

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

Councillor J Carter (who chaired the meeting),
Councillor A Banks,
Councillor S A Banks,
Councillor N Barton,
Councillor P Cliff,
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman
Councillor P Critchlow,
Councillor C Kennerly,
Councillor N Plant,
Councillor P Stanway,
Councillor R Sutton,
Councillor R Bailey, Cheshire East
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr J Carter – Astbury St Mary’s CE Primary School, Cllr R Sutton – Sibelco.

Public Forum

One member of the public who had come to introduce himself and view a Parish Council meeting before standing in the elections.

33/19 Apologies

Councillor N Sharman due to holiday and Cllr R Lomas due to a Rotary meeting,

34/19 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 13th February 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

35/19 Planning Applications

Cllr L Wardlaw left the meeting

- 19/1055C Bonneyfield Cottage, Mow Lane, Astbury CW12 3NH – development of a stable block and manege including engineering operations and demolition of existing outbuilding.

Resolved No Objection with conditions

- 19/0845C Glebe Farm, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 4RQ – retrospective planning permission for field shelter and hardstanding.

Resolved No Objection

- 18/6164C Astbury St Marys CE Primary School, School Lane Astbury CW12 4RG – Daily mile track

Resolved No Objection

Cllr L Wardlaw returned to the meeting

Weld House

The Clerk communicated the report from the enforcement officer as follows; 'the site has a caravan certificate exemption and it is administered by a bona fide organisation in this case the Freedom Camping and Caravanning Club. A reputable organisation who are responsible for the administration and policing of the site. Since the site benefits from an exemption certificate it ceases to be of any planning concern'.

The PC still had concerns as there was an excessive fence around the boundary and the gate was usually locked to prevent access. There was no certificate at the entrance, it looked like a commercial site not a recreational site.

Resolved the Clerk would make further enquires.

Car Sales outside the church

A letter had been sent to the occupiers of 'Westcroft' and this would hopefully solve the situation.

Bent Farm Quarry West

There was a public planning exhibition on Tuesday 12th March to inform the residents of proposals to submit a planning application to extend the quarry. It was noted the two quarries could work side by side for up to 18 months.

36/19 CCTV in the Parish

Cllr A Banks had completed some research on the proposal of installing CCTV to cover the traffic movements around the village green. He had contacted a specialist company and they thought the best location was for it to be placed on a house to the south of the green as opposed to the church. One residential house had agreed to this action.

There would be two cameras installed and they would be able to monitor the volume of traffic 24 hours a day and highlight the car registrations, this would then give the residents and the Parish Council the opportunity to see the accidents and the offending vehicles.

There was the option of blacking out the houses so just the road was filmed.

Resolved a letter would be sent to all the residents living around the Village Green for their opinion.

37/18 Congleton Link Road

Wallhill Lane Mitigation meeting on 27th February at the Municipal building in Crewe

The Chairman and the Clerk met with Mrs F Price – CE Officer and Mr S Halewood – CE Highways Officer, Cllr R Bailey and Cllr L Wardlaw were also in attendance. This was a preliminary discussion with CE to discuss the proposed measures to assist Wallhill Lane after the construction of the CLR (notes circulated and, on the website,).

This had resulted in the Parish Council inviting all the residents of the lanes to a meeting this evening (13th March 2019) to meet the CE Officers and begin the process of a new consultation after the one in 2014.

Resolved the Clerk would now arrange some 'one to one' sessions so the residents could attend and express their views. CE could then agree the measures to be taken on the lanes. It was agreed there would be four members of the residents prepared to be contacted by the Clerk as a point of reference.

Sandy Lane closure

The concerns in reference to the school children getting home from school had not been resolved. It was agreed Cllr R Bailey would chase Mr P Griffiths for a response.

38/18 Highways

Cheshire Railings' Improvement plan' throughout the Parish Council

The considered Cheshire Railings were at Moreton, Brownlow and along the A34 opposite the garden centre.

Resolved the Clerk would gain quotes to repair and paint the railings on the junction of Watery Lane and A34.

It was agreed the Clerk would ask GRAHAM if the spare ones could be utilised from Sandy Lane.

Meeting with Mr C Hodgkinson CE Highways, Cllr R Bailey, the Chairman and the Clerk on 8th March

After the meeting CH was due to now prepare a report of possible solutions to the traffic issues around the Village Green.

Hedge along Childs Lane

The Clerk had written to the owners of the site whose hedge was encroaching the lane on 31st January 2019 but to date no actions had been taken.

Resolved the Clerk would contact CE Highways.

Water running along Mow Lane # Ref 3353124

The Clerk had reported but no actions to date. Cllr PS had also reported as all the gullies were blocked.

Mud on the road Watery Lane # Ref 3353121

The Clerk had reported but no action to date. Cllr RL had also reported the roaming livestock to the local PCSO.

Traffic lights on the Flash

Reported.

Right hand bend Watery Lane # Ref 3353126

39/19 War Memorial

No actions since the last meeting as the Church had not responded to date.

40/19 Internal Auditor

Resolved the Parish Council would appoint Mr G Roberts as the Internal auditor.

41/19 Elections Brief

The Clerk had attended the elections briefing on 28th February and explained the packs that she had received. She was due to visit the elections office on 22nd March.

42/19 Astbury Parish School

Cllr N Plant wished to express his concerns about the school as the numbers were falling and he believed the intake was low again this year. He feared that if the school closed it would be a travesty for the village. He wondered what actions could be taken to improve the situation.

Cllr L Wardlaw thanked him for his concerns but expressed the school was working very hard to improve the situation but the poor Ofsted result was the under lying issue.

43/19 Accounts

To note the balance of account – Royal Bank of Scotland = £10,563.68

Payments

- *Cheque no 673* - £35.00 CHALC (Cllr AB - Code of Conduct Course 07.03.19)
- *Cheque no 674* - £20.00 Nick Sharman (Website)

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

Receipts

- Nil

44/19 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillors R Bailey and L Wardlaw.

The decision on the preferred method of decision making whether it be the cabinet or committee structure had been deferred until the elections. RB thought it would be very difficult for a unitary authority the size of CE to make decisions within a cabinet structure.

‘FACT- Family achieving change together’ Catch 22 was discussed and the contract had been awarded for another year. This service strives to achieve positive sustainable

outcomes for families with children aged 0 to 19-years-old who are identified as Children in Need.

There is a big problem with children in care within the borough and it had to be addressed. PROW – the determination of changing routes had been revisited.

The Minor highways meeting was being held on 22.3.19 and Cllr RB explained that a crossing on the A34 near the care home and the speed display unit change of location were on the agenda.

45/19 Clerks Report

Chester Archives

The documents had been deposited.

Black Book

Resolved the Parish Council would purchase the book and contact the Church if the occasion led to it being needed.

46/19 Chairman and Members Report

Cllr A Banks communicated the 'Code of Conduct' course organised by CHALC, he attended on 7th March 2019. He expressed the concerns he had with our Cllrs not always declaring an interest correctly and acting in the correct manner especially in relation to planning applications.

An example, from this evenings meeting was given.

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"

47/19 Common Land at Brownlow

No actions had been taken agenda for May.

48/18 The next meeting would be the on 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm