

# Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## **Part 1**

### **Present**

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

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### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Jelf – Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Critchlow – 20/5015C, BH Lane and Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Critchlow – 20/5015C, BH Lane and Wallhill Lane.

### **Public Forum**

Three members of the public present who were applicants for the Parish Councillor vacancy.

### **Apologies**

Cllr R Sutton due to being on Zoom, Cllr J Ward due to work commitments and Cllr L Wardlaw due to a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

### **01/21 Minutes**

**Resolved** the minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **02/21 To co-opt a new Parish Councillor.**

There had been four applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy, three were in attendance this evening. The Chairman introduced the three applicants, and each had submitted an application form which had been circulated to all members. Each applicant gave a resume of why they had applied for the position of a Councillor and there was a period of question time between each individual applicant and the members.

Each of the applicants were placed in the waiting room while there was a debate who was most suitable for the role at this time.

**Resolved** Mr Ian Parry was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor for Newbold Astbury. It was noted as the meeting was being held remotely no paperwork could be signed and the Clerk would have to make the necessary arrangements before the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers who had applied for the position.

### **03/21 Common Land**

The tree works had been carried out by Bartlett Tree experts and Cllr BJ had kindly visited the site and taken some pictures. It was agreed the works had been carried out to a

satisfactory standard. The members discussed the next stages, Cllr NP and Cllr RL thought the ground should now be cleared of brambles and undergrowth. Cllr BJ disagreed and thought a Biodiversity study should be completed prior to any works being carried out. Cllr JC thought some information should be put in the Congleton Chronicle to gain public feeling.

**Resolved** the Clerk would arrange for the Common land should be cleared at ground level.

It was agreed no communication would be put in the press.

#### **04/21 War Memorial**

The Chairman had been contacted by the Rector of St Mary's Church with the PCC's preferred solution of a raised plinth for the missing names. A revised sketch proposal would be prepared for PC/PCC and Diocesan consideration.

#### **05/21 Engagement from Cheshire East with Parish Councils on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The Chairman, Cllr JCr and the Clerk attended a meeting with Cheshire East which was a communication on the budget for 2021/22, the cost of COVID-19 and the highways operation within Cheshire East under the budget headings. They were also very eager to transfer the assets to the Town and Parish Councils but there would be no support with legal costs or future maintenance costs.

*Cllr R Lomas left the meeting at 8.45pm.*

#### **06/21 Planning Applications**

- 20/5719C Pool Lodge, Yew Tree Lane, Moreton CW12 3GY – single story front extension and side porch.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/5718C Land at Mow Lane, Astbury – proposed new stables, horse exercise arena, associated yard area and amended field access.  
**Resolved** Objection
- 20/5629C – 3 Peel Drive Astbury CW12 4RF- proposed patio doors to front elevation.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/5390C Brookfield, Childs Lane, Brownlow CW12 4TG – alterations and single storey rear extension.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/5158C Congleton Garden Centre, 71 Moss Road, Astbury CW12 3BP – provision of an 11 m X 11.5 m general storage, packing and potting shed.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/4853C Lavender Farm, Gorse Lane, Astbury CW12 3NR – proposed detached garages (resubmission of 20/3221C).  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 20/5015C 2 Ivy Cottages, Brook Lane Brownlow CW12 4TJ – proposed single storey entrance porch and proposed two storey side extension to form a kitchen/ dining/ sitting room with master bedroom and bathroom over. Proposed new floor window to existing building.  
**Resolved** No Objection

Two registered places for raw sewage leaking ref 1807642.

Cllr PCr had visited both sites with the EA and there had been warning letters sent to the nearby properties.

Fly Tipping on Sandy Lane – still no actions taken.

Farm building at Bank Farm, Dodds Lane Astbury.

**Resolved** this would be reported to Planning Enforcement.

### Touring caravan on Fence Lane

The Planning Officer had reported this was unlawful, but he was allowing it as a refuge for the owner's father until the improvement works had been completed.

### **07/21 GDPR Compliance**

The Council discussed the officer being re-appointed again for 2021.

