

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Parish councillors present:** M Barker (Chair), C Haslam (Vice-chairman), J Brown, K Auckland, Cllr R Sharpe, Cllr A Crowley, Cllr B Marshall

**Present:** County Cllr Purdue-Horan, the clerk, 4 members of the public.

### **17.136 Apologies**

Received and accepted from Cllr Marshall for the last meeting; Borough Cllr Stockwood.

### **17.137 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

None.

### **17.138 Public Meeting**

Cllr Purdue-Horan reported that there will be a 'round table' event with Highways England to discuss the duelling of the A52 on 12<sup>th</sup> January. APC will be getting a letter from Robert Jenrick MP's secretary inviting the parish council to send a representative.

Cllr Barker asked Cllr Purdue-Horan if he had any information about the Supporting Local Communities Fund or any replacement NCC scheme. Cllr Purdue-Horan will enquire as to whether parish councils are going to be invited to apply this year and if so when this will happen.

Resident Mr Roy Morley said the state of the dyke which runs from the Smite under Cliffhill Lane is very poor: he feels it should be cleared every year (it seems that it is attended to only every three years). He is concerned that the state of the dyke is a flood risk and if a further planning application is to go in nearby this is something which should be addressed. Cllr Barker said APC would discuss Mr Morley's points later in the meeting under the item concerning Severn Trent.

### **17.139 Adoption of the minutes of the October meeting**

APC resolved to adopt the minutes; these were signed off by the chairman with one amendment: 17.119 should have read that the minutes of the September, not August, meeting were approved.

### **17.140 Planning**

**17/02494/FUL** Creation of an area of hard-standing for use for 7 car parking spaces on land south of number 6 Meadow Close, Aslockton. During a site visit, parish councillors had spoken with residents. **No objection** but there should be a condition of planning permission requesting that the applicant extend the fence at 6 Meadow Close to give the residents there greater privacy.

**17/02488/FUL** Demolition of existing garages + erection of two two-storey houses with associated parking at the site of garages west of 41-43 Meadow Close. **No objections.**

### **RBC Consultation on Local Plan Part 2:**

The document had been circulated among all parish councillors. Cllrs Barker and Auckland proposed that a general comment be made rather than commenting specifically upon each aspect of the draft document. APC agreed that the points to make were:

- housing developers should be building homes in urban areas and after that larger,

sustainable rural communities. There should be very limited development in small, unsustainable rural communities.

- APC would like to see a clear definition of infill included in the final document.
- with regard to what constitutes 'local need' the housing needs survey instigated a few years ago by RBC was based on the *parish* boundaries.

Cllrs Barker and Auckland will prepare, circulate to all councillors then send in APC's response.

### **Planning matters to note:**

(a) APC noted that local land-owner Mr John Breedon had invited APC and the borough councillor Mrs Maureen Stockwood to a meeting at a site off Cliffhill Lane. Mr Breedon and a developer have sought pre-planning application advice from RBC to build 9 new dwellings off Cliffhill Lane and wanted to keep APC informed. Cllrs Barker, Auckland and Crowley had met with Mr Breedon and Mr Ben Holmes.

Cllr Barker briefed the parish councillors who could not attend the meeting with Mr Breedon and Mr Holmes.

Cllr Barker asked Mr Breedon if the parish council would be able to see the formal pre-planning application advice when it is completed; Mr Breedon said yes this could be supplied.

Cllr Purdue-Horan observed that there should not be further discussion in a public meeting at this stage - a formal planning application to RBC has yet to be made. Cllr Barker agreed and moved on to the next part of the Planning agenda item.

(b) Since the November meeting agenda was published, APC has been consulted on application **17/02408/REM** in the adjacent parish of Whatton. The planning officer has agreed to accept a view from APC after the application is discussed at the December parish council meeting.

(c) Application **17/02582/OUT** for land to the north of Abbey Lane, Aslockton was validated on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. APC should have been consulted by the time of the December parish council meeting so this will be an agenda item for then.

### **Planning Permissions:**

**17/01912/FUL** Abbey Farm, Abbey Lane: conversion of outbuildings to guest accommodation, construct porch.

**17/01642/FUL** Speller Hill Farm, Cliffhill Lane: new vehicular access and gate

**17/01883/FUL** - erection of a two storey dwelling + detached garage, Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane. Following the Ward Member's objection on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, this went to the Planning Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Permission Granted.

RBC does not propose to make a TPO for **17/00175/CONARE** - works to trees at Lynwill House.

An invite to comment on the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan (Issues and Options) was declined by APC. The public can find information on this at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals)

An invite to give a view on an NCC review of its Statement of Community Involvement - which sets out how the county council will consult and involve communities in the carrying out of its planning functions – was declined by APC. The draft document can be viewed at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/minerals-and-waste-planning-](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/minerals-and-waste-planning-)

### **17.141 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

The clerk was asked to proceed with the purchase of a stamp for use on payment documents.

