

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

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 N Plant (NP)
Councillor N Sharman (NS)
Councillor R Sutton (RS)
Councillor J Ward (JW)
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East (LW) *arrived at 7.55pm*
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr BJ - Wallhill Lane, Cllr PC – Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Cr – Wallhill Lane and payments, Cllr J Cr – Wallhill Lane and payments, Cllr RS – Wallhill Lane, Cllr NS – 19/5714C and payments.

Public Forum

Sixteen members of the public present.

The residents had attended to give an opinion on the recent circulated mitigation measures for Wallhill Lane, Brownlow Heath Lane and Childs Lane.

There had been six emails received from the residents and businesses to give feedback.

The residents had held a meeting with Fiona Bruce MP and Mr P Griffiths - Project Manager for the Congleton Link Road. The speed reduction had been dismissed at this meeting and they were dubious if it would be implemented as the new plans indicated.

The main issues from the residents were as follows.

- The footpath along Brownlow Heath Lane should be extended to the entrance of Yates Farm entrance. It would be ideal to extend it to the Brownlow Inn, but it was acknowledged this may cause safety issues.
- There was an indication the road should be 4.5m outside Lesser Reeves Farm but the road was only 3 meters wide at present. If the mitigation outside the farm was not realigned the access/ exit routes for farm traffic / milk lorries would be impeded.
- The flashing sign flashing sign (I - T1) be moved about 10 feet further north so avoid it being outside The Cottage, Wallhill Lane CW12 4TD
- To keep the 'No right turn' at the end of Wallhill Lane on to the A534.
- The Give Way points on Wallhill Lane don't seem to give anybody a priority.
- There is a confusion between the 30 mph and 40mph limits as they are not consistent in the supporting text.
- They wished 'significant' increase of traffic figures to be clarified after the CLR opening.
- The entrance of old Sandy Lane is being damaged, and some improvements should be encouraged.

Apologies

Councillor C Kennerly (CK) due to a hip replacement.
Councillor R Lomas due to a family celebration.

16/20 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 8th January 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

17/20 Wallhill Lane

There had been a meeting held on 10th January 2020 with Cllr JC, Cllr BJ and the Clerk with Cheshire East Highways Officers - Mrs F Price, Mr P Griffiths, Mr S Halewood and Mr S Wallace. The revised map for mitigation measures had not been received well by the residents and the Parish Council had attended this meeting to reach a compromise. The PC also had not been consulted. Cllr BJ had expressed the frustrations with the proposed mitigation on behalf of the residents and her disappointment on the manner it had been delivered over the seasonal period.

CE Highways had agreed to redraft the measures after the meeting and work on devising new a new proposal.

The map had been circulated on Monday of this week. The Parish Council had communicated this with as many residents and businesses as possible in the short time frame.

The Chairman asked for all the suggestions in the public forum time to be considered.

- There was an indication the road would be 4.5m outside Lesser Reeves Farm but the road was only 3 meters wide at present. If the mitigation outside the farm was not realigned the access/ exit routes for farm traffic / milk lorries would be impeded.
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- There is a confusion between the 30pmh and 40mph limits as they are not consistent along Wallhill Lane.
- They wished 'significant' increase of traffic figures to be clarified after the CLR opening.
- The footpath along Brownlow Heath Lane should be extended to the entrance of Yates Farm entrance. It would be ideal to extend it to the Brownlow Inn, but it was acknowledged this may cause safety issues.
- The entrance of Sandy Lane is being damaged, and some improvements should be encouraged.

The members all accepted the comments with the exception of the 'No Right Turn 'at the end of Wallhill Lane on to the A534 and to remove the significant increase requested as the PC were aware this was not negotiable.

Cllr AB made a proposal that the no right turn was retained in the plan to avoid traffic travelling down the lane to access the CLR. Cllr NP supported this proposal.

VOTE. FOR – 4 AGAINST – 7

Resolved the Parish Council accepted all the amendments with the exception of the no right turn on to the A534 Sandbach Road.

All the members of the public left the meeting.

18/20 Monthly Council Surgery

Cllr RS had attended the monthly surgery in February and had engaged with several members of the public. It was noted Cllr NS had not attended the meeting as arranged. The points raised were as follows.

- i) The fly tipping outside Mill House Farm on Watery Lane.

It was agreed that there had been several complaints in relation to this issue.

Resolved the Clerk would report to the Environmental Health Agency.

- ii) Residents from BHL due to concerns about the mitigation measures and their objection to no right turn on to A534.
- iii) The Wildlife Area being constructed by Branching Out at Glebe Farm was progressing and looked to be a great success.
- iv) There had been a complaint from a resident about the light pollution from the barns behind Taylors Farm, New Road.

Resolved Cllr JW would speak with the owner to endeavour to resolve.

19/20 VE Day

The Parish Council discussed the arrangements across the Parish for the event. The fireworks were dismissed due to cost and Health and Safety reasons.

Resolved the PC would organise a scene for the VE event on the Village Green. The Clerk and Cllr PCr would arrange.

Resolved the Parish Council would make a payment of £5.00

20/20 Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting was on the 8th April 2020 and the newsletter would be delivered in March.

