

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 13th July 2015

Present: Cllrs M. Barker (Chair), C Haslam, K.Auckland, M.Lowth, A.Crowley

Also present: Cllr Suthers; PCSO Dave Wesson; 6 members of the public

15.108 Apologies

None.

15.109 Declarations of interest

Cllr Lowth – application north of Abbey Lane

15.110 Public Meeting

PCSO Dave Wesson: the PCSO covering for Sally Charles summarised the local crime stats + recent occurrences of crime. He also explained that Community Speedwatch is evolving and police equipment for hire + accompanying signs provided by the police are possible (but not the four signs desired by APC). The clerk to contact Howard Shinn who is the relevant police person for more information.

Cllr Suthers had attended the latest LAG (police priority setting meeting) and commented that on one level there had been shed break ins (rural crime) and on another level more organised serious crime: theft of wheels, land-rovers, tractor.

Mr Brian Crawford commented that the draft minutes for the 30th June required an amendment as a sentence was mistakenly attributed to the email he'd sent in prior to the 30th which wasn't in fact there – see below.

15.111 Adoption of the 8th & 30th June minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman with an amendment on the minutes of the 30th June – the last sentence of Mr Brian Crawford's comments top of page two has been removed.

15.112 Planning

15/01204/OUT concerning land north of Abbey Lane.

Applicant: Davidsons Development Ltd.

Outline permission sought for up to 65 residential dwellings. Following the meeting on the 30th June APC have prepared their response. 20 odd objections have been delivered to councillors homes.

15/01023/FUL Glenview, Cliffhill Lane.

Applicant Miss Lisa Seymour.

Two storey side + rear extension; include the construction of a double garage + dormer windows.

APC have decided to object following a site visit on the following points: the design of the changes and scale (overbearing, loss of privacy to both sets of neighbours); to allow development of this kind once could set an undesirable precedent.

14/0480/OUT Outline application for up to 75 dwellings South of Abbey Lane.

- No update. Public inquiry still set for 7th October. Cllr Barker has had no so success so far gaining info or lobbying on the archaeological value/flood risk questions.

The following was noted:

- **14/01393/OUT** outline application for the erection of up to 50 dwellings on **land north of Cliffhill Lane: permission refused.**

15/00876/FUL proposed single dwelling adjacent to 17 **Abbey Close: permission granted** (with 2 off road parking spaces to be provided as a condition of permission).

15/00893/FUL demolition of existing conservatory, outbuilding + lean-to. Erection of 2nd Storey extension + internal alterations. **Elgon, Abbey Lane. Permission granted**

15/00070/CONARE felling of trees at **The Paddock, Mill Lane.**
No tree preservation order made.

Adoption of Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document on 9th June.

15.113 Clerk Report

The report was received and noted by councillors.

15.114 Co-option process to fill councillor vacancies

- The chairman said APC would be writing to all candidates in due course to notify them of the outcome to fill two vacancies.
- Cllr Lowth has written a letter of resignation. The clerk to contact the returning officer at RBC to inform them that another councillor is standing down from July 14th and await guidance.

15.115 Network Rail Crossings

Invite to make comments to Tom Petitt at RBC.

15.116 Footpaths

No update on footpath 11.

Still problems with the implementation of changes to footpath 13 – padlocks again put on gates.

The clerk to contact Jane Baines to see if one of her contractors can maintain the hedge in ‘no-man’s land’ along footpath 6 which is still overgrown (although Mrs Louise Bateman had done some maintenance work as a goodwill gesture along the path).

Additional footpath cutting – Mr Steve Rose hasn't been awarded a contract by NCC this year so has found other work generally therefore won't be available to do an extra cut for APC. NCC's

second cut is coming up soon anyway so no immediate action required re finding a replacement contractor for Mr Rose.

15.117 Verge cutting

Cllr Barker had received a note from Mr John Clifford saying he'd increased his insurance policy cover so that the requirements of NCC are met. The clerk to remind Mr Clifford that the APC needs a copy of his cover. Cllr Barker to direct Mr Clifford as to the areas needing cutting and when (after Highways Kendra Houd gets back to APC on the result of the verges remeasurement; Cllr Barker will speak to Mr Clifford with regard to any changes in what he is to cut).

