

Draft minutes of the Aslockton Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 9th May 2016 at the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Mains Street, Aslockton

Attended:

Cllr M Barker, Chairman
Cllr C Haslam, Vice Chairman
Cllr K Auckland
Cllr J Brown
Cllr A Crowley
Cllr B Marshall
4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr M Suthers (County and Borough Councillor), Cllr R Sharpe and M Rogers (Clerk)

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr K Auckland agreed to take the minutes.

Adoption of 2015 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

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

Matters arising (updating reports) – none.

Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Report – no report had been received however the Playing Field is on the agenda for the statutory annual meeting following on from the AGM.

Aslockton Parish Council annual report by the Chair

The Chairman read out his report which covered the following points:

- The majority of the Parish Council's time had been spent this year trying to fight off Housing Developments that would completely change the character of the village.
- Network Rail has upgraded the level crossing including full barriers. The Christmas tree and lights that were lost during this upgrade were replaced by Network Rail (now sited next to the History Board).
- BT have now installed Fibre Optic Broadband although it is not available to the whole village – a further investment of £6.58m through the partnership between Nottingham County Council and BT will hopefully result in the remaining properties being connected.
- The properties on the site of the Old Greyhound have been completed and all are now sold. The Parish Council wish to thank Mick Butler at Saucer Farm for providing parking facilities for the tradesmen during construction.
- The planning application for 75 houses on Abbey Lane (adjacent to Crawfords Meadow) was refused by the Development Control Committee at Rushcliffe Borough Council but upheld at Appeal by the Planning Inspectorate on the 7th October, despite strong objections from Rushcliffe Borough Council, the Parish Council and residents.
- The original application for 50 houses on Cliffhill Lane was refused by Rushcliffe Borough Council but has recently been resubmitted by the landowner, John Breedon. The Parish Council have sent in their objection together with Martin Suthers, the Borough Councillor.
- The planning application for 65 houses on Abbey Lane (north side, behind the school) was refused by Rushcliffe Borough Council but the developers have appealed and this will be the subject of a Public Inquiry later this year.
- The old planters next to the Notice Boards have been removed with the help of Mick Butler. The new planters, made by Tom Daws, should be in place next week.

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for their support over the last twelve months.

Matters brought up by Parishioners

Brian Crawford wished to bring to the Parish Council's attention the overhanging vegetation along Abbey Lane and Main Street. He also raised the on going problem of traffic congestion on both Abbey Lane and Main Street; in particular there were certain pinch points where he considered the width of the carriageway to be below the legal limit for farm vehicles to pass. An update was requested on the continuing problem of parked Post Office vans. It was suggested that the Parish council contact Highways to seek a possible solution. He also asked for a notice from the Parish Council to be published prior to harvest time, when there is an increased movement of large farm vehicles.

The Chairman responded that all possible solutions had already been explored for the parking of the Post Office vans, however matters raised would be put on the agenda for the next parish council meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm