

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Zoom Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2021.

Part 1

Present

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 I Parry (IP)
Councillor N Plant (NP)
Councillor J Ward (JW)
Cllr L Wardlaw (LW)
Cllr P Redstone (PR)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nick Plant - 21/0012C

Public Forum

No members present.

Apologies

Cllr R Sutton due to being on Zoom, Cllr R Lomas due to not feeling well, Cllr A Banks due to his birthday, Cllr N Sharman due to an operation.

15/21 Minutes

Cllr JCr proposed the following amendment 02/21 "*Each of the applicants were placed in the waiting room while a vote was taken*".

This was accepted by members as an amendment.

Cllr J Cr proposed the following was added to 03/21 "*There was a discussion about Cllr P Cliff and Cllr R Lomas clearing the common land voluntarily*".

This was accepted by members as an amendment.

Resolved the minutes from 13th January 2021 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

16/21 Common Land

The Clerk had endeavoured to obtain three quotes to clear the Common Land of which two had submitted a formal quote, but one was too busy to complete the works within the time allocated due to nesting season.

Cllr BJ had circulated a report about the obligation we have as a public body when carrying out works on open spaces. She felt the PC should be sympathetic to the existing wildlife and plants on site.

Cllr NB felt it was not worth pursuing due to the financial outlay to date.

Quote A = £1,438.00 + £287.60 VAT= 1,725.60

Quote B = failed to quote to time constraints.

Quote C = £1,400.00

Resolved Quote C would be accepted by the Parish Council and the Clerk would instruct the works.

The Chairman had circulated some information from 'Tarmac/Entrust', he thought the PC fitted the criteria to apply for a grant to assist financing the Common Land improvements.

Resolved the Parish Council would apply for the grant funding from 'Tarmac/Entrust'.

17/21 Lost Footpaths

There had been a meeting on Zoom with the Chairman, Cllr BJ, Cllr PCr, Cllr J Cr, and the Clerk on the 21st of January and subsequently Cllr BJ had made contact with Ms C Hibbert from PROW at CE for some advice in relation to the submission of the lost footpath from Sandy Lane to the A34. There had to be a full application with no preliminary hearing. The PC 'brainstormed' names to enable witness statements to be gathered. Cllr BJ needs to contact the National Archives for historic data but unfortunately, they were closed due to COVID-19.

Resolved Cllr BJ would endeavour to start the process of completing the witness statements.

A letter had been received from a resident in relation to proposed process of re-establishing this specific lost footpath. He raised some of his personal concerns.

Resolved the Clerk would acknowledge the letter.

18/21 War Memorial

The Chairman, Cllr JCr, Cllr PCr and the Clerk had held a meeting on 10th February to discuss the details of the information required to complete the application form or the grant funding. The PC still had not received confirmation from the church if they had agreed the proposed new monument to include the additional names. There were a possible 48 to be added.

The Chairman had drawn a new version of the memorial and the Clerk had circulated to members.

Resolved the Parish Council accepted the new design of the War Memorial.

19/21 Planning Applications

- 20/5690C Astbury Golf Club, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 4RE – replacement of a septic tank with a small sewage treatment plant. (SSTP)
Resolved No Objection
- 20/3668 Corda Well Cottage, Mow Lane Astbury CW12 3NJ – Replacement of conservatory with side and rear extension with detached garage.
The extra papers had been noted and the application had been refused.
- 21/0016C Gorse Cottage, Gorse Lane, Astbury CW12 3NR Construction of residential annexe.
Resolved Objection
- 21/0012C Land North of Peel Lane, Astbury – prior approval for a proposed agricultural implements and hay storage building.

These applications were not usually presented to the Parish Council, but it had been noted as this was sited on/ close to a PROW (FP15) and there was concern it was blocking access.

Resolved Cllr NP assured the members he would check if this building were causing any detriment to the access to the PROW.

Fly Tipping on Sandy Lane – still no actions taken.

It was noted Cllr LW would chase up MR D Brewster.

Farm building at Bank Farm, Dodd's Lane Astbury.

It was noted this had been reported 21/00043E no details to date.

Coach & Horses Public House – planning permission submitted convert to dwelling.

Resolved no comments would be made as not in the Parish.

20/21 Neighbourhood Plan

The NP was due to be reviewed under the Government Guidelines.

Resolved the Clerk would contact the original committee members to enquire if they would be prepared to assist again in reviewing the Plan.

21/21 Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April 2021

Due to Covid 19 and Government Rulings there could be no face-to-face meetings until the legislation was reviewed on 7th May. As it was the Annual Parish meeting in April the options were discussed as to the best way to engage with the public in the Parish. It was agreed the Annual Parish newsletter would be delivered after the next meeting, but the preparation work would be done before hand e.g., Accounts, Chairman's Report, invite to the Parish to the meeting.

Resolved the Parish Council would hold a virtual quiz for the Parish on Zoom.

It was agreed Cllr IP would draft a quiz and circulate before the next meeting.

22/21 Highways

- Footpath siding out along A34.
The Clerk reported no actions had been taken with the siding out of the footpath along A34. Three quotes had recently been received for Cranage for footpaths along the A50.
Resolved the Clerk would obtain a quote from J Harding's for the siding of the footpaths from Chance Hall Lane to Brownlow Heath Lane.
- Water run off on Mow Lane & The Flash.
Cllr LW took this action to CE Highways as it still had not been resolved.
- Watery Lane sink hole – 3407901
This had been resolved but it had led to further problems on site. The Clerk had been told CE Highways had Watery Lane programmed for a dig up in March. It had also been programmed for level 2 patching.
- A34 water– 3411025
Cllr PC made the Council aware there had been two serious accidents on the A34 over the past two weeks. The situation still had not been resolved and it was worse as the water was now freezing. Cllr LW again took this action to report to CE as it had been ongoing for over three months.
- Wallhill Lane – VAS sign out of action.
This had been reported.
- 7.5-ton sign knocked down.
No action
- Fly tipping on Peel Lane.
Cllr IP asked if a Christmas tree was reported and removed.

Naming of the Congleton Link Road – proposed Beartown Way
Resolved Objection

23/21 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £17,633.32

Payments

- *Online payment* - £30.00 CHALC (Cllr NS – Finance 14.01.21)
- *Online payment* - £26.99 Ms J Mason (flowers for Astbury garage)
- *Online payment* - £8.31 TSOHOST
- *Online payment* - £84.96 TSOHOST

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

Receipts

- £320.00 Came & Company Insurance (bollard)

24/20 Cheshire East

A report was given on the highway issues across the Parish, Cllr LW also asked for feedback on the recent Town and Parish Conference in January.

25/20 Chairman and Members Report

Newsletter

The newsletter was due out that day.

Broadband in the Parish

The chairman reviewed the report Cllr NS had submitted on broadband connectivity and speeds across the Parish.

7.5 tonne weight restriction on A34

Cllr BJ asked the Clerk to make a request Mr S Halewood if he would check if the GPS satnav could be amended to highlight the weight limit on Wallhill Lane.

26/20 Clerks Report

Zoom

SPC were wishing to change the virtual platform for meetings to Teams. This would leave Astbury with no Zoom subscription.

Resolved It was agreed the PC would subscribe monthly and remain with Zoom until lifting of Covid restrictions, expected in May, when options would be reviewed.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 10th March 2021 at 7.30pm anticipated virtual.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.