

# Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Astbury Village Hall.

## **Part 1**

### Present

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Councillor A Banks (AB)  
Councillor N Barton (NB)  
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)  
Councillor P Cliff (PC) *arrived at 8.00pm*  
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman (AJC)  
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)  
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)  
Councillor N Plant (NP)  
Councillor R Sutton (RS)  
Councillor J Ward (JW)  
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

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### Declarations of Interest

Cllr B Jelf – Wallhill Lane

### Public Forum

One member of the public attended to express his interest in planning application 20/3521C.

### Apologies

Cllr C Kennerly due to work commitments, Councillor R Lomas due to holidays and Councillor N Sharman due to holidays.

Plus, Cllr L Wardlow Cheshire East Ward Cllr due to holidays

### 112/20 Minutes

**Resolved** the minutes from 12th August 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### 113/20 Planning Applications

- 20/3221C Lavender Farm, Gorse Lane, Astbury CW12 3NR – Alterations to form dormer and erection of detached garages.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/3521C 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. The scheme includes provision of pedestrian access routes and parking facilities.  
**Resolved** Objection
- 20/3668C Corda Well Cottage, Mow Lane, Astbury CW12 3NJ – Replacement of conservatory with side and rear extension with detached garage.  
**Resolved** No Objection

- i) Stables and hard standing in a field on Fence Lane.  
The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had visited the site and the landowner was now submitting a retrospective planning application for the hard standing that had been formed. The site was granted a change of use for the keeping of horses under application 31697/3 ( although initially refused by the Authority the application was part allowed and part refused at appeal and granted change of use of land by the planning inspectorate).
- ii) Mill House Farm  
The rural police had contacted the Clerk had explained that the dangerous bullock on site was being dealt with and although it seemed to be taking time the matter remains active.
- iii) Fly tipping on Sandy Lane PROW  
This had been escalated and a site visit had taken place, but the sector was under pressure and the time factor was slowing the process down. It was being addressed.
- iv) To note no site visit from EA at Mill House Farm 1783927
- v) To note no site visit from EA taken in reference to sewage in two registered places ref 1807642
- vi) Caravans on site at Glebe farm  
Cllr PC and the Clerk had visited the landowner and a report had been circulated on findings.  
**Resolved** the report was accepted as a true record and the item would be revisited in three months to ensure the Camping and Caravan accredited exemption was in place.

#### 114/20 Forgotten footpaths

The meeting had not yet taken place and this item was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr PCr showed some old maps which located some original footpaths he had identified.

#### 115/20 Common Land

Cllr PC had met with Bartlett Tree experts on site to discuss options. He could complete a survey for £350.00 to £400.00. Cllr NP explained the PC had an obligation to maintain access and to improve the site and at this time it was overgrown and potentially dangerous if anybody entered it. The site needed clearing to gain access followed by management of the woodland and maintaining the biodiversity.

**Resolved** the site would be improved and to try and create a managed woodland.

**Resolved** Bartlett's Tree experts would be instructed to carry out a survey after a written quote had been submitted to the Clerk.

#### 116/20 War Memorial

The Clerk had read the funding application in detail there seemed to be a great amount of background information to be drawn together before it could be submitted. It was agreed it would be analysed by the Clerk and Cllr PCr and the Chairman would assist.

#### 117/20 Highways

- Wallhill Lane and BLH Lane  
The works were in progress on BLH Lane. Wallhill Lane was due to commence after these works had been completed. One resident had submitted a concern, and this had been refereed to Mr S Halewood.
- Roundabouts on CLR

- The Chairman and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Congleton Town Council to discuss the roundabouts on the CLR which was due to open in January 2021. One of the roundabouts on the A534 is in the Parish of Newbold Astbury and there was an offer to the PC to become involved in the setting out of this roundabout and then its future maintenance. The specific rules and guidance were shown to the members due to it being on a high-speed road the usual standards of Congleton would not be possible to achieve. The approximate costs were £600 set up costs and £700/£1,000 per annum maintenance costs. These costs would lie with the PC. CTC approached local businesses to sponsor their roundabouts and this in the main covered their maintenance costs. If not pursued by the PC, CTC would take over implementation and annual costs probably with Town/business sponsorship or they would be left as grass and cut twice a year by CE.

**Resolved** NACM PC agreed to take ownership of the setting up costs / future maintenance cost of the roundabouts in principle.

- Blocked gully on A34 - 3388849 – due for dig up still no actions taken.
- Gully outside The Chantry – 3398834 – still no actions taken.
- Bollard on pavement - quote from JK Ashbrook's Ltd still outstanding.
- A34 footpaths – the Chairman had spoken with Ms R Burgess – CTC and this was being resolved.
- Bench outside the Cemetery – following the tragic death of a teenager by the gates of the Cemetery on A34 in June the parents had requested a memorial bench to be placed on the grass verge at the family's cost.  
**Resolved** this was acceptable with the Parish Council.
- Village Green curb stones - no progress to date.
- Bulb planting in October  
**Resolved** Cllr PCr would purchase some bulbs and planting would be agreed at the next meeting.

#### 118/20 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £15,247.00

#### Payments

- *Online payment-* £144.00 Bartlett's Tree Experts

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

#### Receipts

- £7,5000 Precept CE

It was noted a payment had been made in error to Crewe Colour Printers as opposed to Cranage Parish Council of £1,660.60. This had now been resolved.

**Resolved** the bank reconciliation was approved by Cllr NP.

#### 119/20 Cheshire East

There was no report due to no Ward Cllr being present.

It was noted that the four applications at Great Moreton Hall had now been 'called in' as a total to be considered jointly and consecutively.

#### 120/20 Chairman and Members Report

Cllr AB wished the speed of the traffic on the A34 to be discussed at the next meeting. He had conducted his own surveys and although not authenticated testing the speeds were significantly excessive for the 40mph restriction.

### Cllr C Kennerly

It was noted CK would be leaving the Parish this month. He was still eligible to be a PC as he had been elected in 2019.

### 121/20 Clerks Report

#### Email addresses

Some members were still struggling with setting up their Parish Councillor email addresses. The PC would refer this site to Cllr NS to try and resolve and if a payment were required this was approved.

#### Sound in the Village Hall

Some members were struggling to hear the meetings now they were in the main hall. It was agreed Cllr AB would investigate a solution.

#### PCSO J Carter

It was noted she would attend the next meeting.

#### Defibrillators across the Parish

The Clerk had been advised that paperwork should be completed to prove the relevant checks were being carried out. She would put this in pace with the relevant parties.

#### GDPR – CHALC

All members agreed with the agreed information being held.

### Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

### Meeting closed at 9.30 pm