

## **Minutes 10Apr2017 Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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

**Present:** Borough Cllr M Stockwood (arrived at 20.00pm); 4 members of the public.

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr K Auckland minuted the meeting.

**18.037 Apologies** Cllr A Crowley, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan, Clerk M Sharratt

**18.038 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest** None.

### **18.039 Public Meeting**

Mrs Fiona Barker confirmed the quote of £554.53 for a bench for the village (details of the bench had been circulated to all the Cllrs prior to the meeting). Delivery time is 8-10wks. Nigel Morley had kindly offered to collect the bench to save on delivery cost.

### **18.040 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held in May**

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

### **18.041 Planning**

- **Planning Notice:** 18/00702/FUL 7 Abbey Close, Aslockton approved.
- **Local Plan Part 2 Consultation:** Standing Orders were suspended to hear resident Mr Chris Smith speak on his proposed response, the main points being:

The Local Plan Part 2 is a very important document as it will set out development within Rushcliffe for the next 10 years. The draft is basically saying Aslockton has already had 75 new houses on Abbey Lane and is not sustainable for further development. It is important to encourage residents to write to the Borough if they agree, as Aslockton had been grouped at a higher level of sustainability (along with Cropwell Bishop, East Bridgford, Gotham, Tollerton and Sutton Bonnington) rather than the lower "Tier" of sustainability such as Orston and Flintham. With its current lack of facilities and infrequent public transport, Aslockton should be at the lower level of sustainability appraisal. The consultation will go to public examination in September where Aslockton's sustainability could be questioned by landowners and developers. Mr Chris Smith has prepared his own personal response and is happy to share it with anyone interested, copies were left with the Parish Council. Standing Orders were reinstated.

Cllrs Barker and Auckland to respond on behalf of the Parish Council. All Cllrs can also respond as individuals. It was also noted by Cllr Barker that the Sustainability Appraisal Document will also be examined in September with the Local Plan Part 2.

### **18.042 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

The clerk to return the deposit on Plot 17 as it had been in such a bad state when the tenant took it on. This raises the question as to whether deposits should only be taken for plots in a reasonable state at the time

of a new tenant - for further discussion.

It was noted the defibrillator battery is now installed and a cheque had been received from the Thomas Cranmer Centre for £200.

#### **18.043 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Cllr Haslam reported on the last Playing Field Management Committee Meeting, pointing out that due to several members being absent, some items were postponed including finance:

- Tim Moxey had prepared revised plans for the play equipment and new pavilion. The new play equipment will cover 3 age groups Toddler, Junior and Adult
- To review if current play equipment is fit for purpose when moved to new location.
- To review hedge border in view of safety issues for Highways and access for maintenance.
- Funding – Play equipment funds: £25,000 LIS, £3500 each PC plus 50% of S106. Pavilion funds 50% of S106 but looking at professional fund raisers and other PC's such as Bottesford for ideas. Mr R Lambourne had secured funding from ECB (£3600) towards new cricket pitch covers.
- To propose at the AGM and Trustees Meeting the appointment of a Field Manager.

There was still confusion as to the constitution of the playing field trust. Governing Rules for the Management Committee are on the WAPFT website, but not the constitution for the Trust. Minutes for the Committee meetings are on the website, but not the minutes of the trustee meetings. To be raised at the next Trustee meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, along with the question of representation of each Parish Council as a statutory condition on the constitution.

It was also noted that the Committee meeting minutes are not being updated on the website – possible confusion as to who should be doing them, Cllr Auckland to investigate as she has uploaded some in the past.

Cllr Barker had investigated the costs of portacabins for use as replacement pavilion, in the region of £55,000 these were passed to Cllr Haslam for information purposes.

#### **18.044 New post box on Abbey Lane**

Nothing further to report at this stage, ongoing.

#### **18.045 Highways**

Cllr Marshall raised a speeding issue on the Old Grantham Road approaching Dark Lane from Bingham, and asked if the 30mph sign could be moved further out towards the A52. Clerk to pass on question to Whatton Parish Council.

The state of Dark Lane and New Lane continues to be a problem – Sharon Kirk from Viam had emailed “that because of the size of the job, it has now escalated, including the coordination with Network Rail and Highways England.” Still awaiting a date.

#### **18.046 Revision of Standing Orders**

In the absence of the Clerk, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **18.047 New Bench**

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Cllr Barker would compose a standard letter to residents around the proposed site to notify them of the new bench. Borough Cllr M Stockwood offered a contribution

of £200 towards the cost of £554.53. It was proposed Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Haslam to go ahead and order the bench. Agreed unanimously.

### **18.048 Primary School Planting**

Due to the potential hazards of the railway station and lack of water availability it was deemed unsuitable as an area of planting – instead Cllr Marshall to approach the primary school about involving the children to grow flowers for the village planters – the seeds to be provided by the Parish Council. With the approach of the summer vacation this will be a project for next year

### **18.049 Allotments**

- Cllr Barker to investigate quotes for renovating plot 17 and make into two plots.
- Plot 18A – to check with Clerk that tenant has not tried to renew his agreement.
- Offer of free stone for track from number 3 Fields Drive. Cllrs Barker and Haslam to assist.
- Plots 1-3 to be sheeted but need to wait until winter when vegetation has died down.

### **18.050 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  |
| Reimburse M Lowth – plants                                       | £14.98  |
| Reimburse M Barker – printer paper                               | £7.98   |
| Reimburse M Barker – plywood sheeting to rebuild planter barrels | £23.50  |
| TCC – room hire  | £50.00  |
| NALC - new councillor training for Cllr Marshall                 | £30.00  |
| St John's Ambulance Supplies (defibrillator battery)             | £237.60 |

To Ratify Payments from previous meeting

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| G Redford – reimbursement of website domain renewal            | £31.18  |
| D Dixon – audit fee  | £65.00  |
| St Thomas Church/TCC contribution to defibrillator maintenance | £100.00 |

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Brown; seconder Cllr Sharpe

Statement of accounts for May 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Sharpe

### **18.051 Chairman's Business**

- Cllr Barker reported there had been some comments about the state of hedges growing across pavements – Cllrs to let him know if they had noticed any, so a note could be put through the doors of appropriate households, but he will personally have a look at the hedge on Mill Lane Corner being in such a precarious location. Some of the footpaths have been cut by NCC, but poorly and areas totally missed, Cllr Barker has reported this to the NCC footpath officer Jim Hatchett, it is also to be noted that footpath 5 along the Smite will now be cut by the NCC contractors as the local farmer no longer wishes to do it. Trent Valley drainage have been contacted about cutting of the floodbank.
- Cllr Barker and Auckland responded on behalf of the Parish Council to the Consultation on Unauthorised Traveller Encampments .
- Letter received from MP R Jenrick re the Vale of Belvoir becoming an Area Of Natural Beauty, the chair to reply in support of it.

## **18.052 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Stockwood spoke as she had not been present earlier in the meeting:

- The public can now speak at RBC meetings but questions have to be submitted in writing 10 days before.
- The Tour of Britain is starting in West Bridgford this year
- All Borough news is now on Twitter
- Message from CC Cllr F Purdue Horan that rural crime has increased

Cllr R Sharpe:

- Some of the verges have not been cut adequately and restricting vision at Abbey Lane/New Lane junction – Cllr Barker to email telephone number for Cllr Sharpe to report to CC, as he had previously reported the same problem at Speller Hill crossroads, which was immediately rectified.
- More Welcome Packs need to be printed – Cllr Auckland to update first.

Cllr Haslam:

- Acacia House on Abbey Lane (uninhabited for many years) has been broken into and is in a state of disrepair. Parish Council to discuss next meeting as to possible action.
- A resident has reported an increase in door to door requests for scrap metal. Noted.

Cllr Brown:

- Reminded the council - awaiting a reply from Anne Price re the bee problem on Abbey Lane and the limit of number of hives that is being breached.

## **18.053 Correspondence received**

Letter from House of Commons re GDPR, letter from relevant minister stating smaller Parish Councils do NOT have to appoint a GPDR officer but do have to comply with procedures.

Two other items received, a thank you letter and invite to host a memorial campaign – noted.

## **18.054 Items for the July agenda**

Playing Field  
Highways  
Revision of Standing Orders  
Acacia House

## **18.055 Details of next meeting**

7pm on Monday 9th July 2018, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

**The meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June closed at 21.00 hours.**