

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 13th June 2016

Present: Cllrs M. Barker (Chair), C.Haslam, K.Auckland, A.Crowley, J.Brown, B.Marshall, R Sharpe

Also present: 1 member of the public

16.037 Apologies

None from councillors. Member of the public Mr Chris Smith asked for his apologies to be noted.

16.038 Declaration of interest

Cllr Haslam – **16/00974/FUL** Mr & Mrs R Fox's planning application
Cllr Sharpe - **16/01222/OUT** Mrs Sally Morrow's planning application

16.039 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that the village planters had all been prepared for the summer and asked for help with the watering rota. Cllrs Auckland + Crowley volunteered to assist. Mrs Sue Isherwood has donated some plants.

16.040 Adoption of April 11th and May 9th minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman.

16.041 Planning

- **16/00986/FUL** The Paddock, Mill Lane (Mr A Cammiss): two summer houses in the garden. No objections.
- **16/01222/OUT** House + garage on land south-east of 'Long Acre', Cliffhill Lane (Mrs Sally Morrow). No objection but the clerk to submit a comment that should the housing development on land north of Cliffhill Lane be approved; access to a house + garage on this site could add to future difficulties along Cliffhill Lane. The reference to a plot being sold is misleading as it does not specify which plot is to be sold.
- **16/00974/FUL** Dwelling + garage on land at rear of Acacia House, Abbey Lane (Mr & Mrs Fox). The clerk to write the following: No objection but should RBC be of a mind to approve this application, the parish council would like to have their view recorded that building on this land will create a precedent. The parish council are in agreement with comments made re Site ref 694 in the SHLAA.
- **16/01190/FUL** Agricultural building at Abbey Farm, New Lane (Mr Brian Crawford). Objection: This application will have a significant adverse impact upon the residential amenity of the neighbours at Abbey Farm Cottage and is therefore contrary to the Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan 2006 section GP2 (a). It will also be contrary to GP2 (d) due to the scale and height which will be overshadowing and overbearing on the neighbours at Abbey Farm Cottage.

Planning permission given to:

16/00639/FUL proposed railings, brick wall & detached garage at The Stables, Dawns Lane

16/00832/COU Change of use to a tearoom, Wilfur House, Main St – clerk to write to Planning to ask if the table + chairs outside is allowed.

At the time of the meeting, no date of inquiry for the outline application to develop land north of Abbey Lane has been announced.

There is some disagreement between experts about the archaeological importance of the Cliffhill Lane site (where outline permission to build up to 50 houses has been applied for) according to documentation added to the planning section of the RBC website.

APC agreed Cllr Barker would express in writing, disappointment to the chairman of Orston Parish Council that the latter had not wished to comment on the Cliffhill Lane application.

In May APC discussed writing to central government regarding the pending application for 50 houses on Cliffhill Lane and the public inquiry for up to 65 houses on Abbey Lane. APC resolved to write to the Secretary of State for Communities – Mr Chris Smith had drafted a letter for councillors to approve. Cllr Barker had made some amendments but generally APC were happy with the content: Cllr Barker will address and print off the final version (+ copies).

16.042 Clerk's Report

The report was received and noted by the councillors.

Some issues with empty allotments: councillors will inspect the site before the next meeting.

16.043 Playing Field Pavilion Project

Cllrs Brown + Haslam had fed back to the WAPFT APC's thoughts and concerns. There is to be a WAPFT meeting next Tuesday. The door to door survey is the next step to gauge public opinion.

16.044 Purchasing Speed Signs

The clerk had made an enquiry to Ms Paula Johnson at Highways who had wanted more detail as to what exactly the parish council wanted to install. The clerk will ask for the cost of the large + the smaller versions of the signs the village was lent temporarily earlier in the year and how APC would go about ordering such signs.

The clerk will check with Highways to see if they have any schemes whereby parish councils can lease speed signs for 6 months of the year. The signs would be moveable if that was an option.

16.045 Gateways

APC agreed that a repair was not feasible; best just to let the existing signs deteriorate and replace them when necessary.

16.046 Queen's Birthday

The community event held at the TCC was a success; well supported by residents of different ages and parts of the village. Thank you to the organisers – especially to Mr Graham Harper.

16.047 Highways (congestion in village + overhanging vegetation)

APC agreed that the clerk should contact Highways to ask for the verges to be cut especially at junctions – there is a lack of visibility at present.

APC had objected to the conversion to a tea room of Wilfur House feeling that this would create extra congestion problems in the centre of the village. NCC Highways, however, had said to RBC planners that a tea room would not add to parking problems on Main Street; the department had said the same in relation to the big housing developments which have been applied for in the village. A resident driving large vehicles down Abbey Lane has complained about overhanging vegetation between Dawns Lane and Main Street, and also on Main Street between the Cranmer Arms and Cranmer Cottage. The clerk will contact Highways. With it being part of the Conservation Area there are restrictions on tree pruning/removing – NCC Highways could only act in the case of there being a danger to public safety.

16.048 Allotments

No extra matters - to those in the clerk's report - were raised.

16.049 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's salary (no tax payable)	£283.78
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.52 + employer's £44.14)	£60.66
Reimburse A Crowley for purchases re Welcome Packs	£5.60
Reimburse K Auckland for postage	£2.36
Reimburse M Barker for printing	£71.88

Payments were authorised which had not been included on the agenda so will be ratified next meeting – D Clifford & Sons (verge cutting); reimbursement to M Lowth (plant purchases).

Proposer to the above payments Cllr Marshall, seconder Cllr Sharpe

Statement of accounts for approval – May. Proposer Cllr Barker , Secunder Cllr Brown

Earmarked reserve 'Playing field improvements' to be renamed 'Playing field contingency' – proposer Cllr Auckland, seconder Cllr Barker.

NALC have produced an update on the rates of salary for local council employees to be applied from April 1st 2016. APC agreed the clerk's salary should increase according to the new level set for her grade. The chairman/clerk to work out the sums ahead of the next meeting.

16.050 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker said he would put a compliment slip through the letter box of Holly House, Dawns Lane, asking the residents to cut back their hedge.

Last meeting Cllr Marshall had reported that at the entrance to Stable Court (off Dawns Lane) railway sleepers have been laid at the entry to the two houses - these were not included on the application, due to the site being in the conservation area of the village. Cllr Barker is still trying to establish contact with Hamilton Knight to discuss this the re-instatement of the verge opposite the Old Stables.

16.051 Councillors Reports

Cllr Haslam reported that vegetation along footpath 8 needs some cutting back by Field Bungalow: the clerk will write to Ian Peat the estate agent, as normally the residents of the property would do it but there is no one there at the moment.

16.052 Correspondence

Invite to pay a planning consultancy for representation at the impending planning inquiry (land north of Abbey Lane). APC did not wish to pursue this.

16.053 Items for the Next Agenda

Playing Field Pavilion
Installing Speed Signs
Footpaths
Highways (congestion in village + overhanging vegetation)

16.054 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 11th July 2016 at the Thomas Cranmer Centre at 7pm.