the grass to be removed despite contacting CE.

The Clerk was asked for clarity for the future from CE.

Footpaths along A34

Cllr PC requested the Clerk gained joint quotes with CE highways and the Parish Council.

### **102/19 Accounts**

To note the balance of the accounts - £15,989.37

Payments

- *Cheque no 693* - £750.00 Brooks & Bro
- *Cheque no 690* - £67.50 Cranage Parish Council (TCS Management)
- *Cheque no 691* - £1,562.54 (£119.94 NI) Cranage Parish Council (Clerks salary April to June)
- *Cheque no 692* - £48.53 Hampshire Flag Company Ltd

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

Receipts

- Nil

Santander online account

The Clerk was processing the account and awaiting Cllrs ID.

### **103/19 Cheshire East**

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

Cllr LW reported that she had followed up the issue with Mr C Hodgson and been to his line manager, but he still had failed to reply to the Parish Council. It was noted she would pursue. She had attended a cabinet meeting and the compulsory purchase orders for the Middlewich bypass. The draft economies strategy was discussed under the wider North West region strategy. Cheshire East hope to be carbon free by 2025. There were plans to extend Park Lane School by 40 places the plans are not to segregate children with special needs but keep them in the mainstream system.

She also reiterated the communication from Mrs F Price in relation to Wall hill Lane mitigation measures. The grass cutting machinery system in her opinion was changing with relation to collecting the cuttings as Alsager TC had also had an issue.

### **104/19 Chairman and Members Report**

PCSO Surgery

Cllr N Barton gave an update on the meeting himself and the Clerk had attended.

Email addresses

It had come to the Chairman's attention that the Parish Council email addresses were quite superficial as they were just forwarding to the private email addresses. If there was an FOI, then all Councillors would have to reveal all their private emails.

**Resolved** the website provider would change the email accounts to be specific for Parish Council business.

### **105/19 Clerks Report**

#### Communication Surgery

The Clerk suggested that Councillors attended Glebe Farm for 'coffee with the Parish' once a month to conduct a surgery and communicate with the community. She had received the idea from a SLCC meeting and as we had a dispersed rural parish maybe would work very well. The idea was well received, and the Clerk was asked to pursue it.

#### Chairmanship Training 6<sup>th</sup> November

Cllr AJC had been registered on the course by CHALC.

#### Broadband in the Parish

As there had been no feedback in relation to the PC supporting residents with connectivity this item would now be removed from the agenda.

### **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"**

### **106/19 Common Land at Brownlow**

The members were updated that a letter had now been sent to the Land Registry to inform them of a dispute with the boundary line within the Common Land.

**107/18 The next meeting would be the on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall**

**Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**