

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Parish councillors present:** Cllr M Barker (Chair), Cllr S Marshall (from 19.15), Cllr R Sharpe, Cllr K Auckland, Cllr A Crowley.

**Also present:** County Cllr F Purdue-Horan (arrived 19.10), Clerk M Sharratt, 2 members of the public.

**18.073 Apologies** Cllr C Haslam, Cllr J Brown, Borough Cllr M Stockwood

**18.074 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest** None

### **18.075 Public Meeting**

Ms Rebecca Atkins of 3 Main Street spoke of incidences of speeding past her home. She lives in a property dating from 1902 and at times the house can be felt to be shaking and the clock stop when heavy vehicles go by at speed. She identified 5-8.30pm and around 11pm as times when there are frequent incidences of speeding – and she felt the 30mph signs placed so far out of the village did not really help in the village centre: measures further into the village should be considered also. She would consider volunteering to use the old speed-gun to collate statistics and possibly have the effect of slowing drivers down. It was agreed that the clerk will ensure OPC pass the speed-gun back to Cllr Auckland so that the latter, with Cllr Crowley can conduct a speed-watch with Mrs Atkins in the near future.

Cllr Purdue-Horan did not have anything new to report from NCC. He said that Cllr Stockwood was aware of an interest in building up to 75 homes on Abbey Lane between Aslacr Park and Mr Brian Crawford's land. Parish councillors too had learnt earlier in the day of a company wanting to do this.

### **18.076 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held in July**

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

### **18.077 Planning**

To come to a view upon **18/01569/OUT** – outline application for up to 6 dwellings with all matters reserved except access (revised scheme) on land south of Maltings Farm, Abbey Lane.

Cllr Barker proposed a response prepared and circulated to all parish councillors prior to the meeting; Cllr Sharpe seconded and all agreed. The clerk to submit APC's objections – these will be available to view via the RBC website.

APC noted the invite to respond to the latest Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan. No view to be submitted. Notice of the consultation will be given to the public via the parish council's website.

Parish councillors noted the invite to attend a planning seminar to be held in Barnstone for local councils on the 28<sup>th</sup> August. Most councillors had previously attended a similar seminar but Cllr Marshall had not and said she would attend if able to.

**18/01683/PAA** 23 Cranmer Avenue, Whatton: single storey rear extension. APC noted that a General Permitted Development had been approved.

APC had not received any notices of planning decisions made by RBC.

### **18.078 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

It was noted that a dog poo bin had been installed on Abbey Lane as discussed with the appropriate RBC officer earlier in the year. The request for a post box should be dealt with by the autumn.

### **18.079 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee had been circulated to parish councillors: all noted.

### **18.080 Highways**

Some resurfacing work had been completed on New Lane between Abbey Lane and A52 near the railway crossing. Work on Dark Lane forthcoming in due course.

### **18.081 Acacia House, Abbey Lane**

The house is empty and not being looked after. Two brothers own the property. The clerk wrote on behalf of APC (one c/o the other) to request that the house is properly maintained but as yet no response received.

### **18.082 1 Dawns Lane**

It was agreed that the clerk would write to the owner Dr Russell mentioning that there is currently under way a review of the conservation area. In both this case and with Acacia House it was felt that the next step would be to approach RBC's James Bates to see if he could help.

### **18.083 Purchase of lamp-post poppies**

APC resolved to purchase some poppies – Cllr Auckland and Crowley to look at where to locate them.

### **18.084 Attendance of the Great War Commemoration Service at Southwell**

None of the parish councillors present available to attend.

### **18.085 RBC parish tree scheme**

APC agreed that the best place to put the trees would be somewhere where there is a water supply (while the trees are establishing themselves this will be necessary) and in an open space where villagers could appreciate the added amenity. The clerk to ask WAPFC if they can have an agenda item to discuss the potential planting of the ten trees which APC are invited to apply at the playing field.

### **18.086 Locating a new bench in the village**

The plan to put a bench on the triangle of land by Cranmer House and St Thomas Drive had been discussed in previous meetings. Residents near the suggested location had been in contact with APC to object; and in the light of this APC decided to not go ahead with the idea at present: it may be looked at again in future.

