

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 10th August 2015

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

Also present: Cllr Suthers; 1 member of the public

15.131 Apologies

None. The chairman welcomed new parish councillors Cllr Richard Sharpe; Cllr Julie Brown. Both new councillors have completed Declaration of Office and Register of Interest forms.

15.132 Declarations of interest

Cllr Haslam – the Abbey Lane applications.

15.133 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker suggested, on behalf of herself and fellow plant volunteer Mrs Maggie Lowth, that the planters either side of the notice-board be replaced (there is money earmarked – from Cllr Marshall's fund – Cllr Barker confirmed). Mr Tom Daws to be approached for advice and this matter to go on to the agenda next time.

15.134 Adoption of the July minutes

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

15.135 Planning

- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on **land south of Abbey Lane** (up to 75 dwellings) Public Inquiry set for 7th October is expected to last up to 3 days. Relevant documents available online through the RBC website. Councillors decided there is a need for APC and villagers to be prepared for attendance four weeks before the date of the inquiry. Cllr Suthers should be able to attend the inquiry. APC decided to form a sub-committee of Cllr Barker; Cllr Auckland; Cllr Sharpe (other councillors welcome to attend if they are available) to meet initially at 3pm on Monday 17th August at Cllr Sharpe's home.
- **15/01204/OUT** concerning **land north of Abbey Lane**. Applicant: Davidsons Development Ltd. Outline permission sought for up to 65 residential dwellings. NCC response had been submitted. Planner Mr Elliot was reported to have said he'd heard from STW. Cllr Suthers said he'd found out that NCC's Ursula Spence believes there is some archaeological worth to the site and she will recommend the developer digs trial trenches.
- **14/01393/OUT** outline application for the erection of up to 50 dwellings on **land north of Cliffhill Lane**. There have been indications there may be an appeal.

The following was noted:

15/00096/CONARE felling of trees at **The Old Cottage, Main Street**.

Notice of proposed works order: no tree preservation order made.

15/01023/FUL Glenview, **Cliffhill Lane**.

Applicant Miss Lisa Seymour.

Two storey side + rear extension; include the construction of a double garage + dormer windows. There has been an amendment to the application: the idea to have a double garage has been dropped. APC's comments from last month still stand and will again be taken into account by planners so no further action required.

15.136 Clerk Report

The report was received and noted by councillors.

15.137 Co-option process to fill councillor vacancy

- A decision has been made as to who APC would like to co-opt. The candidates will be contacted in due course.

15.138 Network Rail Crossings

Invite to make comments to Tom Pettitt at RBC: no comments to be made. Crossing New Lane the gates will remain but there will be new signage. Changes will be made to the crossing at Main Street. The clerk to contact NR Level Crossings Manager John Hares re a replacement Xmas tree/lights.

15.139 Footpaths

No update from Ms Jane Baines (NCC) on how footpath 11 can be improved.

Still problems with the implementation of changes to footpath 13 – padlocks have again been put on gates by the landowner. Whatton P C Chairman had written to NCC protesting at the lack of action. Cllr Auckland proposed, Cllr Crowley seconded the proposal that APC register their support of his sentiments. Motion carried.

NCC officer Ms Jane Baines had ensured that footpath 6 and the paths Abbey Lane to Mill Lane; The Capes to the prison; had all been cut. The clerk to say to Jane how pleased councillors are by the quality of the job.

Additional footpath cutting – the clerk to approach the NCC officer to ask her contractor if he can do up to two extra cuts for Aslockton – APC will pay for these as the expenditure was budgeted for. The clerk to ask how much this would cost.

15.140 Verge cutting

The clerk to contact Mr John Clifford to say thanks for a job well done and to request again a copy of his insurance policy cover. No news on the remeasurement.

15.141 Noble Lane

- No response from the school as yet to APC's letter asking the academy to consider maintenance work on Noble Lane.

