

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 12th March 2018

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

Present: County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; Borough Cllr M Stockwood (arrived at 7.40pm); the clerk, 2 members of the public.

17.212 Apologies

None.

17.213 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None.

17.214 Public Meeting

Cllr Purdue-Horan:

- £551 was allocated from the remainder of his 2017-18 county councillor fund to help buy a cricket net (an amount of Cllr Stockwood's borough councillor fund had been given to the same project). The net will be used at the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field.
- County councillors are making efforts to ensure that more of the Highways resources is spent in South Nottinghamshire after five years of neglect.

A resident explained that she was interested in the parish council vacancy and attending the meeting to observe.

17.215 Adoption of the minutes of February's meeting

APC resolved to adopt the minutes - with the addition of Cllr Purdue-Horan to the list of attendees - and these were signed off by the chairman.

17.216 Planning

18/00304/FUL The Oaks, Abbey Lane: Construct double garage in rendered block, render front of house, insert floor to eaves feature window entrance and replace windows with anthracite UPVC windows. No objection but APC comment that the garage should be sited nearer to the bungalow – the current proposal means it would be outside of the line of other properties; and this could set a precedent for Abbey Lane.

17/02871/OUT outline application for the erection of up to 9 dwellings together with associated access, landscaping and other infrastructure works. Land north of Cliffhill Lane.

- The application will be discussed and voted upon at Planning and Growth Committee on Thursday 15th March at 6.30pm (the second agenda item).
- Three to four parish councillors can attend the committee meeting which is open to members of the public who wish to listen to the points made.

- It was agreed that Cllr Barker would speak on behalf of the parish council in objection to the proposal. Before Thursday parish councillors will read; suggest any amendments and agree comments Cllr Barker had prepared to summarise APCs objections.
- Cllr Stockwood to attend as Aslockton's representative at RBC – objecting to the application.

17.217 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

Cllr Barker reported that one of the Highways Officers had mentioned sending a senior inspector out to the area. APC continue to be concerned about Dark Lane, Abbey Lane and New Lane. Cllr Barker felt that any remedial measures e.g. stoning along the verges required following completion of the building work should be funded by Avant Homes.

The construction workers had been spotted putting grit down along Abbey Lane on one occasion – perhaps a good will gesture. The clerk had been told by the site manager that it wasn't his job to organise gritting - residents could grit the road after 4.30pm when work at the site finishes for the day.

Re February meeting item 17.203 Social Housing: Metropolitan have begun investigating the situation. The bungalow concerned is located on Cliffhill Lane not Meadow Close.

17.218 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

- Funds are accumulating for the purchase of new play equipment. Recently the committee had learnt that Aviva will grant £300 to this purpose.
- Committee members to look at playground designs with a representative from an equipment provider.
- Play equipment inspection requirements/best practice are currently being reviewed.
- Girls team Sunday morning at WAPFT.
- Meeting of trustees Monday 19th March – agenda to be sent out by APC's clerk.

17.219 Dog poo bins - footpaths

Cllr Barker had reported to the Rights of Way Officer that the path starting off from Mill Lane was difficult to follow/use following ploughing. The officer advised that the farmer had only to mark and keep clear the line of the footpath – the roughness of the ground is immaterial.

Cllrs Auckland and Crowley had met again with RBC Officer Deanna Hunt. A dog poo bin will be installed at the start of FP 12 in front of Aslacr Park. The dog warden will walk the path starting from The Capes following reports of this being a hot spot for dog mess and stickers are to be provided for the litter bins around the village – indicating that bagged up dog poo can be put in them.

17.220 New post box on Abbey Lane

Deferred to the April meeting. The clerk to research how to apply for an additional post box.

17.221 Policy documents

A publication scheme and notices on control of data and freedom of information were approved. See 'governance' on www.aslockton-pc.org.uk.

A training policy and log has been set up for APC councillors; volunteers and staff.

17.222 Hail and Ride – Yourbus 822 service.

Following an incident at the beginning of February 2pm on a Tuesday which had been brought to the attention of Cllr Auckland; APC agreed that the clerk should request a copy of the company's Hail and Ride policy as well as suggest to Yourbus that the drivers are reminded of how it works.

17.223 Councillor vacancy which has arisen following the resignation of Mr Brian Marshall.

The official notice of vacancy has been displayed on APC's notice-board, website + Facebook page.

14th March deadline for an election to be called needs to be passed before the co-option process can commence.

If an election has not been called for by ten or more electors then the clerk will drop off a poster for the shop window and outside/inside the TCC – an invite to apply to APC before a closing date of 30th April.

17.224 Abbey Close Allotments

In response to the query at the last APC meeting as to whether a contribution from the county councillor fund could be applied for with regard to work needing doing on allotment plot 17; Cllr Purdue-Horan said he could support an application from 1st April 2018. APC thanked him.

It was agreed that the clerk will write to the current tenants of plot 17 to explain that APC has decided to divide the plot into two and to ask if they wish to take on one of the newly created smaller plots.

17.225 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£286.66
Pension (employee's £16.68 + employer's £53.69)	£70.37
Office expenses – 1 black inkjet cartridge; stamps; A4 paper; envelopes	£24.89
Rent due to RBC for the allotment site	£209.00
Room hire at the TCC	£65.00

A cheque was made out to St Thomas Church to pay for a green bin which APC volunteers make use of in looking after the village planters. This will be a yearly expense from now onwards. The payment of £20 will be ratified at the next meeting as not on this meeting agenda.

Proposer to all of the above Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Crowley

Statement of accounts for February 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker, seconder Cllr Haslam

APC resolved to move £900 out of the general reserve to their ear-marked traffic measures reserve; and £100 to the allotments reserve.

Work from Home Allowance for the year 2018.19 was agreed and signed by chairman and clerk.

17.226 Chairman's Business

Had visited the show home at Aslacr Park and enquired as to how many houses had been sold. Seven have been sold and three are now occupied. When the 25th house is occupied S106 money can start to be released by RBC.

17.227 Councillors Reports

None this month from parish councillors.

Cllr Stockwood on Planning Matters:

- Borough councillors were trying to support the continuation of consultation with parish councils – less consultation would be preferred by the planners.
- Had asked for a definition of infill. All agreed definitions are very hard to obtain from the planning team, assessment of 'local need' can be done anyhow by anyone, and decisions often seem contradictory.
- Noted that Local Plan Part 2 will be finalised later this year.

17.228 Correspondence received

Items were noted and/or taken away by councillors for them to look through.

Councillors were advised of the revised date of the Rushcliffe Town and Parish Forum – this was postponed because of bad weather and is now to be held on Wednesday 2nd May.

Best Kept Village Competition 2018 - invite to enter from Nottinghamshire CPRE was declined.

17.229 Items for the April agenda

Playing Field

Post box on Abbey Lane

17.230 Details of next meeting

Monday 9th April 2018, 7pm, Thomas Cranmer Centre. The meeting of 12th March closed at 20.30 hours.