

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 14 July 2021, 1930 hrs

Present

Councillor Judith Critchlow, Chair
Councillor Phill Critchlow
Councillor Barbara Jelf
Councillor Nick Barton
Councillor Andy Banks
Councillor John Ward
Councillor Nick Plant
Councillor Nick Sharman
Councillor Liz Wardlaw CE Ward Councillor
Mr Carlton Evans - Clerk

Declarations of Interest

Barbara Jelf (Wallhill Lane discussion)
Judith Critchlow (Walhill Lane discussion)
Phill Critchlow (Walhill Lane Discussion)

Part 1

Public and Press Forum

No members of the press or public were present.

Apologies:

- Peter Cliff (illness)
- Ian Parry (illness)
- Roger Sutton (conflicting engagements)
- Rob Lomas (travel obligations)

76/21 Minutes

The Council **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June are a true and accurate record.

77/21 Common Land

The Council considered the report of the working group established to look at the issue of access to the Common Land off Sandy Lane.

The Council **Resolved** to approach Mr Robert Bibby to confirm that he is happy to have access primarily from the Child's Lane end of Sandy Lane.

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk should obtain 3 quotes for the fencing needed to protect the common land and verges, including:

- a low 'step-over' barrier alongside Sandy Lane and across the face of the Common Land, with gaps for walkers, pushchairs and horses, and with a lockable fence at the Northern end for maintenance access. This could be constructed using telegraph poles raised off the ground; and,
- a fence barring access to Sandy Lane with a central lockable bollard at the Southern end of the Common Land.

The council **Resolved** that the Clerk should obtain 3 quotes for strimming the Common Land in September to facilitate access and provide space for a footpath around the site.

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk should contact the PROW office to request signs and barriers at the Southern entrance to the bridleway.

78/21 Planning Applications

21/3543C

Erection of Portal Frame building for housing of agricultural vehicles and implements associated with maintenance of meadow land
Hillside View, MOW LANE, ASTBURY, CW12 3NJ

The Council **Resolved** not to object to this application, but to seek assurances that the applicant would seek to protect and enhance the countryside in accordance with section P13 in the Neighbourhood Plan.

21/3005C

Proposed car port - Three Oaks, CHILDS LANE, BROWNLOW, CW12 4TG

The Council **Resolved** not to object to this application.

79/21 Policy to review - Grants and Donations Policy

The Council **Resolved** to make small amendments to the maximum size of donations (£500) and to timetable consideration of applications in July and January. The Clerk will update the policy including new contact details.

80/21 Policy to Review – Disciplinary Policy

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk should propose any alterations as tracked changes in a new document to present in August for further consideration.

81/21 Accounts

The following payments were approved:

- Hire of Astbury School for April interviews and May Council meeting - £50
- Barbara Jelf second national archives search - £8.45
- Clerk's ChALC training costs - £50
- Clerk's Salary paid via Somerford Parish Council - £793.13

The Council noted there had been no new receipts since the last Council meeting in June, and that from August, the Clerk's salary would be paid direct by Astbury Parish Council, not via Somerford (or Cranage) Parish Council.

82/21 Caravans at Glebe farm

The Council **Resolved** to discuss this item at its August Council meeting.

83/21 Councillor Vacancy

The Council **Resolved** to advertise the vacancy through the public notice boards and the website, and it would be timed to coincide with publication in the Parish newsletter.

84/21 Missing Councillor emails/forwarding

The Council **Resolved** that Councillor Sharman would undertake further testing and investigate solutions.

85/21 Neighbourhood Plan Refresh

The Council **Resolved** that Councillor Nick Sharman should lead a small team to look at the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan, comprising Councillor Phill Critchlow and Councillor Judith Critchlow. Councillor Phill Critchlow will also approach parishioners John Carter, Sandy Boynton and Don Muir to ask for their assistance.

86/21 Community Resilience Plan

The Clerk reported on the overall Cheshire Resilience Plan, which went far beyond the ability of any one Parish to tackle, such as major critical incidents. The Council **Resolved** to link the Cheshire plan in the Parish newsletter and on the Parish website, and the Clerk will tailor any specific messages in the Cheshire Plan for use on the Parish website.

87/21 Highways

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk should identify who owns the hedge which is obscuring the road sign on Walhill Lane to get it cut back.

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk would identify potential companies to weed kill the areas of footpath along the A34 that were becoming overgrown (between the Parish boundary sign and Brownlow Heath Lane).

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk should investigate damage to the road sign on the footpath on the A34 with a view to repairing it.

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk should approach Cheshire East Highways again about flooding on the A34 due to blocked gullies.

The Council **Resolved** that Councillor Andy Banks would approach Cheshire East Highways about moving the speed restriction signs coming into Astbury village further back along the A34, and whether the Cheshire East Highways costings for doing so could be reduced.

The Council **Resolved** that Councillor John Ward would approach Astbury Garden Centre with a view to creating a display at the exit welcoming careful drivers to Astbury.

88/21 Cheshire East Report

Councillor Liz Wardlaw undertook to investigate fly-tipping further and who should be responsible for tackling it.

Councillor Barbara Jelf undertook to collate views on the Community Governance Review as to why the Parish should stay as it is and present these at the August meeting.

89/21 Chairman and Members' Report

Courtesy of Somerford Parish Council a new sickness policy would come before the Council in August. With the William Dean Trust, additional daffodils would be purchased for the A34 verges and Brownlow Heath Lane/Walhill Lane. Discussions with contractors had shown that raising the Church War Memorial to add additional names to it would be difficult and very expensive, so further investigation into feasibility and cost was needed. Traffic monitoring devices on Walhill Lane had been put there to assess volumes of traffic as part of Sibelco's plans to expand the quarry to the other side of the road – not by Cheshire East. Sadly, Mr Mosely had passed away and his farm gates had been sealed. Several signs were appearing along the green. Advertising rules especially in the conservation area would need to be consulted and Councillor Liz Wardlaw offered to look into this further. The hedge along the footpath by the Rectory was making use very difficult. John Carter would be approached to see if he knew where ownership and responsibility lay. The Newsletter should ask residents to be vigilant and report fly tipping which was still happening at various locations. The Council's footpaths working group will meet before the August meeting. The Council **Resolved** to finance a ChALC training course for Councillor Nick Sharman.

90/21 Clerk's Report

The Parish Council would not meet in December as originally scheduled. No further action to promote Neighbourhood Watch schemes locally would be taken. Constructive discussions had taken place with Sibelco about restricting lorries on Walhill Lane. Planning enforcement teams were only just beginning to resume business after lockdown and tackle matters such as the stables at Watery Lane. The Parish Council audit exemption application had been acknowledged by external auditors.

Part 2

The Council **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 undermentioned 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 transacted.

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Meeting closed at 2145 hrs.