15.142 The new obligations for small councils in publishing data

- The domain name aslockton-pc@org.uk has been registered (valid for 2 years). The clerk to

contact Hugo Fox to get the website up and running. Cllrs Auckland and Crowley to work with the clerk on design and maintenance of the new website.

15.143 Financial Regulations/introduction of internet banking

- Reviews of the Standing Orders and Internal Controls had already been carried out. Financial Regulations and the internet banking policy were approved at this meeting. Cllr Haslam proposed; Cllr Barker seconded.

15.144 Paying the clerk a pension

Clerk to find out more on this. Cllr Barker has registered himself as first contact person for the DPP.

15.145 WAPFT Plans for the Pavilion/committee membership

New pavilion: Cllr Auckland had asked how much are the up-front costs before any funding can be secured? The short answer is £127 at this stage.

WAPFT committee meetings can be on Tuesdays: Cllr Haslam is therefore willing to join the committee – clerk to pass his details on.

15.146 Speedwatch

Councillors and volunteers are invited to a session in September whereby the police kit will be demonstrated. This kit can then be used in conjunction with the speedgun currently shared between five villages. This would be an opportunity to ask questions generally about the obtaining of new signs etc. The clerk to keep all informed as to the date/time of the training/information session.

15.147 Neighbourhood Plan

The time involved; and the costs to do a Neighbourhood plan are significant. One question is does the size of Aslockton merit a plan? Only a thousand such plans in the whole country have been done commented Cllr Auckland. Cllr Sharpe felt there was no harm in finding out more from the relevant officer at RBC. It was agreed Cllr Barker would organise a meeting with this officer (Ms Liz Beardsley) in November once the public inquiry re the land south of Abbey Lane was over and councillors had more time to focus on this idea. Cllr Barker will mention too when he is approaching Ms Beardsley that the size of village is described as medium in the Core Strategy of the Rushcliffe Local Plan - because the prison population is included. There are actually 885 residents with prisoners excluded so ideally it should be designated a small village in the plan (with 396 households).

15.148 Allotments

The gate to the allotments has been fixed; some strimming in the car park area has been done by plot-holders; some of the allotments are looking tidier. Cllr Sharpe and other new councillors to visit the site next week. Clerk to contact Simon Thurston to ask if he can do his annual allotment hedge cut; and can he also prune the plum tree which is overhanging the back garden of a local resident. Following the posting out of letters to allotment holders, the new tenant of plot 1 asked the clerk to send his details to the others so he could facilitate communication between them on matters of communal interest.

15.149 Finances

Clerk's July salary (no tax payable, paid by SO)	£289.71
Clerk's office expenses	£19.52
Clerk's Working from Home Allowance (Paid by SO)	£83.50
Reimburse Cllr Barker for purchase of printer paper & website domain	£41.30

Proposed by Cllr Crowley, seconded by Cllr Brown.
Cheques signed by Cllrs Haslam & Auckland.

Statement of accounts for July to be approved at the September meeting as the reconciliation with bank statements couldn't be done in time for the August meeting.

15.150 Chairman's Business

Asked councillors if they felt it was ok to tell Mr Peter Avey that it was ok to act himself re the tree mentioned at the last meeting should Highways not do anything soon.

15.151 Councillors Reports

Cllrs Auckland and Crowley:

Welcome cards (to possibly replace the old ACA welcome packs for new residents) are in progress.

15.152 Correspondence

Invites to comment on consultations (RBC Housing Delivery Plan; Draft Statement of Licensing Principles). It was resolved not to respond to these.

Information for residents for the notice-board/to leave out at at the TCC.

Letter from Cllr Brown on acceptance of office.

15.153 Items for next agenda

Footpaths
Verges remeasurement
Noble Lane
www.aslockton-pc.org.uk
Paying the clerk a pension
Playing Field Committee Representatives
Speedwatch
Replacing the planters by the parish council notice-board

15.154 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 14th September 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.
Apologies from Cllr Sharpe