



Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 10 September 2025

Astbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

- Councillor J Critchlow
- Councillor A Banks
- Councillor T Potts
- Councillor N Plant
- Councillor P Critchlow
- Councillor P Cliff
- Councillor C Pear (see item 112/25 below)
- Mr C Evans (Clerk)

Part 1 – Public and press Forum

No members of the public were present.

108/25 - Declarations of Interest

None.

109/25 – Absences

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

- Cllr S Harrop – prior commitment
- Cllr B Jelf – prior commitment
- Cllr I Parry, work commitments

110/25 Minutes

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2025 are a true and accurate record.

111/25 – Ward Councillor Report

No report in Councillor Wardlaw's absence.

112/25 – Co-option of new Councillors

The Council **resolved** to co-opt Claire Pear onto the Council. Cllr Pear duly read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

113/25 – Accounts

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

114/25 – Insurance

The Council **resolved** to renew its policy with Zurich insurance at a cost of £533.37.

115/25 – Refilling grit bin at the Village Green

The Council **resolved** to accept the quote from Cheshire East Highways as part of their regular pre-season fill, at a cost of £92.51.

116/25 - Planning Applications

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Outline Planning Application for 120 dwellings opposite the Loachbrook Estate on the A534.

The Council **resolved** to object to this application.

117/25 - Policies to Review

The Council **resolved** to approve a new Grants Policy with two small revisions as follows:

- The maximum amount for a single grant is set at 3% of the Precept, other than in exceptional circumstances. For FY 25/26 this is £660.
- The maximum for all grants is set at 5% of the Precept. For FY 25/26 this is £1,100.

The Council **resolved** to adopt Financial Regulations and a Code of conduct unamended.

118/25 - Grant to the Church

The Council **resolved** to make a grant to the Church for a new noticeboard at the cemetery.

119/25 - Mow Lane/Congleton Road Lay-bys

No further information or representations received.

120/25 – Highways

Councillors noted that the quality of repairs to potholes was generally poor, but that Cheshire East Highways had secured additional Government funding for such repairs. Cllrs noted there had been an abandoned caravan on Watery Lane, and the Clerk was asked to investigate whether the road markings at the junction of the A534 and Wallhill Lane could be repainted.

121/25 – Common Land

The Clerk has been in touch with Streetscape about a site visit to discuss our plans for the site but a suitable time slot has not yet been found.

122/25 - Chairman and Members' Reports

Councillors agreed to plant more daffodils, probably in October/November. Cllr Sutton will investigate whether a local business can donate the bulbs themselves.

Sibelco has confirmed that they will devote a week to siding out on the A34 and a local farmer has agreed in principle to remove the spoil. The paths will likely need weed killing in the spring.

123/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk will chase Crewe Colour Printers to get a quote for printing a limited run of the amended Neighbourhood Plan.

The Meeting closed at 2040 hrs

Annex 1 - Accounts

Bank Balance as of 01 September 2025: **£18,028.20**

Of which:

- £1,273.87 unspent CIL from July 2023
- £2,625.23 unspent CIL from April 2025

Received since 01 August 2025:

- £nil

Payments **pending** (alternative sources of funding are being explored):

- £3,624.36 – SID pole installation at Wallhill Lane
- £3,971.52 – SID pole installation (x2) at Peel Lane

Payments **noted** since 01 August 2025:

- £52.60 – NEST, Clerk pension
- £225.03 – ChALC affiliation fee
- £60.00 – Cllr P Critchlow, remembrance poppies
- £59.31 – Cllr P Critchlow, gypsum for village green

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Chairman