**Resolved** JDH Services would be appointed as the GDPR Officer for 2021

### **08/21 Broadband in Parish**

Cllr NS had made enquires and there was fibre broadband available on the Village Green for the residents concerned who would need to make independent arrangements with their Supplier for connection.

### **09/21 Lost Footpaths**

There had been an email sent from a local landowner putting his view over about reinstating the footpath from Sandy Lane to Childs Lane. Cllr BJ asked if she could instruct Congleton Museum Archives for an hours research work. It was agreed another meeting was required and the Clerk would arrange.

**Resolved** the museum could be instructed at a maximum of £50.00.

### **10/21 Highways**

- Site visit with Local Area Highways on 17<sup>th</sup> September  
A report had been circulated from Mr S Halewood to the Parish Council and the Ward Cllr. The Chairman was concerned that the Report missed the purpose of the meeting as it had not addressed the points raised ie:- the 30mph speed limit being extended from the Marsh to Magpie Bank and a break in the Weight Limit to avoid HGV traffic cutting through from Congleton/Mossley/Biddulph via Astbury Village. It was agreed the Clerk would make contact and explain the Parish Councils concerns.
- Water run off on Mow Lane & The Flash.  
It was noted that this lane was closed due to the amount of rain. CE Highways had reported that the gullies had been emptied but the debris from the field kept leading to further blockages.
- Watery Lane sink hole – 3407901  
It was noted Watery Lane had been closed due to flooding and a dig up was planned.
- A34 water over seasonal period – 3411025  
Cllr RL and Cllr JW were genuinely concerned about the flooding on this 'A' road. It had not been resolved and the flood at times was across the A34 and a local landowner had their field flooded. They felt the gullies and not been emptied. The Clerk would enquire with highways.
- Is Speeding a High Issue in your Parish?  
There was a questionnaire from CHALC to each parish Council on the region.  
**Resolved** the members agreed speeding was within their top three priorities.
- Mill House Farm – there still had been reports of livestock on the roads from this farm. The police were encouraging the public to report it straight into the police and not the PC.
- Walhill Lane/ Brownlow Lane

Cllr BJ and Cllr JCr gave an update. A resident from Childs Lane was requesting a 40mph along Childs Lane from Brownlow crossroads. The Clerk would refer this to CE Highways.

- Accidents on Dodds Lane in January 2021

It was noted there had been two accidents on the ice at Dodds Lane in January.

- 7.5 tonne sign on Peel Lane

Cllr NP asked this was reported as it had been knocked down.

## 11/21 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £20,916.26

### Payments

- *Online payment* - £35.00 ICO (now set up as a is direct debit)
- *Online payment* - £78.30 Ms J Mason (expenses)
- *Online payment* - £30.00 CHALC (Cllr BJ - Planning course 29.10.20)
- *Online payment* - £25.00 CHALC (the Clerk - Wellbeing Course 16.11.20)
- *Online payment* - £385.76 Crewe Colour Printers
- *Online payment* - £418.20 Crewe Colour Printers
- *Online payment* - £1,807.47 Clerks salary Sept to Dec including £107.45 HMRC.
- *Online payment*- £200.00 Cranage PC (GDPR contribution 2020/21)
- *Online payment*- £938.40 F A Bartlett tree expert (tree work on Common land)

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

### Receipts

- NIL

It was noted the council tax base had been set at £359.30 which led to a band D being £41.75.

## 12/20 Cheshire East

No report due to no Ward Cllr.

## 13/20 Chairman and Members Report

### Newsletter

The newsletter had been sent out and had been received very well.

### Christmas Lights

There had been many comments of thanks for the lights. It was agreed a letter would be sent by the Clerk.

**Resolved** flowers would be sent to the garage for the electricity supply.

### Curb stone son the Village Green

Cllr NB reported he had still found no stones.

## 14/20 Clerks Report

### Neighbourhood Plan

There had been an offer of help from a member of the public. The Chairman wished this to be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss further.

### Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.**