

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

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 N Sharman (NS)
Councillor J Ward (JW)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr B Jelf – Wallhill Lane and payments, Cllr P Cliff – 20/3594C , Cllr N Sharman – payments, Cllr P Critchlow – payments , BH Lane and Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Critchlow – BH Lane and Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Ward – lost footpaths.

Public Forum

Two members of the public were present to discuss planning application 20/4096C. One member was the applicant and the other a neighbour who would be affected by the car park if approved. The neighbour pointed out the car park would be next to half of the south side of his garden and referred the PC back to the approved Neighbourhood Plan in 2018. The proposed site was half an acre in the green belt and taking away agricultural land which was against policy unless in special circumstances. There was a previous application at the same public house where the neighbour supported the applicant when extending his kitchen by gifting a meter strip from his own garden. He did the support local business. He felt the increase in the car park space was not necessary. He referred back to the first application of three which had been submitted this year which stated there would be no increase in business so questioned why the car park could not stay the same and there was evidence the cars parked on the road as opposed to the existing car park. He requested the PC considered the lighting and the noise effects at his property.

The applicant responded that the level of the car park was half a metre below the level of the garden. He lost, on every working shift, ten car parking spaces to the staff working. When he built the disabled toilets and extended the conservatory, he would also lose four spaces. He pointed out the vast support he had received from his clientele as they were opposed to parking on the road. He was also negotiable on the lighting type and structures.

Apologies

Cllr C Kennerly due to house move, Councillor R Lomas due to work commitments and Cllr R Sutton due to Covid 19.

122/20 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 9th September 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

123/20 Planning Applications

- 20/4096C Brownlow Inn, Brownlow Heath Lane, Brownlow CW12 4 TH – Construction and extension to existing PH car park with associated landscaping and lightening.
Resolved No Objection with conditions
 - 20/3594C Fence Lane, Astbury CW12 3NL – hardstanding area for horses.
Resolved No Objection
 - 20/4064C Glebe Farm, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 4RQ. Listed building consent for the change of former use of former agricultural buildings to a leisure unit(D2), retail storage (A1) and small-scale industrial process B1(C).
Resolved No Objection
 - 20/4063M Glebe Farm, Peel Lane, Astbury Cheshire CW12 4RQ – Application for the change of use of former agricultural buildings to a leisure unit (D2), retail storage (A1) and small-scale industrial processes B1 (C).
Resolved No Objection
- i) Fly tipping on Sandy Lane PROW
Despite the Clerk chasing CE the fly tipping was still in situ. The Clerk asked for support from the CE Ward Cllr.
 - ii) To note no site visit from EA taken in reference to sewage in two registered places ref 1807642
The Clerk had followed up the enquiry and still no actions.
 - iii) White Paper
The Parish Council would send a letter of objection to Fiona Bruce MP.

124/20 Forgotten footpaths

Cllr BJ, Cllr PCr Cllr JCr and the Chairman had met to discuss the lost footpaths and there had been seven of which they referred to on the maps to show the Parish Council. Each individual one was discussed with full Council of which two were dismissed as not worth pursuing. Cllr BJ had been in touch with the Inclosure Trust to try and establish if there were any maps available to support the application. She had subsequently brought the book for the Parish Councils reference.

Resolved the following lost footpaths would be applied for at PROW - Cheshire East.

- i) FP at Brownlow Heath crossing Sandy Lane (BR1) at the Common Land. One side goes to join Child's Lane, the other goes towards the A34 but branches and joins it at 2 points.
- ii) FP past Whitethorn Farm. FP3 comes out on the A34 next to Dairybrook Farm. Another FP used to continue this line on the other side of the A34, running behind the farmhouse and joining Watery Lane eventually.
- iii) FP used to go from Fence Lane (near the Horseshoe Inn) to join with another FP from Ganney Bank (Mow Lane); that combined path then re-joined Fence Lane further down at the bend.
- iv) FP used to branch off from FP6 Wallhill Lane to Steelcroft on Child's Lane.

- v) FP/Bridleway at Roe Park. This used to be a bridleway and footpath within living memory. It runs from Wharf Lane to Congleton Edge Road.
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125/20 Common Land

There had been a tree survey conducted by Bartletts and the report had been circulated. There had been a resident notice that one of the trees was not within the boundary of the site. It was agreed that Cllr PCr would check the report against the survey to check all the trees were within the boundary.

The tree works would be carried out, but the Clerk would organise another two quotes before approval.

126/20 Audio System in the Village Hall

Cllr AB had retrieved a quote to improve the sound system in the village hall. The one which he displayed was a speaker system of which members could speak through and there would be speakers to increase the volume of the person speaking. The VH committee had confirmed that there would be an audio loop installed for people with hearing aids. It was agreed that the decision would be deferred until the loop was installed in the VH.

127/20 Highways

- Congleton Link Road
SPC had made some observations about the contours of the A534 Sandbach Road and the Bus Stop.
Resolved the Clerk would report to Mr P Griffiths.
- Well managed Winter service consultation
It was agreed the following roads would be added to the schedule; Fence Lane and Wharf Lane.
- Roundabouts on CLR
Cllr BJ had circulated a map of a suggestion for the design of the roundabout in Astbury. The members discussed the plants and the future maintenance. 'Sibelco' had expressed an interest in the sponsorship of the roundabout.
Resolved Cllr BJ and the Clerk would speak with CTC to discuss the design and the costings.
- Wallhill Lane / Brownlow Heath Lane
The progress on the lane was discussed, Cllr PCr pointed out three points which needed addressing i) the pavement on BLH Lane dropped away into a hole, the pavements by the houses on BLH Lane finished in a point which need attention) the hedge by the Smithy needed cutting back to give safety on the pavement.
The Clerk would make CE Highways aware.
- Blocked gully on A34 - 3388849 – resolved.
- Gully outside The Chantry – 3398834 – still no actions taken.
- Bollard on pavement – due to be fitted this month.
- A34 footpaths – the Chairman reported no action had been taken.
- Bulb planting - due to be carried out on 24th October

Cllr J Ward requested that there was a sink hole on Watery Lane.

128/20 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £22,603.00

Payments

- *Online payment*- £116.23 Simply Seeds
- *Online payment* - £432.00 F A Bartlett Trees
- *Online payment* - £120.00 Mr N Sharman (website)
- *Online payment* - £45.00 TCS Management (pension)
- *Online payment* - £1,657.69 Cranage Parish Council (Clerk's salary from May to September inc £112.57 HMRC)
- *Online payment* - £37.80 Mrs B Jelf (map book)

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

Receipts

- £1,000 William Deans Trust

Resolved the bank reconciliation was approved by Cllr NP.

129/20 Cheshire East

There was an update that a local resident has made complaints about the blocked gullies on Mow Lane and they had now been scheduled for an emptying. The report from Mr S Halewood was due to be completed from the site visit in the village. Cllr LW discussed the White paper and agreed the PC should object.

130/20 Chairman and Members Report

Remembrance Sunday

Cllr PCr requested that poppies were purchased for the boundary signs for Remembrance Sunday.

It was also proposed a wreath would be purchased for Remembrance Sunday.

Resolved both were approved.

Training 2020

Cllr NS would attend the Finance on 2nd December and Cllr BJ would attend the Planning on 23rd October.

131/20 Clerks Report

Email addresses

These were now being resolved by Cllr NS.

PCSO J Carter

Sadly, she had not attended the evenings meeting. The Chairman asked if this could be followed up.

Defibrillators across the Parish

The Clerk had followed up all the locations where the defibrillators were situated, and the owners had agreed to complete the paperwork relevant. The PC were requested if they would supply replacement parts

Resolved the Parish Council agreed to purchase the replacement parts.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 11th November 2020 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm