Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in St Thomas Church, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 14th January 2019

Parish councillors present: M Barker (Chair), C Haslam, R Sharpe, K Auckland, S Marshall, A Crowley.

Also present: County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; Borough Cllr M Stockwood from 19.44; Clerk M Sharratt, 4 members of the public.

18.170 Apologies: Cllr Brown.

18.171 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest: None.

18.172 Public Meeting

Mrs Jane Barlow read out her objections to planning application 18/02709/FUL.

Mr Tom Daws said that 'a no through sign' at the start of Chapel Lane would discourage drivers going the wrong way and having to turn around in the drive-ways of residents. More cars are going in and out of Chapel Lane as teenagers start to drive so any measure to deter traffic would be appreciated, he felt.

Mr Chris Smith had enquired on the progress of the Conservation Area Review: work at RBC is ongoing.

Cllr Purdue-Horan reported that he had passed on news of a potential site for a new recycling/waste facility in Rushcliffe. Veolia had since indicated that they are investigating a new opportunity. Cllr Purdue-Horan will keep APC updated.

Cllr Purdue-Horan, and later Cllr Stockwood, reminded APC that they have councillor funds which need spending in the next few weeks.

18.173 Adoption of the December meeting minutes

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

18.174 Planning

18/02811/REM Demolition of two existing bungalows to facilitate construction of two replacement detached dwellings and **18/02709/FUL** Construction of two detached dwellings following demolition of two existing bungalows. 1 + 2 Field Bungalow, Chapel Lane, Aslockton. APC agreed to not comment upon 18/02811/REM but to object to 18/02709/FUL – the clerk will submit comments. It was noted that the footpath there will need to be closed during construction, if the application is approved, but all agreed the footpath should be accessible afterwards.

18/02855/FUL Single storey side and rear extension to Bowlers End, Abbey Lane, Aslockton. No objection but APC would like to see a planning condition concerning the parking of construction traffic while the building takes place to ensure safety and prevent congestion.

Permission granted by RBC:

18/02132/FUL Construction of area of hardstanding (retrospective) at Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane

Permission refused by RBC:

18/02463/FUL Construction of 2 storey dwelling + detached garage, use of outbuilding as home office at Abbey Farm Cottage, New Lane.

18.175 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors:

APC's request for an additional post box on Abbey Lane has been refused.

18.176 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Cllr Haslam reported that quotes had been sought to deal with the cracks in the pitch mentioned last parish council meeting and that resident Mr Tom Daws has volunteered to dismantle the current pavilion when the time comes for the replacement to be built.

It was agreed that the clerk will send out the minutes to all Aslockton councillors once they have been circulated to, the committee members by Cllr Auckland and approved by them

18.177 Parking of post office vans

Last meeting it had been agreed that Cllr Barker would draft + circulate to the other parish councillors for agreement before sending; a letter addressed to the Rural Delivery Manager at the Royal Mail's Beeston premises – copying in the Aslockton Post Master Mr Derek Jones saying what a problem the parking of the vans on Main Street is causing; asking if they can be parked elsewhere and whether any can be parked in the yard outside the sorting office. This meeting Cllr Barker reported that he had not acted because in the mean-time the premises were officially put up for sale. It was agreed that APC should write to Royal Mail as resolved previously and copy in the sales agent rather than Mr Jones.

18.178 Rubbish removed from the Smite

Since the agenda was set this issue had been resolved.

18.179 Use of a community defibrillator/first aid training event

APC had received a communication from Newark's equivalent of the Vale of Belvoir First Responders asking if they could deliver a first aid/heart-start training session within the village. As it has been a while since any such training has been delivered in Aslockton; it was decided that the clerk would contact the local Vale of Belvoir group, to whom APC have made grants to in the past, to ask if they could do this.

18.180 Allotments

The clerk will enquire about the annual hedge cutting not yet done by the regular contractor.

No further update on work required on the site but Cllr Barker noted that a gate-post needs replacing.

Cllr Barker will arrange an APC site visit before the meeting with tenants on February 11th 2019.

Cllr Haslam reiterated a point made last month that it would be sensible to get work done on plots 1-3 at the same time as the work on plot 17.

18.181 Finance

For Payment

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours

Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)	£75.16
Office expenses (stationery including printer cartridges)	£29.03
ICO annual data protection fee	£40.00
Grant to Aslockton Cranmers Pre-School (commemorative bench)	£249.00
Reimburse M Lowth for plant purchases	£20.97
Reimburse M Barker for plant purchases	£39.43
Reimburse M Barker for mileage incurred attending the RBC local plan examination	£28.75

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Crowley

Statement of accounts for December 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Marshall

18.182 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker reported that the free bus service to Boundary Mills from Whatton could be reinstated but it would be a weekly service and payment would be required.

Aslakr Park: Avant Homes were supposed to clear out the dyke for drainage this year but as yet there has been no evidence of this.

One of the village 'gateway' signs had been knocked or blown over and needs reinstalling. The clerk will ask for a guote – Cllr Stockwood said that her fund could be applied to in order to cover the cost.

Proposed that APC that the clerk request a no through sign for Chapel Lane from RBC: all agreed.

18.183 Councillors Reports

Cllr Sharpe will attend the meeting the TCC committee on Monday 21st in the small meeting room then come along to the APC meeting which is to be in the main hall.

Cllr Auckland questioned if APC should ask to look at the accounts of local groups and societies who apply for support from the parish council before the latter decides the precept. The chairman replied that the necessary questions are asked in dealing with each application.

18.184 Correspondence received

Posters for events had been advertised via notice-board/website; other correspondence and information circulated by email.

18.185 Items for the February (next ordinary monthly meeting) agenda

Playing Field

Planters for St Thomas Drive.

18.186 Details of next scheduled meeting

7pm on Monday 21st January 2019, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 14th January closed at 20.24 hours.