

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020.
Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

Councillor A Banks (AB)
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)
Councillor P Cliff (PC)
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman (AJC)
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)
Councillor N Sharman (NS)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr B Jelf – Wallhill Lane , Cllr P Critchlow – payments , BH Lane and Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Critchlow – BH Lane and Wallhill Lane.

Public Forum

One member of the public attended to speak about his concerns in relation to the implemented mitigation measures on Wallhill Lane and in his opinion the result was merely just improving the situation which was already in existence and not deterring traffic from travelling down the lane or slowing it down 1.the warning signs were too close to the pinch point and the build out was quite dangerous 2.the south bound traffic had no warning sign to slow down, and the traffic should be given advance warning. 3. In the opposite direction there was insufficient warning of the priority restriction.

He would like to be involved in the safety audit as he had missed Mr Alex Davies - CE highway that day when he visited site.

Apologies

Cllr N Barton due to being on Zoom , Cllr C Kennerly due to resignation, Cllr R Lomas – no reason, Cllr N Plant due to work commitments, Cllr R Sutton due to Covid 19 and being on Zoom and Cllr J Ward due to ill health.

132/20 Minutes

123/20 Planning Applications

- 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 *subject to conditions*

It should be subject to a condition on operating hours and noise restrictions as currently applicable to the conditions prevailing on the existing site commercial and retail activities.

Resolved the minutes from 14th October 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

133/ Wallhill Lane & Brownlow Heath Lane mitigation measures

The Parish Council and Ward Cllr agreed that the scheme had been delivered poorly, the approach from the CE Officers and the last-minute changes did concern the members as to the effectiveness of the mitigation measures. Mr A Davies had assured the PC that a road safety audit would be carried out in the next few weeks. The crossroads at BLH Lane had been left due to funding from another stream not being available. The VAS signs still needed to be fitted on the posts. The lack of warning for the build out on the slip road from the A534 was also a concern. The Ward Cllr had challenged Ms F Price and a detailed response had been circulated to members. Cllr AB still felt the solution was no right turn at the top of the north end of the lane to deter traffic.

The Chairman thought the powers to make some differences was beyond the remit of the Parish Council, but they would ask to participate in the safety audit.

The Ward Cllr expressed her concerns about the lack of professionalism in the whole process.

134/20 Common Land

The Clerk had approached two other tree surgeon companies to obtain quotes 'Clee Brothers & Sons' and Cheshire Trees Services. Cllr PCr had also visited the site to check if all the trees were in the curtilage of the common land. It had established trees numbered 1 – 10 were within the boundary of the nurseries next door not on the Common Land. This would reduce the cost as two oak trees would need no actions.

There was one other quote to consider and the other had failed to reply.

Resolved F A Bartlett Tree Surgeons would be instructed to carry out the tree works and if further unidentified tree works were required when on site the cost would be considered and authorised by the Chairman.

135/20 War Memorial

The Chairman had been approached by the Rector of Saint Mary's Church who would like to comment on the design of the new memorial before any more progress was taken by the PC. It would also have to be approved by the Diocese in Chester. It was agreed until these consultations had been carried out no further progress could be made by the PC.

Resolved the Chairman would submit the designs to both parties and report back.

136/20 Planning Applications

No applications submitted since the last meeting.

- i) Fly tipping on Sandy Lane PROW
The Ward Cllr had received a response and due to work load no actions had been taken on the site. Everyone felt this was unacceptable.
- 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

- Ms Fiona Bruce MP had replied to the letter of concern sent by the Clerk. She supported the PC's concerns.
- iv) 20/4274 Certificate of lawfulness The Shippon, Peel Farm, Astbury CW12 4RJ for existing conversion of an agricultural building to dwelling
There had been a complaint received from a member of the public that this site should have applied for planning permission and not waited for the appropriate time scale to lapse before applying for a certificate of lawfulness. The Clerk had enquired with Cllr NP and he had circulated an explanation.
Resolved the Parish Council would write to Cllr NP to explain even though he was not a Cllr at the time he should be cognisant of his position in such matters and should follow the correct protocol.
- v) 20/3594C Fence Lane, Astbury CW12 3NL There has been a report of a touring caravan on site.
Resolved the Clerk would report to Planning Enforcement.

137/20 Budget 2021/22

The budget had been circulated to members in order to review and set the precept for next year.

Resolved Capital Projects monies to be ring fenced as follows - £2,000 for the War Memorial and £5,000 for the improvement of footpaths along the A34.

Resolved there would be £3,000 allocated to the Common Land improvement and £1,000 to the Lost Footpaths Project.

Resolved the precept would be set at £15,000 for the year 2021/22.

138/20 Broadband in the Parish

The Chairman had been approached by a local resident about the improvement of the broadband connection in the parish and were willing to contribute some monies. There was a debate of the speeds and the option of fibre across the Parish.

Resolved Cllr NS would make further enquires with the resident and report back at the next meeting.

139/20 Highways

Local Area Highways Report

Cllr CK had attended the local area highways meeting and a report had been circulated. It seemed probable Wharf lane and Fence Lane would be added to the gritting route.

Roundabouts on the CLR

The design had been submitted to Ms Ruth Burgess and she was awaiting approval from highways.

Safety of traffic in the village – from meeting on the 17th September

No report to date from Mr S Halewood. It had been acknowledged the white lines would be improved by the garden centre. The Chairman had received concern from the Rector of her concern about the safety of the children when walking to worship each week. It was agreed this would be also sent to SH.

Gully outside The Chantry – 3398834 – still no actions taken.

HGV's on Wharf Lane there was concern about the number of HGV's travelling to Suttons in Roe Park via Wharf Lane delivering rubble and hard core. Indications had been received it was to fill potholes, but the volume seemed excessive.

Resolved the Clerk would report to planning enforcement.

Name suggestions for CLR – Cllr PCr and Cllr BJ had circulated suggestions.
Watery Lane sink hole 3407901

140/20 Lost Footpaths

Cllr BJ gave an update on progress to date.

It was agreed at this time, the *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* would be submitted to Mrs C Hibbert PROW at CE initially with supporting evidence to seek advice if it was suitable for a submission.

Cllr AB and Cllr PC discussed the *FP past Whitethorn Farm which 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.*

They felt that at the last meeting they were unaware this went through the garden of Whitethorn Farm and Brook House and next door and it seemed a little unfair to pursue. Cllr PCr suggested a diversion could be taken but Cllr LW intervened this was an unnecessary cost to undertake and should be avoided.

140/20 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £21,651.58

Payments

- *Online payment* - £24.00 Mr PCr (8 poppies for the boundary signs)
- *Online payment* - £16.98 Mr PCr (bulbs)
- *Online payment* - £25.00 Ms J Mason (poppy wreath)
- *Online payment* - £65.94 Clerks expenses March to December
- *Online payment* - £92.40 Defib shop – Pecks
- *Online payment* - £30.00 Defib shop – Ackers Crossing
- *Online payment* - £456.00 J Ashbrook's Ltd (bollard)

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

Receipts

- £441.98 **CIL Monies CE**

Resolved the bank reconciliation was approved by Cllr NP.

141/20 Cheshire East

There was an update on communication from CE Highways from Wallhill Lane.

142/20 Chairman and Members Report

Litter picking

A resident from Wallhill Lane had completed a litter pick.

Newsletter

Cllr PCr updated members on the content.

Resignation of Cllr C Kennerly

It was noted Cllr CK had resigned. The Chairman requested a letter of gratitude was sent by the Clerk.

Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman had placed the wreath on the cenotaph.

Training 2020

Cllr BJ updated members on the planning seminar she had attended.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm