

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

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

Part 1

Present

Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)
Councillor A Banks (AB)
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 I Parry (IP)
Councillor N Plant (NP)
Councillor N Sharman (NS)
Councillor R Sutton (RS)
Councillor J Ward (JW)
Cllr L Wardlaw (LW)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr PCr – on payments and Wallhill Lane, Cllr JCr – Wallhill Lane, Cllr BJ – Wallhill Lane

Public Forum

PCSO Jeanette Carter

The local PCSO had attended the meeting to introduce herself and ask the most preferred line of communication between ourselves and the police. She was conducting online surgeries for the public and was trying to gain more participation from other outside bodies such as the Environmental Agency and Social Care. She knew the residents of Astbury liked to bring issues to the PC, but she encouraged issues to be reported to the police at the time directly on 'Crime Stoppers' or calling 101 and it is anonymous if there were any concerns.

A resident from Wallhill Lane had attended to request support from the Parish Council on obtaining a figure from Cheshire East Highways on the confirmed percentage increase of traffic after the opening of the Congleton Link Road which would lead to the closure of Wallhill Lane. He felt the Parish Council should put a figure to Cheshire East to encourage them to agree the terms when the next traffic survey was completed to assist the residents living on the lane.

It was agreed this would be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Apologies

Nil

27/21 Minutes.

Resolved the minutes from 10th February 2021 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

28/16 Annual Parish Council on 14th April

Cllr IP had circulated a *draft* quiz to members to review for the Annual Parish meeting. It was agreed that the quiz was suitable, and Cllr IP would be quiz master. Cllr JC and Cllr PCr would proofread the quiz before the meeting. It would be advertised in the newsletter with the Zoom joining instructions.

The newsletter was be finalised and delivered next week and it was agreed the Clerk would ask the printing company to design a banner for the village.

Resolved there would be a limit on cash prizes of £150.00 which would be allocated by Cllr IP.

28/21 Common Land

The works had now been completed by Forest Stump and the area looked much improved it had also given better access to the public. The next stages were discussed. The Chairman was investigating the funding application with Tarmac.

Resolved Cllr NP, Cllr PCr, Cllr BJ and the Chairman would conduct a site visit and make recommendations at the next meeting.

There had been communication from residents as they were concerned about "off road " vehicles travelling along Sandy Lane from the southern end. The Clerk had contacted the PROW Officer and he had expressed his concerns on blocking access. It was acknowledged that the land could now be vulnerable. It was noted this was a bridleway and not a Green Lane

Resolved the PC agreed vehicular access should be prevented along Sandy Lane from the southern side.

Resolved the Clerk would be allocated £500.00 to carry out the action subject to approval from PROW.

29/21 Lost footpaths

Cllr BJ reported that at the last meeting there had been a resolution about contacting the witnesses but after further consideration she felt this was out of process sequence and she wished to complete the DMMO prior to contacting potential witnesses for statements as it was agreed this may send out the wrong messages. The witnesses would still be contacted after the application was submitted.

Sadly, the National Archives were still closed and until they reopened no historical evidence would be retrieved. Cllr BJ had asked for further advice from Claire Hibbert PROW at CE and was still awaiting a reply.

30/21 War Memorial

The Chairman, Cllr PCr and the Clerk had held a virtual meeting on 10th March and were still gathering evidence for the funding application. St Mary's Church had approved the new design and we were now still awaiting the Chester Diocese initial approval who were holding a DAC meeting on 26th March.

31/21 Planning Applications

- 21/0685C The Rectory, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 4RQ Listed building consent for external and internal demolition, repair and extension as noted on drawings and design and access statement 02.04.18. Works on going planning and listed consent granted ref 17/4936C and 17/4935C. This application covers the changes from the planning and LBC conditions not discharging the remaining planning permissions and

the discharging the remaining planning and LBC conditions not discharged in applications 18/1278D, 18/1275D, 18/1402D, 18/2201D and 18/2200D.

Resolved No Objection although Councillors raised queries over colour of window frames and front door now evident - to be investigated.

- 21/0606C Roe Park Lodge, Roe Park, Moreton CW12 3NX proposed agricultural shed.

Resolved Objection

- 21/0613D Keepers Cottage, New Road Moreton CW12 4RU discharge of conditions 4,9, & 14 on application 18/1784C.

Resolved No Objection

Fly Tipping on Sandy Lane – still no actions taken.

It was noted Cllr LW still had no reply from Mr D Brewster.

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

This had now been resolved with the owner.

32/21 Highways

- Traffic speed and volume through the Village/A34

The new report had been submitted to Mr S Halewood and we await his response.

- GPS on satnav for Wallhill Lane after CLR opening

This had been reported to Mr S Halewood CE Highways and he had acknowledged he would take some actions.

- Footpath siding along A34 from Brownlow Heath lane to the boundary sign near Moreton Hall

The Clerk had received three quotes to side out footpaths in Cranage in January.

A quote of £1,900.00 had been received from CPC's preferred company and gave an insight into the costings.

Cllr BJ proposed the quote was accepted and Cllr NS seconded the proposal. There was a vote taken.

FOR - 7 AGAINST- 6

Resolved The Clerk to instruct Contractor to proceed as quote.

- Gully outside the Chantry 3398834 – presumed actioned as there had been no further correspondence.

- Water run off Mow Lane.

Richard Cooper CE Highway Officer had reported the gullies had been emptied but members were still concerned about the standard of the road due to debris and sand plus gully scouring at carriageway edges on "Ganny Bank"

The Clerk had asked for a site visit and Cllr NP and Cllr PC would attend.

- A34 by Astbury Garden Centre -

Cllr JW said even though highways had reported the gullies had been emptied the issues had not been resolved. It was agreed the Clerk would arrange a site visit with CE Highways.

- 7.5 tonne sign 3423496

Holes in the grass verge on Wallhill Lane 3411025

33/21 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £17,606.23

Payments

- *Online payment* - £469.20 Crewe Colour Printers

- *Online payment* - £25.00 CHALC Cllr I Parry
- *Online payment* - £58.50 Mr P C
- *Online payment* - £1,400.00 Forrest Stump

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

Receipts

- £50.00 Women's Institute

34/20 Cheshire East

A report was given on the highway issues across the Parish. There was a suggestion that the Ward Cllrs would hold a budget of £4k for their Wards as an individual rather than Local Area Highways budget.

35/20 Chairman and Members Report

Sibelco Liaison Group

The Chairman and Cllr BJ reported on the meeting on the 9th March. The slides had been circulated. On 3/8/21 there would be a trip in the quarry for members to attend. The lighting issues had been resolved.

Resolved the Clerk would enquire with CE highways when the weight signs would be installed on BHL/A34 junction

Astbury May Day

Cllr RL reported this had been deferred until 17th July 2021 rules permitting.

Hairdresser sign on the wall opposite the Village Green (in Conservation Area)

The Clerk would report.

36/20 Clerks Report

CE Boundary Review

The Clerk reported on the CE meeting which had been held on the 26th of February and the agenda pack indicated that Astbury and Moreton would be amalgamated, and the number of Cllrs would be reduced to eight from thirteen.

This would still now go out to consultation for a 12-week process.

Training 2021

The Clerk asked members if they would attend a Code of Conduct course if she organised it for the Parish Council as a whole.

PART 2

Resolved; "That in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 as extended by the Local Government Act 1972 section 100 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the under mentioned item on the grounds that the publication of the matter would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted".

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Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.