

Minutes of a Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs C Haslam, J Brown, K Auckland, J Beet, A Lister, R Smith, the clerk M Sharratt

18.317 Apologies: County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; Borough Cllr M Stockwood.

18.318 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest: None.

18.319 Public meeting: No attendees.

18.320 Adoption of the minutes of the August meeting

APC resolved to adopt the approval copy of the minutes: these were signed off by APC's chairman.

18.321 Election of a vice-chairman following the resignation of Mr Sharpe

Cllr Auckland proposed Cllr Lister; this was seconded by Cllr Haslam and the council agreed.

18.322 Planning Permissions

Consultee comments and planning decisions are available to see on the RBC website.

18.323 Clerk's Report

The report was received by the councillors.

Banking arrangements were discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Lister will replace former Cllr Barker as a bank signatory with online access to see the accounts. It was also agreed that a summary of expenditure by category will be added to the website at the end of each financial year.

No response as yet to APC's complaint regarding the sound level and frequency of station announcements. When a reply is received, and action taken, APC agreed to advertise the 'station adopter' vacancy.

18.324 Matters for Consideration

Playing Field

APC:

- discussed quotes to share the cost with WPC of installing a height restriction barrier and security gate to the site: APC voted to accept the second quote presented to them without prior knowledge of any agreement from WPC. £750 contribution to the whole cost had been pledged from the county and borough councillors. Cllr Haslam said that in the event of agreement WPC would place the order, pay and claim VAT back – APC accepted to contribute their share of the cost net of VAT in due course.
- considered the idea of installing a boundary fence proposed by WPC – the cost (around £3300) would be shared between WPC and APC. APC decided that more information was required before it could be agreed to part fund the installation. If APC agree to part fund the installation; three quotes will be required and one chosen at a future meeting.
- concluded that as WPC are no longer putting forward members to represent that council at the Trust level then APC cannot either. All Trust issues will be discussed within the APC meeting from now on: all councillors were in agreement. Cllrs Haslam and Brown will continue to report from the management committee meetings.

- the new sub-committee of the management committee dealing with the play equipment was due to meet.

Councillor vacancy: once RBC give the go-ahead to APC that co-option is allowed; the clerk will publish a vacancy notice and this can be shared on social media etc.

Highways issues: updates had either been passed on or were being followed up by the clerk.

Smoke pollution/environmental health matters: smoke/smells from burning plastic had been reported by residents and to RBC but not yet clear where this is coming from.

18.325 Allotments

18b remains vacant. New councillors to visit the site to see the layout and condition of it.

18.326 Finance

Agenda payments authorised:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£315.32
Pension (employee's £18.35 + employer's £59.06)	£77.41
Office expenses (website domain & anti-viral software renewals, ink cartridge)	£50.32
NALC new councillor training – Cllr Lister	£35.00
RBC recharges/costs incurred re the May elections	£36.79
Reimburse F Barker - compost	£12.00

Payment of £28.92 made to F Barker at the last meeting was ratified.

All the above agreed: Proposer Cllr J Brown, seconder Cllr A Lister

Statement of accounts for August 2019 approved: Proposer Cllr Haslam, seconder Cllr Auckland

18.327 Chairman's business:

None.

18.328 Councillors reports

Cllr Auckland had been asked by Mrs & Mrs Barker to report that the parish council owned hose-pipe needs to be replaced (cost £35) and Mr Barker will refurbish the planters by the notice-board. APC agreed in principle to the hose pipe expenditure.

Cllr Lister raised the issue of saving up for a speed sign - APC having a reserve in the accounts for this. APC noted that hitherto nothing had come out of requesting a sign from VIAEM but agreed he could lobby NCC contacts including county councillor Francis Purdue-Horan for support in the matter.

18.329 Correspondence received

Correspondence and information had been circulated by email or was noted at the meeting.

18.330 Items for the October meeting agenda

Playing field; communications - 5 G; pollution; councillor vacancy.

18.331 Details of next scheduled meeting

7pm on Monday 14th October 2019, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 9th September closed at 20.50