The WI had approached the PC to add an insert and would pay for the cost.

Resolved the speaker would be a member from the Congleton museum. Cllr NS would make the arrangements.

Resolved the PC would serve Cheese and Wine at the meeting.

21/20 Defibrillators from the Brownlow Inn

The defibrillator was not in very good working order, so a battery and new pads had been ordered. It was possible a service would be required at a cost of £165.00. The landlord had agreed to host the defibrillator in a case outside the pub and pay for the electricity. The Clerk was making the necessary arrangements.

22/20 War Memorial

It had been discovered that there were further names missing from the War Memorial giving a total of 35. Cllr PCr had communicated this to the masonry, and he was redrafting the plans.

23/20 Planning Applications

- 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 Objections with conditions
- 19/5714C Glebe Farm, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 4RQ – prior approval of installation of a 48.6 kW Solar PV system.
Resolved No Objection
- APP/R0660/C/16/3165487 The Stables, Watery Lane.
It was noted this appeal was still ongoing by the enforcement team at Cheshire East.

24/20 GDPR

Parish Councillors email addresses

Cllr NS had recirculated a new training exercise in power point and Word format. The Chairman reemphasised the importance of these actions being carried out by members. It was agreed all members would endeavour to set up the new emails by the next meeting.

25/20 Highways

New signage offers from Sibelco

The Clerk had contacted CE Highways, but no contact had been made to date.

Footpaths from Little Moreton Hall to the small Garden centre on A34

CTC had informed the Parish Council that the job had been completed but when the members had checked it had become apparent the task had not been completed to a satisfactory standard. The Clerk had made contact several times but there had been no response.

Curb Stones on Village Green

The Chairman and Cllr NB had sourced some curb stones which would match the original edges. They were given authority to purchase the stone. There would then be arrangements made to fit the stone.

Mow Lane / 'Ganny' Bank 3369808

No actions.

Potholes on Watery Lane/ Oak Lane -3371349

Still not actioned

Weight Limit Sign on Dodd's Lane including the bridge.

The street name and post were still outstanding.

Fence Lane overflowing drain

This had been actioned.

Warning bend sign damaged on Fence Lane

This had been actioned.

Warning bend sign on Peel Lane 3384970

This has been reported and repaired but the sign was facing the wrong way.

Cllr NP asked the Clerk to report the boundary signpost on Peel lane had been knocked over.

Bollard on the Village Green

The Chairman informed the members that a van had hit the bollard on the pavement, and it had come out of the ground. Some details of the van had been retrieved.

It was agreed the Clerk would lodge a claim with the insurance company.

Gullies on A34 opposite the garden centre

Cllr JW had reported – 3388479

Gullies on School Lane

Clerk to report.

25/20 Internal Auditor

Resolved Mr Gary Roberts from Odd Rode Parish Council would act as the internal auditor for 2019/20.

26/20 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £16,374.62

Payments

- *Online payment*- £62.40 Heads Congleton Ltd
- *Online payment* - £84.96 Mr N Sharman (website)
- *Online payment* - £7.19 Mr N Shaman (website)
- *Online payment* - £92.40 Defibshop (battery and pads)
- *Online payment* - £50.00 Mr P Critchlow (travel for Notice Boards)
- *Online payment* - £29.25 Mr J Critchlow (travel for a course)
- *Online payments* -£30.00 Ms J Mason (flowers for Astbury Garage)
- *Online payment* - £10.00 Voucher for word search
- *Online payment* - £46.40 Clerks expenses Oct to Dec
- Online payment - £502.80 Defibshop outside container
- Cheque no - £300.00 St Marys Church Astbury

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

Receipts

- Nil

Bank Reconciliation

Cllr NP confirmed the balance of the Bank Reconciliation.

Grant donation

Resolved the Parish Council would donate £300.00 to St Marys Church Astbury for the upkeep of the cemetery.

27/20 Risk Assessment 2019/20

The Clerk had completed the Risk Assessment and it had been circulated to members. Some amendments were suggested and accepted. The fixed asset register was amended to include the gifted defibrillators in 2015 as due to the recent activity it had been recognised, they were not on the register. The Common Land should also have been included.

It was noted that the tree on the village green had not been safety checked for some time.

Resolved the Parish Council would arrange a safety check on the sycamore tree on the Village Green

Resolved would accept the Risk Assessment for 2019/20.

28/19 Cheshire East

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

There had been a CE Cabinet meeting which discussed the removal of gritting of certain roads across borough. This had caused many complaints especially in relation to Padgebury Lane and Fol Hollow.

Cllr LW asked members for contributions to the Local Area Highways improvements plan. The Clerk requested the white lining by the garden centre was considered due to the right tune and the speed of traffic when turning out of Watery Lane.

29/20 Chairman and Members Report

Lighting at Sibelco

The Chairman had made enquires after the recent complaint. He felt further actions should be made as it was intrusive at night-time.

It was agreed the Chairman would contact Sibelco and investigate possible mitigation measures.

Fly Tipping

Cllr PC reported an instance of fly tipping on Brook Lane

30/20 The next meeting would be the on 11th March 2020 @ 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm