

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

Councillor A Banks (AB)
Councillor J Carter (JC)
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman (AJC)
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)
Councillor N Plant (NP)
Councillor N Sharman (NS)
Councillor R Sutton (RS)
Councillor J Ward (JW)
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East (LW)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr B Jelf - 19/4116C & Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Critchlow - Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Critchlow - Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Ward - 19/4116C and the William Deans Trust.

Public Forum

4 members of the public present.

All residents present were from Brownlow Heath Lane and had come to find out the mitigation measures planned for the lane after the CLR had opened. They had concerns about the cars parking on the pavement as at times there was no access for pedestrians and the speed of the traffic. They wished the PC to ensure the Brownlow crossroads were addressed in the process.

Cllr BJ offered to communicate between the residents of Brownlow Heath Lane and Mr S Halewood CE Highways Officer

121/19 Apologies

Cllr N Barton due to ill health, Cllr C Kennerly due to a bereavement, Cllr P Cliff due to work commitments and Cllr R Lomas due to annual holidays.

122/19 Minutes

- *Cllr BJ wished the minute reference 117/19 amended to 'contribute daffodil bulbs for the community via the William Dean Trust'*
- *Cllr BJ wished the minutes reference 119/19 amended to 'for possible improvements with tree planting'*

Resolved the minutes from 21st August 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

123/19 Business Plan

The Chairman had circulated the draft Business Plan to members. The members suggested some amendments. It was agreed this would be redrafted and recirculated before the next meeting.

124/19 Wallhill Lane Mitigation

A letter had been sent to the Chairman to enquire about the members 'Declaration of Interests' in relation to the vote on Wallhill Lane mitigation measures on the on 21st August. The Chairman gave the members an opportunity to reply.

Cllr R Sutton did own the bungalow on Wallhill Lane, but it was in the family partnership. He felt he had followed the COC and gave a brief history in relation to Sibelco. He felt every Parish Councillor should have voted on Wallhill Lane on behalf of the community.

Cllr P Critchlow had taken advice and felt he had declared the correct interest.

Cllr J Critchlow had taken advice and felt she had declared the correct interest. She did not think the plant sales were relevant to the decision-making process as it was not a business. Cllr B Jelf felt her Declaration of Interest may not have been pecuniary but she agreed she made the right decision by not voting.

Resolved the Chairman would write back to the resident with comments.

The Clerk had received an update from Mr S Halewood that he would now be consulting further with residents about new mitigation measures now the road closure had been dismissed. It was agreed CE would take traffic figures after the CLR had opened and would then re consider road closure.

124/19 Email transition from personal to Parish Council email addresses.

Cllr NS gave a training presentation on how to transfer the email addresses to allocated Parish Council ones.

125/19 Common Land at Brownlow

Resolved It was agreed that a university student undertaking a project for her Geography Degree would take soil samples from the Common Land and devise what type of trees to plant on site and present a plan to the Parish Council.

126/19 War Memorial

Cllr PCr had met with a member of the Cheshire War Society to ask for advice on improving the war memorial. There was possibility that the war memorial could be cleaned and the letters repainting, and he had suggested he could test a section and then see if it was a possible to complete the whole memorial. There also had been an idea that wings could be built on to the side of the memorial to enable the extra names to be added.

Resolved the Parish Council would instruct the trial remedial work to be completed on a section of the War Memorial to see if it would be successful.

127/19 Planning Applications

- 19/4095C Oakleigh, Childs Lane, Brownlow CW12 4TG – Variation of condition 2 of 17/5840M – conversion of existing garage to a workshop.

Resolved No Objection

- 19/4116C Wallhill Lane Farm, Walhill Lane, Brownlow, CW12 4TD – conversion of redundant barns to provide 2 dwellings, associated parking and landscaping. Alteration to existing vehicular access to highway.

Resolved No Objection

The comments were noted from a resident in relation to inaccurate information submitted on planning application 19/3531C Brook house Farm. The Clerk had advised these comments were directed to the planning officer.

128/19 Highways

Congleton Link Road

There had been a meeting on the 6.9.19 with GRAHAM and the notes had been circulated.

Speed reduction on the A34 by the Watery Lane junction

The Clerk had contacted CE highway in relation to the accident's statistics by the junction with Childs Lane but again it seemed the accident history was not substantial enough to justify a speed reduction. The Clerk had pursued the painting of the white lining.

Kerb Stones on the Village Green

Resolved the Clerk would instruct Mr J Gardener to complete the works dependent on his insurance.

Weight Limit sign on Dodds Lane

Still in progress. It was noted that the Canal and River Trust were responsible for the bridge and they had visited site that week.

Footpath along the A34

There had been one quote from £10,000 from Cheshire East Highways. There was no lengths man in Church Lawton Parish Council to complete the works.

The Clerk was now trying to obtain a quote from Congleton Town Council.

Hedge outside the Rectory

A letter had been sent but no actions taken to date.

Water running down 'Ganny 'Bank – Mow Lane

Actions were being undertaken at the present time.

Unauthorised signs on the highway verge

The members were reminded that if these were seen across the Parish they should report to highways to be removed.

Potholes on Watery Lane / Oak Lane

Cllr JW requested they were reported.

Bent warning sign on Fence Lane

Cllr PCR requested a bent sign was reported.

129/19 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £13,426.37

Payments

- *Cheque no 695* - £374.93 Crewe Colour Printers

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

Receipts

- £7,500.00 Precept Cheshire East
- £200.00 William Dean Trust

130/19 Cheshire East

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

Cllr LW reported the actions she had taken with the damaged bridge on Dodds Lane. She had finally received a reply from Mr C Hodgson CE Highways Officer and would circulate to members but just wanted clarity if it was the response that the PC were expecting.

131/19 Chairman and Members Report

Red Ensign Royal Merchant Day

The Chairman reported the success of the commemoration at Glebe Farm.

Tree Planting in the Parish

The Chairman discussed this project with the members and asked for it to be on the agenda at the next meeting.

132/19 Clerks Report

Coffee morning consultation dates

These had now been circulated to members and the Clerk enquired about an A frame. The

Chairman felt the PC already owned one.

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"

133/19 Common Land at Brownlow

The Land Registry could not register a dispute on the disputed border line of the common land.

Resolved a letter would be sent to the landowners advising that the matter still requires resolution and seeking their co-operation before the PC take legal advice. would be gained by the Parish Council.

Cllr NS left the meeting.

134/19 Letter of complaint from Glebe Farm

Resolved a response letter would be sent to the owner from Glebe Farm.

Resolved a letter would be sent to Cllr NS.

Resolved all members would be reminded of protocol of Council business.

Appendix 1 redacted

135/19 The next meeting would be the on 19th October 2019 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm