



Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 09 July 2025

Astbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

- Councillor J Critchlow
- Councillor A Banks
- Councillor I Parry
- Councillor P Critchlow
- Councillor P Cliff
- Councillor M Bailey
- Ward Councillor L Wardlaw
- Mr C Evans (Clerk)

Part 1 – Public and press Forum

No press or members of the public were present.

084/25 - Declarations of Interest

None.

085/25 – Apologies

The Council received and **resolved** to accept apologies from:

- Cllr S Harrop – travel delays
- Cllr C Sutton – prior engagement
- Cllr T Potts – prior engagement
- Cllr B Jelf - prior engagement
- Cllr N Plant - prior engagement

086/25 Minutes

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2025 are a true and accurate record.

087/25 - Accounts

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

088/25 – Ward Councillor Report

Cllr Wardlaw reported that Cheshire East Council's assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dami Awobajo, has left to pursue new opportunities, about three months after joining the authority. She also reported that all siding out requests to Cheshire East had been stalled for quite some time, but after a change of personnel such requests should start to be processed, including ours for a stretch of the A34.

089/25 – Planning Applications

None received.

090/25 – Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk reported that the vacancies had been advertised and the deadline for parishioners to call for an election is 22nd July. If no such election is called then the Council may co-opt someone onto the Council.

091/25 - Highways

The Clerk noted that he is chasing Cheshire East Highways about the installation of posts for the new SID. Cllr Wardlaw said that the terrible stretch of road on the A34, by the entrance to Bent Lane, would be dressed in this Financial Year. Some residents at the Village Green had expressed concern at the speed of vehicles going through the pinch-point, but the Council felt there was very little that could be done to change driver behaviour.

092/25 – Common Land

The Clerk will chase Streetscape about their spraying efforts and seek a site visit with them to discuss our plans for wildlife etc.

093/25 - Chairman and Members' Reports

The Chair noted that she had asked Crewe Colour Printers to print a limited number of the new Neighbourhood Plan documents as reference works for Councillors.

094/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted that he is liaising with the Community Heartbeat Trust and Scottish Power on the replacement phone box at Ackers Crossing.

The Meeting closed at 2010 hrs

Annex 1 - Accounts

Bank Balance as of 01 July 2025: **£27,477.38**

Of which:

- **£6,833.47** unspent Community Infrastructure Levy
- **£2,625.23** unspent CIL from April 2025
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Received since 01 June 2025:

- £nil

Payments to **approve**:

- £nil

Payments **to note** since 01 June 2025:

- £500.00 – Astbury May Day donation
- £51.50 – NEST, Clerk's pension
- £30.00 – Mr G Roberts, Internal Audit Report
- £63.50 – Cllr P Critchlow expenses for 2024
- £620.86 – Clerk's Salary

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Chairman