

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 11th April 2016

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

Also present: Cllr Suthers; three members of the public

16.000 Apologies

Cllr Sharpe

16.001 Declarations of interest

Cllr Brown - the discussion re the effect on residents of bee-keeping in a part of the village.

Cllr Auckland – the new application to develop land north of Cliffhill Lane.

16.002 Public Meeting

Mr Richard Carter attended to dispute some of the points made in the parish council flyer delivered to residents. He said liquid pollen doesn't get worse after mid spring rather it is prevalent in winter time: in summer the bees fly further out of the hives. He now has just 6 or 7 hives in a large garden – and is looking into the relocation of these but the growth of a hedge and trees should help matters - though only after 3 years growth. He has been bee-keeping for over 30 years and there have not been complaints before.

16.003 Adoption of March minutes

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

16.004 Planning

The following applications were discussed:

The new application to develop land to the north of Cliffhill Lane:

Cllr Barker to ask the planning officer for more time for the parish council to come to a view. An extraordinary meeting will be held.

16/00639/FUL The Stables, Dawns Lane – detached garage, railings + brick wall.

Object on grounds of height and overshadowing on neighbours.

An application had come in after the agenda had been published:

- **16/00832/COU change of use for premises on Main Street.**

Cllr Barker will see if a parish council response can wait until after discussion at the extraordinary meeting mentioned above.

Planning permission had been given to:

15/03075/OUT detached dwelling + means of access land south of Moorends, Chapel Lane

15/02979/FUL single storey extension 3 Crawfords Meadow

16/00016/CONARE Felling of Willow Tree at Wendens, Abbey Lane

The appeal by the developers of the site north of Abbey Lane was discussed:

- Cllr Barker had been told that the Public Inquiry will take place towards the end of the year. Cllr Sharpe will be taking the lead on presenting the views of APC on that occasion.

16.005 Clerk Report

The report was received and noted by councillors. An update on Community Speedwatch/Community Road Safety was included.

16.006 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Controls

- The above were approved subject to a few amendments. The Risk Assessment and Emergency Plan have also recently been revised and agreed by councillors.

16.007 Footpaths

On behalf of APC, Cllr Suthers has suggested to the Drainage Board that their building of a brightly covered shelter for Mrs Wheelhouse's horses was inappropriate both in terms of the cost and the look of the shelter.

The clerk was asked to mention the following to NCC's Jane Baines: at the Main Street end of footpath 6, a rubbish bin is on the ground and there is no longer a footpath sign-post in place.

16.008 Queen's 90th Birthday

The lighting of a beacon is due to go ahead in the WAPFT playing field on 21st April.

APC agreed to fund a 'street-party' at the TCC on 12th June – a grant of £250 to go on the May agenda. Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Marshall.

16.009 WAPFT Pavillion Project

- At a meeting on the 22nd March a presentation was given to Whatton + Aslockton parish councillors. The cost of building a community facility would be up to £500,000 including VAT. APC is not convinced that the funding can be found - the project would then be in difficulty half way through. APC would not want to take out a loan to help support the project. Cllr Haslam made notes of APC's concerns to take to a WAPFT meeting the following evening.

16.010 Bees

- In a part of the village (Abbey Lane, Abbey Close, Fields Drive) residents have been experiencing swarms of bees for days at a time and noticing bee excrement on their laundry. Following the parish council distributing a flyer asking residents to communicate their experiences to RBC; the officer at the council, Ann Price, is now monitoring the situation: the clerk will ask for an update by the end of the month. The bee-keeper concerned has made attempts to reduce the effect on residential amenity (see 16.002).

16.011 Allotments

The hedge bordering the allotments at the bottom end of the site has been cut by plot holders Mr Simon

Thurston + Mr Richard Baker. Brash will be dealt with and disposed of in a responsible manner.

Two plots remain available.

The clerk/chairman will talk to Ms Deborah Thompson about the hedge which separates her garden and her allotment – she wants to replace it with an easier to maintain fence but the view from RBC is that a fence should only be erected inside her garden and the hedge should remain.

16.012 Finances

For payment:

• Clerk's salary (no tax payable)	£289.71
• Clerk's office expenses	£37.24
• Domain name registration (invoice from Mr G Redford)	£18.58
• Reimburse M Barker for the sign for the new planters	£7.50
• Room Hire at the TCC	£42.50

Proposer to the above payments Cllr Auckland, seconder Cllr Crowley

Statements of accounts for approval – March

Proposer Cllr Marshall, seconder Cllr Brown

16.013 Chairman's Business

The 'Gateways': Cllr Barker has noticed that the posts are rotting. Galvanised angle posts would be a solution – 12 pieces required. APC agreed that Cllr Barker + former councillor Mr Daws could get some quotes.

Dawns Lane: the weeds on the verges need clearing up. Nearby house-holders do not seem interested in looking after the area; NCC's Highways tidied it last year; parish councillors agreed to volunteer their time this year.

16.014 Councillors Reports

No matters raised.

16.015 Correspondence

Agenda for the next local area police meeting – Cllrs Brown + Crowley to attend.

Leaflets about www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk which the clerk will put up on the notice-boards.

Spring newsletter from the parish council's insurance broker.

Contact from Mr Mike Senior asking whether the Churchyard could apply for a grant this financial year. As money was budgeted for such a request the council agreed the clerk could say yes: this will be a finance item on the May agenda.

Notification of the impending change in access to Nottinghamshire Recycling/Household Waste Centres. Cllr Suthers who had for a long time been campaigning on keeping facilities open and accessible commented that Rushcliffe had hitherto been good on recycling rates but now residents were faced with a choice of Calverton, West Bridgford or Newark – and they have to register to use a site –

the achievements in recycling may be diminished in future.

Letter from Mr Keith Patterson asking who he should contact to see if there could be more parking between his home at number 20 Cliffhill Lane and number 8 Cliffhill Lane. The clerk will inform Mr Patterson that he should address his question to the housing provider Espirita.

16.016 Items for next agenda

Footpaths

Queen's 90th Birthday

Playing Field Pavillion Project.

Bees - adverse effect on the residential amenity of Abbey Lane residents.

Review asset register

Purchasing speed-signs

Refurbishment of the posts on the 'Gateways'

16.017 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 9th May 2016: Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre followed by the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council

The April meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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