The clerk was asked by the council to write to the residents concerned to explain that APC wish to put one

or two planters on that piece of land and ask if the residents would be happy with this. Cllr Marshall offered to talk to Avant Homes regarding the planters they have on Aslacr Park at the moment which may need re-homing when the development is completed.

### **18.087 Allotments**

Work to divide and tidy plot 17 is still to be done. Cllr Barker to approach a village resident for a quote; the clerk to ask for an alternative quote from a local tradesman.

The clerk had written a thank you note to the tenants of plot 9 was accepted as discussed last meeting – the return of their deposit as a goodwill gesture will now be on September's agenda.

New plot 19 tenant has signed up and intends to use the shed left on the plot once a key has been located or another way into/out of has been sorted out.

The former tenants of plot 18a have been told that their deposit is to be retained and to clear anything of theirs remaining on the site.

APC discussed the state of some of the plots but agreed to wait until the autumn before sending out letters asking for plot holders to spend more time ensuring their areas are tidy.

### **18.088 Finance**

#### **For Payment**

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| Clerk's take home pay: basic hours  | £306.14 |
| Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)                                   | £75.16  |
| Clerk's quarterly work from home allowance  | £57.13  |
| Office expenses (printer ink, postage, stationery)                                | £24.72  |
| Return of allotment deposit (A Wightman)  | £30.00  |
| Reimburse M & F Barker (winter bedding plants, bulbs, PC printer toner cartridge) | £64.81  |
| British Legion Poppy Appeal (annual wreath)                                       | £17.00  |

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Crowley

**Statement of accounts for July 2018 was approved.** Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Crowley

### **18.089 Chairman's Business**

- Hedges overhanging pavements: Cllr Barker had put compliment slips through letterboxes a few weeks ago and some hedges had been pruned but the residents of two dwellings who received slips had not yet cut theirs. It was agreed to send formal letters to these villagers and also one to the owner of Cranmer Cottage. Cllr Barker to draft wording in the three cases for the clerk to send.
- Shop/Post Office on Main Street: residents are concerned. The clerk to write to Mr Derek Jones to ask him to clarify what he is intending to do with the property.
- Abbey Close: recent work by utilities companies damaged the verge – the clerk to contact the relevant Highways officer to ask that the area is made good again.
- Resident Mr Tim Chamberlin has been in contact about the planned memorial: £5,000 has been pledged through NCC funding. He asked that APC make a financial contribution to the holding of a celebratory event once the memorial is in situ: it was decided that this request should be an agenda

item next time.

- Mr Chamberlin had also said that he felt the cemetery on Mill Lane needed some attention: Cllr Auckland will try to find out who has replaced Mr Dave Rowe as trustee.

### **18.090 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Marshall reported speeding on Abbey Lane. All agreed this had been an issue for some time. Cllr Barker said the council are putting money into a reserve with a view to purchasing an interactive speed sign in due course.

Cllr Auckland noted that in the latest 'home-search' bulletin for social housing in the Rushcliffe area less people want to live in Aslockton than in West Bridgford for example.

Cllr Sharpe reported that there was a PCC meeting on 26 July but he didn't attend as he wasn't invited. He had not received minutes from the previous meeting or the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

### **18.091 Correspondence received**

Invite to an evening when the Cranmer Group introduces and welcomes applicants for the post of vicar: Cllr Barker will attend.

Posters for events had been advertised via notice-board/website.

Updated RBC Town and Parish Conference agenda for 21<sup>st</sup> September - circulated by the clerk but as yet no councillors can attend.

Notts ALC AGM: no parish councillors as yet can attend.

### **18.092 Items for the September agenda**

Playing Field  
Acacia House  
1 Dawns Lane  
Lamp-post poppies  
RBC parish tree scheme  
War memorial installation event  
Speeding

### **18.093 Details of next meeting**

7pm on Monday 10th September 2018, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

**The meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August closed at 20.32 hours.**