

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

Councillor A Banks (AB)
Councillor N Barton (NB)
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)
Councillor P Cliff (PC)
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman (AJC)
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)
Councillor C Kennerly (CK)
Councillor R Lomas (RL)
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 NS – payments and 19/4424C, Cllr JC – 19/4424C, Cllr PCr – payments

Public Forum

Nobody present.

136/19 Apologies

Nil.

137/19 Minutes

- *Cllr BJ wished the reference in the public forum time amended to 'Cllr BJ offered to communicate between the residents of Brownlow Heath Lane and Mr S Halewood CE Highways Officer'*

Resolved the minutes from 11th September 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

138/19 Business Plan

The Chairman had redrafted the Business Plan 2020 – 2024 after comments from the last meeting.

Resolved the Business Plan was accepted by full Council and would be added to the website.

139/19 Tree Planting Project in the Parish

The Chairman proposed that due to current climate change issues he wished the Parish Council to commence a tree planting project. The implications of this were discussed in detail and it was agreed that the first step was to find suitable locations. An article would be added to the next newsletter to encourage sites to be suggested. The Clerk made the members aware that CE highways did not encourage trees being planted on the highway verges as licences had to be requested.

Resolved the tree planting project would be implemented by the PC.

140/19 Wallhill Lane Mitigation

Mr S Halewood had held two meetings with the residents of Wall hill Lane and Brownlow Heath residents. Both meetings had been the first stage of new mitigation measures on both lanes to go in tandem with the opening of the CLR. He was now due to devise a plan to implement mitigation measures and then come back to the residents and the Parish Council. It seemed they was £300,000 circa for these measures to be implemented and there would be a reserve fund in case Wall hill Lane needed closure if there was a significant increase in traffic after the opening of the CLR.

Cllr PC (who had attended the meeting) indicated this figure would probably be 10% to trigger closure.

The Chairman thanked Cllr BJ for arranging a leaflet drop for Brownlow Heath Lane residents.

141/19 War Memorial

Cllr PCr showed the members pictures of the remedial works carried out on the memorial to date. The memorial had been cleaned and the existing names looked so much clearer. Mr W Warrington had managed to complete all three sides (as opposed to one) and was now going away to devise plan and quote to add the 13 extra names.

It was agreed the results were very good and the Clerk would share the pictures with the lady who had specifically requested her relation's name was improved so it was legible.

The Clerk informed the PC if funding was due to be sought public engagement was important and suggested it was put in the newsletter.

142/19 Planning Applications

Cllr J Carter left the room

- 19/4424C Black and White Cottage, The Village, Astbury CW12 4RQ – Listed building consent for a replacement section of flat roof with pitched and insertion of gable window.

Resolved No Objection

Cllr J Carter returned to the meeting

- 19/4364C 3 derelict barns and land adjacent to Weld House Farm Barns, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 3NQ – the proposed development encompasses the conversion of three derelict barns to residential units. Two out of three will be retained and altered, whilst the third will be rebuilt as part of the scheme. The Scheme includes provision of pedestrian access routes and parking facilities as well as shared amenity space.

Resolved Objection

18/4001C The Long Barn, Sandbach Road, Wallhill CW12 4TE – outline application for a proposed detached dwelling, it was noted the appeal was dismissed on 12th September 2019.

The letter was noted from Cllr S Akers Smith – Congleton Town Councillor in reference to the plans at the Leisure Centre in Congleton.

143/19 Highways

Hedge outside The Rectory

A letter had been sent on 9th September to the Owners of The Rectory with no response or actions to date.

Resolved the Chairman would visit the site and enquire with the contractors if any intervention could be taken.

Footpath siding out along the A34 from Little Moreton Hall to the small garden centre.

The Chairman requested the vote was recorded as he acknowledged it was ultimately the responsibility of CE Highways.

Cllr AB proposed the quote from CTC was accepted. Cllr NP seconded the proposal.

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 2 ABSTAIN: 1

Resolved the Parish Council would instruct CTC to side out the footpaths along the A34.

Kerb Stones around the Village Green

The selected contractor did not have the insurance to work on the highway so it was agreed this would not be pursued. The Clerk would obtain another quote from traffic management with the PC sourcing stone kerbs.

Mow Lane / Ganny Bank 3369808

The standard of the road was poor, tarmac was leaving the carriageway and it needed further attention. The Clerk had also received complaints.

Cllr CK gave a report about the drain which had come over the manhole top and even though the water had now subsided he felt it should be followed up as the drain was still blocked.

Weight Limit Sign on Dodds Lane

Still not actioned.

The Clerk was asked to investigate.

Potholes on Watery lane and Fence Lane 3371349

Still not actioned

Hedge along Childs Lane

The registered owner would not accept the registered letters from CE highways. This was in process from CE Highways to cover the legal aspect of recouping costs if no actions were undertaken.

Daffodil bulb planting

It was agreed this would be conducted by the members and volunteers of the public on 9th November and everybody would meet at Ackers crossing at 10am.

144/19 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £20,551.44

Payments

- *Cheque no 670* - £100.00 Mr N Sharman (website)
- *Cheque no 671* - £1564.41 Cranage Parish Council - (£121.81 HMRC contributions)
- *Cheque no 672* – £99.90 Mr P Critchlow (bulbs)
- *Cheque no 673* - £27.59 Mrs J Mason (solo press banner)

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

Receipts

- £50.00 Women's Institution of Astbury
- £250.00 Beechcroft Insurance (bench 2017)
- £50.00 Sibelco

RBS online banking

This was now almost complete.

145/19 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor L Wardlaw

There was an update on the 5-year partnership with the NHS and the Macclesfield regeneration project.

There was a further update on the communication with Mr S Halewood CE Highways.

146/19 Chairman and Members Report

Newsletter – topics were confirmed for the newsletter.

Emails for the PC's - the members were struggling to implement the new email addresses.

The Chairman indicated that this was necessary under the new GDPR guidelines and if members struggled, they must seek assistance from Cllr NS.

May Day 2019

Cllr RL reported that the May Day has raised £9,200 which was an amazing success, the funds would be split between the Community. It was agreed this would be included in the next newsletter.

147/19 Clerks Report

Coffee morning consultation dates

This would now be advertised in the CC. Cllrs RL and Cllr BJ would attend the first meeting in November.

Training

The Clerk reminded Cllr JW and Cllr JCr of their courses before the next meeting.

SLCC Cheshire Conference 9.10.19

The Clerk briefly update members on the content and would agenda at the next meeting.

PART 2

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149/19 The next meeting would be the on 13th November 2019 @ 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm