

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Astbury Village Hall.

### **Part 1**

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#### **Present**

Councillor N Barton (NB)  
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)  
Councillor P Cliff (PC)  
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.

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#### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr BJ - Wallhill Lane, Cllr RS – Wallhill Lane.

#### **Public Forum**

Two members of the public present.

The residents from BLHL had received the comments back from CE Highways in relation to the Parish Council's submission of responses on the proposed mitigation measures for Wallhill Lane. Both were disappointed that the improvement to Sandy Lane had not been included. There were many potholes which should be addressed and this ideal opportunity. They requested that there were demarcation lines between Sandy Lane and BLHL. The side of the carriageway also needed attention.

#### **Apologies**

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Cllr A Banks due to work commitments.  
Cllr P Critchlow due to family commitments  
Cllr J Critchlow due to family commitments.

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#### **31/20 Minutes**

Cllr NB requested the following amendments

##### **25/20 Curb Stones on the Village Green**

*The Chairman and Cllr NB had identified some curb stones which would match the original edges.*

*Blocked gullies were on Peel Lane and not School Lane*

The amendments were accepted by Full Council.

**Resolved** the minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **32/20 Monthly Council Surgery**

Cllrs PCr and JCr had attended but there were no members of the public present.

### **33/20 Annual Parish Meeting**

The newsletter had been delivered that week with the agenda and the speaker had been confirmed as a member from the Congleton Museum to speak on the history of Astbury and Moreton.

It was agreed the projector would be required.

### **34/20 Common Land**

Cllr NP reported that it was planned to clear the site over May/ June, hopefully by volunteers. A submission would be made to the Woodland Trust and the Forestry Commission for some trees and hedgerow. These would then hopefully be planted later in the year.

Cllr RS reported that some beech trees had been planted by the PROW on Bent Farm and Cllr JW reported they also had planted some peach trees on his land where some ash trees were struggling. The Chairman wished to encourage landowners to plant trees within the parish and if they needed support the PC would become involved.

### **35/20 Defibrillator at Brownlow Inn**

The defibrillator had been serviced and an outside case purchased to keep it in. The Clerk had arranged for an electrician to attend the Brownlow Inn public house to fit on the outside wall, but the landlord had changed his intentions and wanted to buy a redundant telephone box and site it on the new car park. The PC discussed the implication of this idea.

**Resolved** the defibrillator would be sited on the outside wall at The Smithy on Brownlow Heath Lane and not at the Brownlow Inn.

### **36/20 War Memorial**

Cllr PCr had sent a written report that the missing names had now been confirmed and they were with the stone mason.

### **37/20 Planning Applications**

- 20/0836C Ivy Cottage, Magpie Bank, Newcastle Road, Astbury CW12 4RP – Replacement of single storey extension to provide useable Garden room and storage.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/0906C 'Doric', Newcastle Road, Astbury CW12 4RN Retrospective application for the installation of floodlights to horse riding/ exercise arena.  
**Resolved** No Objection with Conditions on fittings/hours of operation.
- 20/0943C 'Karinya', Mow Lane, Astbury Stoke on Trent ST7 3PR – Extend current double garage to form additional hobbies room.  
**Resolved** No Objection with conditions

### **38/20 GDPR**

#### Parish Councillors email addresses

Due to the reluctance to set up separate Parish Council email addresses by some of the members, the Clerk had contacted the DPO. He had advised that if members did not engage in any outside business or with the public and their email address was only used for communication purposes with the Clerk it would be adequate to leave the email address as they were at the present time. It was acknowledged Cllr JC, Cllr BJ and Cllr NS had set up the process and would it be suitable if they communicated with the public. Otherwise all business should go through the Clerk.

### **39/20 Sycamore Tree on the Village Green**

Three reports with advice had been submitted with costs

- i) Branching Out Tree Services
- ii) Bartlett Tree Services
- iii) Mr T Hope (this had been a verbal discussion and quote to Cllr RS).

The quote and report from Mr T Hope was the favourable option but he had no indemnity insurance.

**Resolved** Bartlett Tree Services would be instructed subject to indemnity insurance

It was noted the tree did need attention.

### Women's Institute - Tree planting on the Village Green

As it was the centenary year for the WI they had requested if a tree could be planted on the green. The members asked for this be deferred as it was an inappropriate time of year to plant trees.

### **40/20 Highways**

#### Wallhill Lane mitigation measures

The Clerk had reported the points raised at the last meeting to Ms Fay Price and Mr Sean Halewood – CE Highways. There had been a response received from SH this week and it had been circulated by Cllr BJ to the residents. It acknowledged that the concerns would be addressed by CE Highways.

#### Sandy Lane Closure

The PC saw little point in responding as the road was already closed due to the CLR. It seemed a process to cover no vehicle access.

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

Cllr PCr, Cllr JC and the Clerk had met with CTC to discuss the standard of the works carried out with the footpath clearance. They had not quoted the job with traffic management and both members of workforce had said how dangerous it was at times working alongside the vehicles on the A34. They had been unable to park alongside the A34 and had to therefore move the overgrowth to their lorry several metres away. It was agreed some works had been completed but it was not satisfactory.

It was proposed they would return to site and weed kill the side of the overgrown footpaths to assist the widening and the overgrowth.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would reinstruct CTC to weed kill the sides of the footpaths at no extra cost and they would then make the payment.

#### Curb Stones on Village Green

The Chairman and Cllr NB were still looking for the appropriate stones. Cllr JW had made some alternative enquires with Mr J Sheard to assist with installation.

#### Mow Lane /'Ganny' Bank 3369808

No actions.

#### Potholes on Watery Lane/ Oak Lane -3371349

These had now been actioned.

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

The street name and post were still outstanding but scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Bollard on the Village Green

The Clerk had processed the insurance claim. Cllr JW had made arrangements with Mr J Sheard to put the bollard back on site. This was only a temporary measure as the upon investigation the bollard had been severed from its base.

The Clerk would now have to obtain three quotes for a bollard. It was agreed the excess would have to be paid at first until it could be retrieved from the third party.

#### Gullies on A34 opposite the garden centre

Cllr JW had reported – 3388479

#### Gullies on Peel Lane 3389507

#### Gullies on A34 by Watery Lane entrance 3388849.

This was noted as a great danger to motorists as there had been two accidents here.

#### Astbury boundary sign post damaged - 3389481

#### Mill House Farm – Watery Lane

The Clerk had reported this to the Environment Agency reference number 1783927. No actions to date.

#### Speed throughout the Village

Mr C Hodgkinson had finally responded to the email from the Clerk and Cllr LW. He had agreed that the gateway signs would be effective with the speed limit being reemphasised. Cllr LW would now add this to the Local Highways Minor works programme.

#### Grass verges being damaged by tractors along Wallhill Lane

The comments were noted.

### **41/20 Accounts**

To note the balance of the accounts - £15,159.22

#### Payments

- *Online payment*- £62.40 Heads Congleton Ltd
- *Online payment* - £58.37 Mrs J Mason (expenses for VE day)
- *Online payment* -£17.97 Ms J Mason (expenses VE Day)
- *Online payment* - £15.00 VE Day application
- *Online payment* - £385.76 Crewe Colour Printers Ltd
- *Online payment* - £498.60 Defib shop (battery for AC and service /bag)
- *Online payment* - £28.83 Cllr B Jelf expenses

**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

It was noted a letter of thanks had been received from the Church.

### **42/19 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 that CE should be more sensitive for members of the community that were unable to pay their Council Tax bill. There had been a discussion about Crewe Station Plan if HS2 was to proceed. There was also a Waste Management draft Strategy Plan to utilise less packaging. CE had received monies from Central Government to improve the roads and potholes.

Tree planting was also happening in Tatton Park where over 3,000 were being planted by volunteers.

It was reported Cllr Laura Crane was the new CE portfolio holder for highways

### **43/20 Chairman and Members Report**

#### Lighting at Sibelco

The Chairman still felt the lighting was very intrusive on site and asked members if he should pursue. It was agreed by members to make further contact with Sibelco.

#### Newsletter

Cllr BJ had received a resident's email critical of the Newsletter content which was noted.

#### Burglaries

Cllr NS reported a shed had been broken into on Peel Lane.

### **44/20 Clerks Report**

Training 2020 members were reminded if they wished to have some training, she had the list.

Lost Footpaths

The Clerk asked the PC if they wished to pursue this initiative. Cllr PCr had offered to present the map at the next meeting.

**44/20 The next meeting would be the on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 @ 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall. This would be the Annual Parish Meeting.**

**Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**