



Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 13 August 2025

Astbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

- Councillor J Critchlow
- Councillor A Banks
- Councillor T Potts
- Councillor B Jelf
- Councillor S Harrop
- Councillor N Plant
- Councillor P Critchlow
- Ward Councillor L Wardlaw
- Mr C Evans (Clerk)

Part 1 – Public and press Forum

Three members of the public were present, two of whom spoke about anti-social behaviour on Mow Lane/Congleton Road. One spoke of a likely planning application at the Doric riding stables next to the cemetery.

095/25 - Declarations of Interest

None.

096/25 – Absences

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

- Cllr C Sutton – prior engagement
- Cllr M Bailey – prior engagement
- Cllr P Cliff – work commitments

The Council noted the absence of Cllr I Parry (no apology received).

097/25 Minutes

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 09 July 2025 are a true and accurate record.

098/25 – Ward Councillor Report

Cllr Wardlaw reported that she and the Clerk are still chasing Cheshire East Highways about the installation of posts for the new SID. Cheshire East devolution discussions are ongoing as are discussions on the overarching Cheshire East 'Transformation Plan'.

099/25 – Co-option of new Councillors

The Council noted that no electors had called for an election and that they could therefore co-opt a new Councillor. An application had been received but the candidate was not able to be present at the meeting, so the Council **resolved** to interview the candidate at the September meeting.

100/25 – Accounts

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

101/25 – Planning Applications

25/2468/HOUS

Internal and external alterations, demolition of the two outbuildings and the erection of a first floor side extension. Hillcrest, Childs Lane, Brownlow
The Council **resolved** to raise no objection.

102/25 – Anti Social Behaviour on Mow Lane/Congleton Road Lay-bys

The Council noted the persistent anti-social behaviour in the area and **resolved** to support the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), as some other neighbouring Councils had done. Ward Cllr Wardlaw will take this discussion forward with CE Highways.

103/25 – Highways

Councillors noted that another grid on Peel Lane had been tarmacked over and other roads in the parish remained in a very poor condition.

104/25 – Defibrillator at Ackers Crossing

The Clerk noted that he is liaising with the Community Heartbeat Trust and Scottish Power on the replacement phone box at Ackers Crossing. The kiosk is ready and is now with a delivery company though a date for installation has not yet been fixed.

105/25 – Common Land

Councillors asked the Clerk to chase Streetscape and propose a site visit to discuss our plans for the site and an appropriate spraying regime.

106/25 - Chairman and Members' Reports

The Chair noted that Cllr P Critchlow had asked Crewe Colour Printers to print a limited number of the new Neighbourhood Plan documents as reference works for Councillors and asked the Clerk to follow this up. Cllr P Critchlow reminded the Council that a top dressing of gypsum had been recommended for the Village Green and the Council asked him to purchase some, which would cost approximately £70.

107/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received a grant request from the Church and Councillors asked him to discuss concrete proposals with them.

The Meeting closed at 2110 hrs

Annex 1 - Accounts

Bank Balance as of 01 August 2025: **£19,114.61**

Of which:

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

Received since 01 July 2025:

- £nil

Payments approved:

- Pre-approval of approximately £60 to Cllr P Critchlow for the purchase of additional Remembrance Day poppies
- ChALC affiliation, £225.03

Payments noted since 01 July 2025:

- £54.79 – NEST, Clerk pension
- £601.03 – HMRC PAYE
- £6,422.00 – X2, replacement telephone kiosk
- £69.12 – TCS Management, payroll services
- £122.92 – Clerk laptop virus protection subscription
- £496.08 – Crewe Colour Printers, Newsletter
- £596.83 – Clerk July salary

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Chairman