

## **NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Astbury Village Hall.

### **Part 1**

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#### **Present**

Councillor N Barton (NB)  
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)  
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)  
Councillor R Sutton (RS) *arrived at 7.40pm*  
Councillor J Ward (JW)  
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East (LW)  
Councillor P Redstone, Cheshire East (PR) *left at 8.10pm*  
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

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#### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr BJ - Wallhill Lane, Cllr PC – Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Cr – Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Cr – Wallhill Lane.

*It was noted that the meeting was being videoed by a member of the public.*

#### **Public Forum**

Six members of the public present.

There was an enquiry under planning, of which was explained by the Chairman about the agenda item - Rushey Hey. A member of the public (not present) had complained about activities on the site but there was insufficient evidence to take it forward by the PC. The Clerk had requested further details from the Complainant but none had been forthcoming at the time of the meeting

There was concerns raised that the Brownlow Inn were working on an extended car park with no planning permission. The planning application on the agenda this evening was in relation to amendments to the building, but it did not involve the car park extension. It was noted that the applicant had only fenced the land at this stage. The Brownlow Inn had advertised a local concerned resident , attendant at the meeting, that in event an enlarged car park was required this would be the subject of a further planning application.

There were major concerns about the latest proposal put forward by CE highways to carry out mitigation measures on Brownlow Heath Lane (BHL), Wallhill Lane (WL) and Childs Lane. The residents felt let down and this latest suggestion was not fulfilling the obligations to discharge the planning conditions. The previous suggestions after the refusal to close the road in their opinion also had wasted time as they could not been fulfilled. Many suggestions had not been viable. The communication between CE highways and the residents was also not satisfactory, a member of the public had attended 2/3 meetings and had been assured he would be informed of events and sadly this had not been forthcoming.

The Chairman agreed with their comments and said he would make them known in a meeting scheduled on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr LW had attended a meeting with Ms F Price, Mr S Halewood and Mr P Griffiths – CE Highways Officers on the 7<sup>th</sup> January and CE Highways felt they had fulfilled their obligations. She had disagreed and felt it had been a 'waiting and watching game' from the

start.

It was mentioned that in 2014 there had been another consultation and a report written which was forty pages long and two surveys had been completed. The emergency services had raised concerns then about road closure.

### **Apologies**

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Councillor C Kennerly (CK) due to annual holidays.  
Councillor A Banks (AB) – work commitments

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### **01/20 Minutes**

**Resolved** the minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

Cllr NS wished it to be noted that there were defibrillators in the Golf Club, the Village Hall and Whitethorn Farm B & B.

*The Chairman asked for it to be noted that there had been an error in the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 minutes. Cllr PC had declared an interest – ‘Road Closure on Wallhill Lane’ and was NOT a partaker in the vote. Minute reference 110/19.*

*This had not been recognised as Cllr PC was absent from the September meeting. It would not have changed the resolution.*

### **02/20 Wall hill Lane**

CE Highways had released an email in December to the Parish Council and the residents to inform them of the proposed new mitigation measures to be implemented on WL, BHL and Childs Lane as part of the discharge of the planning conditions. It was recognised how dismayed the residents with the proposal. There was no clarity on the percentage increase in traffic after the CLR opening to lead to WL road closure.

They had agreed to meet the PC on the 10<sup>th</sup> January and Cllr JC and Cllr BJ would attend with the Clerk.

Cllr NP proposed; ‘ *The Parish Council does not believe it has been fully consulted on the mitigation measures for Wallhill Lane ,Brownlow Heath Lane and Childs Lane and will object to the planning application 15/480C to discharge condition 11.1 as they feel CE Highways have not fulfilled their obligations to discharge this condition with the current proposal.* ‘

This was seconded by Cllr RL.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would object to these mitigation measures unless further consultation was carried out as 15/4480C planning condition 11.1 indicates.

*Councillor P Redstone left the meeting.*

### **03/02 Monthly Council Surgery**

Cllr PC and Cllr AB had attended in December and Cllr JW and Cllr CK had attended in January. There had been interaction with the PCSO but otherwise nobody had attended. It was agreed the two months were very busy for many and they would continue the surgery.

### **04/02 Defibrillators across the Parish Council**

It seemed that the Brownlow Inn did not ultimately wish the defibrillator in the pub and it was not in use at this time. The Clerk had retrieved two quotes for containers to hold the unit outside, the lockable one was £525.00 and the unlockable one was £465.00.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact the landlord and ask if he would be willing to put the unit on the outside of the building utilising his electricity and the Parish Council taking the responsibility of checking it. If this was not agreeable another location would be found.

**Resolved** a unit would be purchased to hold the defibrillator.

### **05/20 War Memorial**

Cllr PCr reported he had contacted the lady endeavouring to take responsibility for ensuring all missing names are included on the War Memorial and she had indicated there was more than 13 names than originally thought missing. Cllr PCr was awaiting the final count. Meanwhile he had engaged with the stone masonry and he was due to design a mock-up drawing of the proposed memorial to show the Parish Council. It was agreed there would be space left to include more names.

