Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 10 April 2024

Astbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

- Councillor J Critchlow
- Councillor P Critchlow
- Councillor P Cliff
- Councillor N Barton
- Councillor A Banks
- Councillor B Jelf
- Councillor C Sutton
- Councillor T Potts
- Councillor N Plant
- Councillor I Parry
- Mr C Evans (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Jelf for discussion of Wallhill Lane.

Part 1 - Public and Press Forum

Three members of the public were present. One (the applicant) spoke in favour of planning application 24/1089C. Two complained about traffic on Wallhill Lane.

051/24 Apologies:

- Councillor R Lomas (travel)
- Councillor M Bailey (travel)

052/24 Minutes

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 are a true and accurate record.

053/24 Accounts

The Council **resolved** to approve the accounts (**see Annex 1 for details**).

054/24 Planning Applications

24/1089C – Brownlow Inn

BROWNLOW HEATH LANE, BROWNLOW, CW12 4TH - Construction of an extension to the existing car park with associated landscaping.

The Council discussed the application and **resolved** to raise no objection.

055/24 – Update on Wallhill Lane from the Highways Working Group

The Clerk reported on his discussions with Cheshire East Highways and investigations into a possible SID. The costs would involve: £115 for a site visit with CEH; £115 for a one-off license fee for the SID; the SID itself would cost in the region of £3,500. Installation would depend on location. A SID could be added to an existing road sign if it was tall enough. An extension pole could be used but if a brand new pole was needed then that could be in the region of £1,000. All this would be discussed during the site visit. The SID would come with a mobile sim-card to send the data gathered. It would be free for the first year but we would have to bear the cost thereafter. The Council **reaffirmed** its previous resolution to proceed with the purchase and installation.

056/24 - Highways

No further discussion.

057/24 Cheshire East

There was no report in the absence of Ward Councillor L Wardlaw.

058/24 – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Critchlow reported on the latest communications with Cheshire East Council and some other Statutory Consultees. Another meeting of the Working Group would be held in May to finesse the draft and take on board any further comments. There will be no revised version printed, though there would be an electronic document online.

059/24 – Common Land

The Clerk had been in touch with a contractor to discuss planting whips to replace those that had failed and was due to accompany him on a site visit shortly.

060/24 Chairman and Members' Reports

Cllr Jelf reported on the Sibelco liaison group meeting which she had attended. Sibelco had finished excavating the Bent Farm site but the new Holford site was proving more difficult than originally thought due to the type and quality of the sand there. They hoped that the revised plans for the proposed Somerford Farm site would go to the May 29th Cheshire East planning committee. Cllr Parry noted the

serious flooding at The Fold, as the drains clearly could not cope with the amount of rain that there had been recently.

061/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Cliff had attempted yet again to change the bank mandate. RBS had acknowledged the request and would now make the necessary changes. In pursuance of this change RBS had asked that we pass the following resolution:

The Council **resolved** that:

- if we add or remove Authorised Signatories in the "Add or Remove Authorised Signatories" section on the "About your request" page of the electronic form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in the form's "About your business" section
- if we change the Signing Rules in the "Change the Signing Rules on the Mandate" section on the "About your request" page of the electronic form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in the form's "About your business" section
- and the current mandate will continue as amended.

Meeting closed at 1920 hrs

Annex 1 - Accounts

Position as at 31 March:

Bank Balance: **£15,921.96, of which:**

- **£553.09** – unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant
- **£6,833.47** - unspent Community Infrastructure Levy
- **£441.98 -** unspent CIL from 2020

Receipts since 29 February:

- **£Nil**

Payments **noted** since 29 February:

- **£25.00** – ChALC, T Potts Training
- **£455.76** – Crewe Colour Printers, Newsletter
- **£48.74** – NEST, Clerk Pension
- **£1,596.00** - Crewe Colour Printers, NP printing
- **£555.06** – Clerk Salary
- **£471.60** – Andrew Thomson, Neighbourhood Plan

Payments **approved:**

- **£120.00** – Nick Sharman website management
- **£219.26** – ChALC affiliation fee
- **£66.00** - TCS payroll management

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Chairman