

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at Astbury Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

Part 1

Present

Councillor A Banks (AB)
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 R Lomas (RL)
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 BJ - Wallhill Lane, Cllr PCr – Wallhill Lane, Cllr JCr - Wallhill Lane, Cllr RS - 20/3059C, 20/3060C, 20/3057C and 20/3058C, Cllr JW (personal) - 20/3059C, 20/3060C, 20/3057C and 20/3058C , Cllr PC – the stables on Fence Lane.

Public Forum

Ten members of the public attended to raise their objections to the recent four planning applications at Great Moreton Hall.

The Chairman gave a presentation of Planning issues in relation to the applications and took questions. He wished it to be noted there were four interlinked applications and the Walled Garden was Grade 11 listed 2nd March 1993. The Historic Park and Garden designation was disputable as it had been described as such in another recent application at Jubilee Garage, Newcastle Road (19/2756C). It was noted that under the Congleton Borough Plan Policy BH7 which had been transferred over to the CE local plan ,seven criteria needed to me met for this type of very special case and the public should check if they had included this information in their response to CE planning. It was noted the existing buildings had not been exclusively dwellings and not in use at this time, although alleged C3 in the applications. Some nearby residents advised they had not been directly consulted by CEC. It was noted there was no business plan to ensure that all the revenue from the development would be used on the Walled Garden. GMH had been refurbished by the owner previously and the need to generate new development to progress these works was questioned by attendees.

The PC agreed to circulate the PC's Planning Brief to the residents.

Apologies

Cllr N Plant due to a funeral and Cllr C Kennerly due to work commitments.
Mrs L Graham and Mrs H Jackson as residents.

99/20 Minutes

Cllr PCr proposed 90/20 was amended 'Cllr PCr showed pictures of the proposals from the stone mason '

These were accepted by full council.

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

100/20 Planning Applications Part 1

- 20/3059C Great Moreton Hall, New Road, Moreton, CW12 4RY – demolition of three existing buildings together with the construction of three dwellings together with the repair and reinstatement of the garden walls and associated original lean-to structures within the walled garden.
Resolved Objection
- 20/3060C Great Moreton Hall, New Road, Moreton, CW12 4RY – Listed building consent for the demolition of three existing buildings together with the construction of three dwellings together with the repair and reinstatement of the garden walls and associated original lean-to structures within the walled garden
Resolved Objection
- 20/3057C Great Moreton Hall, New Road, Moreton, CW12 4RY – Demolition of three existing buildings within the walled garden at Great Moreton Hall and reinstatement as a formal landscaped garden and their replacement with three dwellings at another location within the estate fronting New Road . Repair and reinstatement of the garden walls and associated original lean-to structures within the walled garden
Resolved Objection
- 20/3058C Great Moreton Hall, New Road, Moreton, CW12 4RY – Listed consent for demolition of three existing buildings within the walled garden at Great Moreton Hall and reinstatement as a formal landscaped garden and their replacement with three dwellings at another location within the estate fronting New Road . Repair and reinstatement of the garden walls and associated original lean-to structures within the walled garden
Resolved Objection

It was noted that these applications had been ‘called in’ by the Ward Councillor to enable it to be decided by the Southern Planning Committee and not delegated powers.

- 20/2994C Oakleigh, Childs Lane, Brownlow Cheshire CW12 4TG – variation of condition on 2 approval 17/2874C
Resolved No Objection

101/20 Forgotten footpaths across the Parish

The report in the newsletter had generated one response from the Parish.

Resolved there would be a meeting arranged with Cllr BJ, Cllr PCr, Cllr JC and Cllr JCr to identify forgotten footpaths the Parish Council may seek to reinstate.

102/20 Common Land

Cllr NP, Cllr BJ, Cllr PCr, Cllr JCr, Cllr JC and the Clerk had met on site discuss the options to improve the Common Land. The site was very overgrown, and Cllr NS proposed the site was improved and fenced. The Clerk displayed the budget to members to point out which budget heading it would be allocated to and it could not be completed by volunteers plus there had to be three tenders submitted for the completion of works and relevant insurance. Cllr JC thought the Parish Council had an obligation to maintain the common land as a benefit to the community and it would possibly be utilised by the school as an educational project. Cllr JW felt it should be left in its current state. It was agreed there was no clear objective.

There was a discussion on the level of work that need to be completed.

Resolved The PC would await further details from the University Student studying the siter before a decision could be reached on further action.

103/20 Planning Applications Part 11

- 20/2994C Oakleigh, Childs Lane, Brownlow, Cheshire CW12 4TG – variation of condition on 2 approval 17/2874C.

Resolved No Objection

Complaint in reference to stables and hard standing in a field on Fence Lane (pictures circulated)

Resolved the Parish Council would report to CE Enforcement

To note a complaint in reference to fly tipping on Sandy Lane PROW

There had been many complaints to the PC from residents in relation to fly tipping on the PROW. There had been complaints submitted to Cheshire East, but it had not been removed to date. The Clerk reported there had been notice served to the offending resident on BLH lane and if not removed in a certain time limit it would be removed.

Cllr LW was thanked for her involvement.

To note no site visit from EA at Mill House Farm 1783927

To note no site visit from EA taken in reference to sewage in two registered places ref 1807642

Caravans on site at Glebe Farm - Cllr RL advised he had consulted the Enforcement Officer and had been advised that if the caravan owners were members of an accredited organization they could stay up to 28 days. Cllr RL challenged that there were, still at times, people resident long term on the site and farm. It was noted this was not following a report from the PC.

Cllr LW challenged there were still at times people 'living' on the site.

Cllr RL felt Cllr LW was biased and not aware of the situation.

There was a verbal dispute between both Cllrs and Cllr LW felt Cllr RL was using inappropriate language and wished to withdraw from the debate.

The Chairman reminded Cllrs inappropriate behaviour would not be accepted.

104/20 War Memorial

The Clerk had applied for a funding application from War Society. They had been successful on the preliminary application but now there was a need to complete the second stage where more information was required on the soldiers whose names were missing. It was greed Cllr PCr would complete this information.

105/20 Highways

Wharf Lane - the letter had been received by CE Highways and Cllr LW advised that a report had been received that no actions were required.

20mph Speed restrictions in the Parish – Cllr NS discussed the options of requesting 20mph speeds across the Parish in the following areas; Ackers Crossing in Moreton Wars, Astbury village in Newbold Astbury Ward, Brownlow and Brownlow Heath in Moreton Ward Wallhill in Moreton Ward.

Resolved the PC would not request a 20mph limit in the above areas.

Footpaths along the A34 – deferred

Bollard on the pavement by the Village Green – the Clerk was requested to gain a quote from J K Ashbrook's Ltd.

Curb Stones on Village Green – Cllr NB had visited Cheshire Demolition twice and there were non available but would continue to search

Blocked gully on A34 – 3388849 / due for a dig up – the Clerk asked Cllr LW for support with the enquiry.

Gully outside The Chantry – 3398834

Wallhill Lane/ BLH Lane – to note works had been postponed due to technical issues.

106/20 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £16,059.96

Payments

- *Online payment*- £385.76 Crewe Colour Printers
- *Online payment* - £96.00 F A Bartlett Tree Expert Ltd

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

Receipts

- Nil

107/20 Cheshire East

Traffic Calming/Signage in Astbury village

Mr S Halewood had visited the site and would make the report in the next two weeks with his recommendations.

Cllr LW update members of the fly tipping instance. The 20 mph recommendations would be decided in October.

APP/RO660/C/16/3165487 Land west of the holdings (known as the Stables), Watery Lane CW12 4RR There was an update from Mrs D Ackerley Enforcement CE on the removal of the stables from the land known as The Holdings. The report would be circulated.

A34 Cycling route

This had not been successful in the bid.

108/20 Chairman and Members Report

Newsletter

There was an update from Cllr PCr about a resident.

Website Accessibility Report

Cllr NS gave an update on the website compatibility due to the new regulations to be implemented in September. He had circulated an accessibility report for members to read.

109/20 Clerks Report

Roundabouts on the Congleton Link Road

CTC had requested that NBACM worked with the TC to landscape the roundabouts upon the completion of the CLR.

Resolved the Chairman and the Clerk would meet with the Clerk of CTC and Cllr D Brown.

Complaint from resident

There had been a complaint about a hot air balloon leaving Glebe Farm 6.30 am.

Mill House Farm

The PCSO still had not replied after two attempts.

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"

110/20 COC Complaint

The response from the Monitoring Officer was discussed.

111/20 The next meeting would be the on 9th September 2020 @ 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall. This would be confirmed.