### **06/20 GDPR**

The audit had been carried out on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The Clerk would circulate. The key actions for NBACM PC were as follows;

- i) A data breach register should be implemented – best practice
- ii) Actions to be taken to ensure there are controls in place to counteract phishing attacks on computer.
- iii) All members should carry out training in Data Protection and Cybersecurity. – fundamental action
- iv) Parish Council email addresses forward to private email addresses if a subject access request is made the Clerk may be unable to secure relevant information. It is a data breach and the PC are unable to comply with the retention policy.
- v) Permanent file deletion software should be installed on the computer.
- vi) Signage should be improved for taking pictures.
- vii) All payroll should be encrypted.

### **07/20 Community Governance Review**

The deadline is the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The Clerk had circulated the relevant information from Cheshire East. This was initial engagement on the boundary review.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would respond with comments.

### **08/20 Planning Applications**

- 19/5788C Lavender Farm, Gorse Lane, Astbury CW12 3NR – Proposed porch, single story extension and erection of tractor shed/implement store/ workshop.  
**Resolved** Objection
- 19/5634C Doric, Newcastle Road, Astbury CW12 4RN – two storey side and single storey rear extensions.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 19/5432C Brownlow Inn, Brownlow Heath Lane, Brownlow CW12 4 TH – demolition of conservatory. Erection of replacement conservatory. Erection of single storey extension to provide additional toilet facilities.  
**Resolved** No Objection with conditions

Rushy Hey – no further information had been forthcoming from the complainant.

**Resolved** No further action to be taken at this stage.

### **09/20 Highways**

New signage offers from Sibelco

There had been an offer from Sibelco to donate weight signage to stop the issue of lorries exceeding the weight limit on Wallhill Lane.

It was agreed the Clerk would make contact to see if this was still an option.

Footpaths from Little Moreton Hall to the small Garden centre on A34

This had started but not finished due to the weather conditions.

Brownlow Heath Lane potholes – 3377104 and 3378653

Still not actioned

Curb Stones on Village Green

Still outstanding the Chairman and Cllr NB to address.

### Mow Lane / 'Ganny' Bank 3369808

The Parish Council had been copied into a complaint from a member of the public that this issue had now been escalated to the Portfolio holder as no action had been taken.

### Potholes on Watery Lane/ Oak Lane -3371349

Still not actioned

### Weight Limit Sign on Dodd's Lane including the bridge.

The street name and post were still outstanding. The bridge had been repaired

### Fence Lane overflowing drain

Still outstanding as it was classed as a class C road.

### Warning bend sign damaged on Fence Lane

Outstanding

## **10/20 Lottery funding application for improved cycleway**

It was noted Cllr S Ackers Smith had assisted NBACM PC with an expression of interest to gain funding to improve the cycle route within their parish and the Odd Rode Ward.

## **11/20 Accounts**

To note the balance of the accounts - £18,983.02

### Payments

- *Cheque no 702* - £385.76 Crewe Colour Printers
- *Cheque no 705* - £346.50 Astbury Village Hall
- *Cheque no 701* - £40.00 ICO
- *Online payment*- £1,562.54 Cranage Parish Council (inc 119.54 NI)
- *Online payment* - £150.00 Cranage Parish Council (GDPR)
- *Online payment* - £61.20 Heads Congleton Ltd
- *Online payment* - £62.40 Heads Congleton Ltd

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

### Receipts

- Nil

### Bank Reconciliation

Cllr NP confirmed the balance of the Bank Reconciliation.

## **12/20 Disciplinary & Grievance Policy**

NALC had instructed a new version of the policy and this had been redrafted and circulated to the members.

**Resolved** Disciplinary & Grievance Policy was accepted.

## **13/19 Cheshire East**

**Resolved** to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor L Wardlaw

There was an update on Wallhill Lane mitigation measures and the meeting both Ward Cllrs had attended on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January with CE Highways. It was noted Cllr LW would also attend the meeting with the PC on 10<sup>th</sup> January at Westfields Sandbach.

Cllr LW updated on the roads and potholes which had been reported.

## **14/20 Chairman and Members Report**

Word Search Prize - Cllr NS drew the winner and it was agreed the Clerk would arrange the prize/voucher to be sent out.

delivered this week.

Light Pollution at Sibelco – There had been a complaint from the public in relation to the flood lights at Sibelco. It was agreed that Cllr JC would try and resolve.

Speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting -\_it was agreed that members would consider a speaker before the next meeting before the newsletter was produced.

Burglaries in the Parish

Cllr PC wished the local residents to take care as there had been several burglaries in the area over the season period.

Christmas Lights on the Village Green

The Chairman wished to thank the gentleman who wished to remain anonymous for lighting the sycamore tree on the green, Cllr RS and his team for installing the fencing and the garage for supplying the electricity.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would send flowers to the garage.

**15/20 The next meeting would be the on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall**

**Meeting closed at 9.40 pm**