### **17.142 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Cllr Haslam confirmed that the Playing Field Committee continue to focus on applying for funding for the purchase of new play equipment:

- A bid to the Aviva Community Fund has been accepted. Up to £5000 could be awarded. Cllr Haslam will send an email for everyone to vote for the project. A request for votes will go on the parish council website/Facebook page also.
- A fundraising event is being organised by two of the committee members.
- No further update on applications to the Co-op and Tesco
- Fund-run to be organised by committee member Mr Bobby Crawford.
- Other funding possibilities are being investigated – including via an organisation which can help source funds for charities.

### **17.143 Severn Trent**

The clerk had received a reply from RBC Environment Officer Anne Price which she'd forwarded ahead of the meeting to councillors. Ms Price has referred the matter to the Environment Agency who are responsible for the river course. No further action is being taken by STW currently.

APC feel there remains a need to identify what is flowing into the gutter-dyke on Cliffhill Lane through the culvert. The clerk will give Ms Price a contact number for TCC committee member Mrs Mary Marsh so she can gain access to conduct a dye test at the centre. Discussing Mr Morley's points earlier, the clerk was instructed by the council to contact Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board to see when the dyke is next to be cleared – and if this some months away; ask if it could be done sooner.

### **17.144 Review of Conservation Area**

Mr Bate met a small group of councillors/local history society members/interested residents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Bate has supplied an update of the Conservation Area document which he began a little while ago. Cllr Auckland will be adding the group's suggestions to this draft. The thought is to include Whiteways and the Railway Villa within the Conservation Area.

### **17.145 Village sign on Mill Lane**

Highways do not accept that their verge-cutting contractors damaged the sign.

A quote from Malcolm Lane to re-install the sign was accepted by APC (Cllr Barker proposed, Cllr Sharpe seconded). Cllr Purdue-Horan offered to cover half the cost with money from his county councillor fund.

APC agreed letters should go to residents nearby asking them and any workers at their properties to take care in future in case the sign had been knocked askew by vehicles associated

with the house-holders.

#### **17.146 Dog Poo Bins**

RBC officers visited the village on more than one occasion since the last parish council meeting and agree there is a case for installing two more bins – to be paid for and maintained by RBC. Cllr Auckland and Cllr Crowley offered to meet with Ms Deanna Hunt to discuss the options. Approval from any relevant land-owners will be needed.

#### **17.147 Grit Bins**

Resident Mr Tom Daws has topped these up. The new shovels have been put in the bins and the solidified grit broken up, Cllr Sharpe reported.

#### **17.148 Contract of Employment/Job Description**

The clerk and chairman have prepared a document which will be circulated for approval at the next meeting. The clerk will have an appraisal in December ahead of a salary review at the precept setting meeting in January.

#### **17.149 Abbey Close Allotments**

The clerk had sent letters to allotment holders in the cases where the plots were being neglected.

The hedge on plot 17 has been lopped by APC's contractor to one or two feet. Plot 17 will not include the hedge from now on and APC will take on its maintenance (from next year onwards the contractor will incorporate this task in to his annual hedge cut at the allotment site).

#### **17.150 Finances**

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£286.66
Pension (employee's £16.68 + employer's £53.69)	£70.37
Clerk's Working from home allowance	£83.50
Four Seasons – hedge cut at Abbey Close Allotments	Postponed
Reimburse C Haslam for lap top purchase	Postponed
Reimburse R Sharpe for purchase of seven new grit shovels	£37.06

The following payments from the last meeting were ratified: reimbursements – Mrs M Lowth £9.00, Mrs F Barker £11.34 (both relating to village plants).

Proposer Cllr Haslam, Seconder Cllr Crowley.

Statements of accounts – October 2017 – were approved. Proposer Cllr Barker seconder Cllr Brown.

It was agreed that the clerk would put up a notice plus form on the notice-board and website regarding the grant application process for local organisations wishing to apply for monies from APC during the year 2018-19. The clerk will contact the recipients of grants during 2017-18: the First Responders, Aslockton Cemetery Trust and St Thomas Churchyard to invite them to apply.

#### **17.151 Chairman's Business**

Asked who was available to go to the bus review meeting – an invite from NCC Officer Mr Chris Ward had been received. APC noted that the Your Bus drivers were not always picking people up at the top of Cliffhill Lane where there isn't an official stop but residents have been able to catch the bus previously. Cllr Crowley, Cllr Auckland and the clerk will attend.

### **17.152 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Auckland remains interested in the finding out the borough/housing association policies on occupancy and non occupancy of the social housing in the village. The clerk will make enquires.

Cllr Brown flagged up an item in the minutes of the latest local police priority meeting: there is to be a barn tour for farmers and land-owners; the first one being in Screveton. Dave Wesson and John Heaps are the PCSOs now for this area (Sally Charles having left her post).

Cllr Sharpe commented that the road surface on Dark Lane needed attention. Cllr Barker said there are yellow paint markings on the road so hopefully work is scheduled soon. Also noted was that the pavement/drive up to Saucer Farm was not satisfactory but again there were signs that this might be about to be improved. The clerk will report matters to Highways if action is not taken within a couple of weeks.

### **17.153 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence and information were received and noted then either passed to councillors or will go on the notice-board/website.

### **17.154 Items for the December agenda**

Playing Field  
Severn Trent  
Review of the Conservation Area  
Dog Poo Bins  
Private and Confidential - Staffing

### **17.155 Details of next meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.