

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 – due to COVID - 19 and the Government Social distancing regulations the meeting was virtual @ 7.30 pm.

Part 1

Present

Councillor N Barton (NB)
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)
Councillor P Cliff (PC)
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)
Councillor J Critchlow Vice Chairman (JCr)
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)
Councillor C Kennerly (CK)
Councillor N Plant (NP)
Councillor N Sharman (NS)
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East (LW)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr BJ - Wallhill Lane, Cllr PCr – Wallhill Lane, Cllr JCr - Wallhill Lane.

Public Forum

One member of the public attended to speak about the communication from Cheshire East highways in relation to Wallhill Lane. He had only received the map in the last few days and wished to speak to his neighbours before commenting. He also wished to enquire of the PC's view on the proposed plan.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to ask for an extension from CE Highways.

Apologies

Cllr RS due to being unable to join the meeting as it was virtual, Cllr AB due to a family commitment, Cllr RL due to another meeting and Cllr JW due for feeling unwell.

86/20 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 10th June 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

87/20 Forgotten footpaths across the Parish

Cllr BJ reported that there had been a meeting with Cllr BJ, Cllr PCr, Cllr JCr and the Clerk to formulate a plan on how to establish the lost footpaths across the Parish. Cllr BJ had written an article for the newsletter to ask residents if they wished the PC to follow up lost footpaths. The Clerk had asked PROW for advice on the process and the response was as follows; *the purpose of the Lost Ways element of the Countryside Act 2000, was to have a final opportunity to research and restore all those historic routes that have fallen into disuse and largely been forgotten. Paths that are used and can be claimed by witness evidence showing 20 years of use will continue to be able to be claimed going forward and therefore are not 'lost' as such. Each claim based on historic evidence would need a separate application for a Definitive Map Modification Order. The sort of documents that would support the existence of a potential right of way are Enclosure Awards, Canal and Railway Plans, Tithe Map, Finance Act plans and documents, Highway Board records, Council minutes, Estate Plans, O.S. plans.*

88/20 Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been sited outside The Smithy in Brownlow and had 24-hour access. The Clerk was still awaiting feedback from the NWA for advice on documentation to be completed by the person responsible for checking

89/20 Common Land

Cllr NP reported a site meeting would be arranged before the next meeting.

90/20 War Memorial

Cllr PCr reported he was still awaiting a response on progress from the stone mason. The Clerk had enquired about funding from the War Memorial, the proposal will need Planning and Diocesan Approval.

Resolved the Clerk would complete the preliminary grant application with Cllr PCr before the next meeting.

91/20 Planning Applications

- 20/2539C Ciss Green Cottage, Watery Lane, Astbury CW12 4RS – Rear single storey extension to form garden room and extension over existing double garage.
Resolved No Objection
- 20/2690C The Barn, Old Reeves Farm, Wallhill Lane, Brownlow CW12 4TD - Rear single storey extension to form playroom.
Resolved No Objection
- 20/2700C Three Willows, Yew Tree Lane, Moreton CW12 3GY – proposed rear single storey extension and rear first floor dormer extension and garage conversion.
Resolved No Objection

Lime Kiln Farm – the Clerk had received a complaint to discuss the MOT being delivered to the site. Cllr CK reported that the deliveries were for placing under a barn for reconstruction and the hard-biscuit pottery waste near Wood Farm was for spreading on the land and drainage fill. It was agreed no further action would be taken.

Caravan park at Glebe Farm Peel Lane – the Clerk had asked for a response from Cllr RL about the caravans on the site after there had been some complaints received. Cllr LW had also received enquiries and reported on the movements. There needed to be either certified registration with an accredited organization - e.g. Camping & Caravan Club, providing planning exemption, or Cheshire East Planning Approval. Cllr RL had reported to the Clerk that caravans had been stuck at Glebe Farm due to lockdown.

Resolved the Clerk would enquire again with Cllr RL if there was any planning permission or accredited certification for the Glebe Farm caravans

Lighting at Edwards on BLH Lane – a resident had complained to the Clerk in relation to the lighting affecting his house.

Resolved Cllr PCr would speak to the owner of the site to enquire if light spill could be reduced or eliminated.

Motor Cross Event it was noted this had been cancelled.

92/20 Highways

Road traffic accidents in the Parish

On 25th June three teenagers in a car were involved in a collision with an HGV at the village green junction with the A34. Sadly, two of them were in a critical condition and one had died.

New Road

On 17th June, a cyclist was in a fatal collision with a motorist at the junction of Wharf Lane and New Road.

A534 Sandbach Road at WHL junction

On 17th June at 7.00pm a collision between a motorcyclist and an HGV.

Cllr LW had requested the mitigation measure analysis were brought forward as approved at the LHA group to improve safety measures in the village.

S & EW Lakin's Transport had responded to the enquiry about their vehicles using Wharf Lane. They claimed previous use of this lane and there were no restrictions. There were concerns about the standard and width of the lane due to the size and weight of the vehicles and very little space for HGV's when passing cyclists/walkers were present. The Chairman was concerned the roadside was collapsing into the adjacent stream (pictures circulated) and also in relation to weight/size limitations. - potential safety hazard.

Resolved the Clerk and the Ward Cllr would put in the concerns to CE Highways.

Waste on Wood Cottage Lane- there had been pictures circulated to members of the tipping of construction debris and waste at the edge of Roe Park Wood (a protected SSSI site). Cllr CK reported this was on a farmer's land and again was being used as hard core. It had now been removed. It was agreed this would be monitored.

Wallhill Lane – a map had been circulated to two individuals after enquires outside their properties.

Footpaths along the A34 – the Chairman updated on progress. He was resolving this with CTC.

Bollard on the pavement by the Village Green - no progress to date.

Curb Stones on Village Green – Cllr NB would resolve this month.

Blocked gully on A34 - 3388849 – still programmed for a dig up.

Gully outside The Chantry – 3398834

93/20 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £17,999.33

Payments

- *Online payment*- £20.00 CCA membership
- *Online payment* - £1,570.60 Cranage PC (Clerks salary inc £102.00 HMRC contributions from April to June)
- *Online payment* - £90.00 TCS Management
- *Online payment* - £331.20 F A Bartlett Tree Expert Ltd
- *Online payment* - £150.00 CGT Electrical Services
- *Online payment* - £93.77 Ms J Mason (expenses from Jan to June)
- *Online payment* - £110.00 Alan Steandeven treatment of seats.

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

Receipts

- NIL

94/20 Cheshire East

Peel Lane bridge over the railway

There had been an enquiry from a resident about the road markings before the approach to the bridge as it was blocking the access to their property when traffic was queuing for the traffic lights. Cllr LW had investigated the matter and reported works would cost in excess of £3,000.

It was agreed this was a waste of the limited budget.

Cllr LW gave an update on the agenda item in Part 2.

95/20 Chairman and Members Report

Newsletter

This was due out this week.

Speed in the Parish- Cllr NS wished to discuss reducing the speed in areas in the parish to 20mph. The members discussed this proposal and with the limited information available it was not taken any further.

96/20 Clerks Report

It was reported that Code of Conduct complaint had been submitted to the Monitoring Officer.

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"

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Meeting closed at 10.00 pm