15.118 Noble Lane

- It was resolved to send a letter to Archbishop School - information from archive Parish Council minutes suggests the responsibility of Noble Lane fell under Notts Education Committee but since Archbishop Cranmer School is now an Academy and no longer a Local Authority maintained school, the responsibility must now lay with the school. The clerk to write to the school enclosing a copy of the document.

15.119 The new obligations for small councils in publishing data

- The 2014-15 financial information was sent to RBC for their officers to put on the RBC website. For the moment minutes, agendas, clerk reports, standing orders etc are on the village website. Information about a free website, Hugofox, had been forwarded by the clerk to the councillors. It was resolved to pursue this option – so all the obligations are met in the same place in future. Cllr Barker will purchase a domain name on behalf of APC; Cllr Crowley, Cllr Auckland + the clerk will maintain a parish council website when it is up and running.

15.120 Financial Regulations/introduction of internet banking

- Reviews of the Standing Orders and Internal Controls have been carried out. Financial Regulations to be approved at the next meeting. The clerk will make changes to the regs to allow for the introduction of the use of internet banking. An internet banking policy could also be drawn up.

15.121 WAPFT Plans for the Pavilion at the Playing Field

New pavilion: Cllr Auckland asked how much are the up-front costs before any funding can be secured? Cllr Barker will seek to get this point clarified.

Cllr Barker will ask the chairman of WAPFT if the day of their committee meetings could be changed from a Wednesday – this may make it easier for APC to provide representatives on the committee.

15.122 Cranmer Connection

An initiative of the local church. Cllr Lowth had attended a few meetings where creating a heritage trail and arts and heritage festival were topics discussed. Mr Richard Bullock is chairman of the new group. A NCC tourist heritage officer had attended the meetings thus far as this could be part of a county wide marketing of heritage.

Aslockton councillors agreed that there was a lack of detail thus far and not having a full council they could not commit to attending meetings or participating in the development of a possible project at this stage.

15.123 Speedwatch Signs

The questions the clerk need to put to the new contact in the police are:

How many signs legally does Aslockton need in order to conduct a Community Speedwatch?

How much would APC have to contribute to any signs provided by the police themselves?

15.124 Allotments

The gate to the allotments has dropped again.

Mrs Betts who backs onto the allotments can't prune her blackberries; generally the allotments are not looking well-kept. Clerk to send out Cllr Lowth's letter asking plot-holders to better look after their own plots and the communal areas such as the car park.

15.125 Finances

Clerk's June salary (no tax payable, paid by S.O)	£289.71
Thomas Cranmer Centre – room hire	£141.00
Nalc – training for new councillors	£50.00
Reimburse Cllr Barker for purchase of printer toner	£67.40

Proposed by Cllr Haslam, seconded by Cllr Auckland

Statement of accounts for June proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Crowley.

15.126 Chairman's Business

Welcome packs no longer being produced since ACA was wound up. It was suggested a one page letter/card signposting new residents to parish council + other contacts; local facilities etc would suffice. Cllrs Auckland & Crowley to draft for the next meeting.

Time for an Aslockton Neighbourhood Plan to go on the next agenda – other councillors agreed.

Re flooding on Abbey Lane/Main Street corner. NCC have advised that the pot at the bottom of the drain needs to be larger. Motorists turning from the level crossing into Abbey Lane could aquaplane into oncoming traffic. Cllr Suthers made a note to pursue action on this.

Thanks to Cllr Lowth for her contribution to the work of APC over the past few years.

15.127 Councillors Reports

Cllr Auckland:

Mr Philip Avey has complained that the tree by the seat on Cliffhill Lane obscures his view & is dangerous. The clerk to notify Kendra at Highways.

Cllr Haslam:

Has recruited 2 Abbey Lane volunteers for the Speedwatch.

Cllr Lowth:

APC will need a new representative for the bus consultation meetings. New timetable should be in place soon.

15.128 Correspondence

Info on the Local Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire + Councils and Clerks Direct to be circulated amongst councillors. Poster re the electoral review already on the notice-board to inform villagers.

Thank you letter from Aslockton Cemetery Trust following APC giving them a grant.

Cllr Barker took a letter re employer pension responsibilities to read and take any necessary action.

NCC are to carry out a further consultation over proposed new recycling sites.

15.129 Items for next agenda

Station crossing proposals
Footpaths
Verges remeasurement
Noble Lane
Website (new obligations)
Financial Regulations
Paying the clerk a pension
Playing Field Committee Representatives
Speedwatch
Neighbourhood Plan

15.130 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 10th August 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.