

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire,  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Parish councillors present:** M Barker (Chair), C Haslam (vice-chairman), J Brown, B Marshall, K Auckland, R Sharpe.

**Present:** 2 members of the public

**17.035 Apologies**

Cllr Crowley; Cllr Purdue-Horan; Cllr Stockwood

**17.036 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

None

**17.037 Public Meeting**

Mrs Fiona Barker said that the construction of Abbey Lane has been very disturbing – should the development on Cliffhill Lane go through then can there be more restrictions requested when it comes to a Reserved Matters Application - and better enforcement to make sure the construction period passes off with less inconvenience to residents.

Thomas Cranmer Centre committee member Mr Graham Harper summarised how the committee worked at the moment. Meetings take place around four times a year and financial accounts are prepared for these meetings. The AGM is open to members of the public but the other meetings are not. Councillors pointed out that as none of the meetings were advertised in advance it was very unlikely villagers would turn up. The committee has seven members but six of these are also on the PCC. There will be vacancies soon so it is an opportunity for other villagers, not involved with the St Thomas Church, to join the committee. The committee has a constitution in which it is stipulated there should be parish council representation. In the past Mr Harper himself was the parish council delegate but since he left APC there has not been a parish councillor on board. With the Aslockton Community Association no longer in existence there is no member from that quarter either.

**17.038 Adoption of the minutes of the May meeting**

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

**17.039 Planning**

**Proposed housing development on Cliffhill Lane:**

- The hearing is to begin 10am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. It will be in a committee meeting room with adjoining room for anyone who turns up to listen to the proceedings. Cllr Barker and Cllr Auckland will be sitting round the table to represent the view of the parish council; Mr Chris Smith will join them as a villager willing to speak. Other interested residents have said they will try to attend.

**17/00969/OUT for up to 90 dwellings off Old Grantham Road:**

APC **object** on a number of grounds. The clerk to submit agreed comments via the Planning Portal.

**17/00970/COU change of use from agricultural land to public open space on land off Old Grantham Road –**

**No objections or comment** from APC.

Planning consent given by RBC to

- **17/00449/FUL** 2 Field Bungalow, Chapel Lane
- **17/00089/CONARE** felling of a silver birch at Glenfarg, Noble Lane

**17/00450/FUL** is going to committee on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June because Borough Councillor objected to the application. APC have a number of questions regarding the definition of infill/small developments/back-land development: Cllr Barker will email Cllr Stockwood to ask her to raise these issues at Thursday's meeting. .

**17.040 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

**17.041 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Cllr Haslam said that the Playing Field Committee next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Aslockton Councillors agreed that adult gym equipment would be a good idea and something for which there are grants available. Cllrs Brown and Haslam will put this suggestion to the Playing Field Committee.

**17.042 Drain on Abbey Lane/contacting Severn Trent Water**

The clerk updated councillors on when work on the burst drain on Abbey Lane and on the Rising Main was scheduled. She had received no answer to her comments to the STW officer re the foul smell which has come back on Main Street (APC suspect this gets worse in dry weather and think further flushing of the drain plus a cleansing tank for the sludge outside the shop may be required): the clerk will contact Mr Greest again regarding this matter.

**17.043 Complaints re residential bee-keeping**

No action to take this month. A resident Mr Paul Brown had sent a letter to the officer at RBC and APC agreed to see what the response is to his points.

**17.044 Revision of Standing Orders**

The clerk reported that the update of the Standing Orders is in progress.

**17.045 Invite for a member of the parish council to join the TCC Committee**

- After listening to the words of Mr Graham Harper in the public session of the meeting; the parish council had recommended to him that the committee advertise for new members. The notice-boards and village website could be used to this end.
- It was resolved that Cllr Sharpe will attend the next TCC meeting with a view to possibly being co-opted on as the parish council representative. Mr Harper will email the clerk with the date of the next TCC committee meeting.

#### **17.046 Trent Barton's decision to withdraw local bus services**

Mr Chris Ward - transport officer at NCC - has been working hard to put a temporary plan in place for when Trent Barton withdraw the current V2 service in July. Once elected members approve it, there will be an invite to tender for the replacement service. Villagers and representatives of the area affected remain concerned about transport links in the future.

#### **17.047 Old Grantham Road – litter bin purchase**

APC resolved to order a floor mounted bin from Streetwise. WPC had already agreed to reimburse APC half of the cost. Cllr Haslam proposed; Cllr Auckland seconded this action. With a floor mounted bin it is bigger so will hold more litter; and there are no emptying charges.

#### **17.047 Abbey Lane development – POS adoption and street-naming**

APC do not wish to adopt the open spaces on the development. It was agreed that the clerk will ask if the employee of Avant Homes who had written the letter to APC could clarify that the management committee of the Abbey Lane development will be looking after the public spaces within the site on completion as they have been hitherto saying they will.

Cllr Auckland proposed, Cllr Barker seconded and the council decided to suggest the name 'Thornfield Park' – Abbey Lane used to be called Thornfield Lane. All agreed that using the name of trees to name the roads within the development might be apt e.g. Hawthorn Close, Blackthorn Road, Holly, plus trees without thorns if necessary e.g. ash, birch, hornbeam

#### **17.048 Abbey Close Allotments**

Plot 16 – it had been decided last meeting that the parish council will look into helping the new tenants remove the carpet. The clerk had collected quotes from Midland Skip Hire. It was agreed she would speak to Mr Simon Thurston with a view to organising the removal of the carpet and (other rubbish from plots 1-3) between now and the 10<sup>th</sup> July (the action and finance to be ratified next meeting).

#### **17.049 Finances**

##### **For payment:**

Clerk's salary	£286.66
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Reimburse M Barker for postage + water tank liner	£20.25

Reimburse G Redford – website costs + document printing/binding	£33.43
APC's annual contribution to WAPFT	£900.00

Proposer Cllr Sharpe, Seconder Cllr Haslam

### **Statements of accounts for approval – May 2017**

Proposer Cllr Brown, Cllr Sharpe

#### **17.050 Chairman's Business**

The water trough used for watering the villager planters has been re-lined by Mr Tom Daws and Cllr Barker. Mr Tom Daws as offered to make replacement planters (last meeting it was felt that the current half barrel planters were increasingly unfit for purpose).

#### **17.051 Councillors Reports**

Councillors commented that the hedge by Cranmer Cottage and the pub is overgrown. Also the hedge at Holly House on Abbey Lane/Dawns Lane. Cllr Barker offered to keep an eye out generally to make sure all walkways and roads were clear of vegetation; he will drop off the usual compliment slips to house-holders where necessary.

Cllr Haslam noted that the footpaths have been cut by Via contractors but that the path from the Abbey Lane to back at school needs cutting back: the next time he walks it he will go down with secteurs to make sure it is clear.

Resident Mrs Simpkin had raised the issue about the lack of house numbering along Abbey Lane. This matter has already been discussed numerous times; and when villagers were surveyed the majority were not in support of the idea. APC agreed not to consider the matter again for the time being.

#### **17.052 Correspondence**

Invite to fly a flag on Merchant Navy Day was declined: Aslockton does not have a flag-pole.

Thank you letter from the Vale of Belvoir Responders following the recent donation from APC.

Letter from Grant Thornton advising that journalists can also now inspect the parish council's documents – but still only electors have the right to raise issues with the external auditor.

#### **17.053 Items for the June agenda**

Playing Field  
Standing Orders  
TCC committee  
Public Transport

#### **17.054 Details of next meeting**

Monday 10th July 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.