

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

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

Present: Cllr Purdue-Horan, the clerk, 3 members of the public

17.195 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr A Crowley and Borough Cllr M Stockwood

17.196 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None

17.197 Public Meeting

Mr David Lowth reported that:

- the road surface along New Lane needed attention
- speeding continues along Abbey Lane
- there is still a lot of mud on Abbey Lane

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that the problem re gritting has not been resolved (see January 8th meeting minutes): the clerk was asked by the chairman to again contact the Avant Homes site manager.

Cllr Purdue-Horan:

- NCC have agreed their budget for 2018.19 – it includes a 2 % increase in ring fenced money for provision of adult social care.
- Cllr Purdue-Horan has sent to Highways a list of roads in his area which need attention but there is a reluctance to tackle Abbey Lane at this time because of the ongoing construction work at the Avant Homes site. He will follow progress with Dark Lane, Beverleys Avenue, and Cottage Avenue.
- Information from Cllr Stockwood: RBC are encouraging tree planting in the borough (up to £50k available in grants).
- £1000 left in this financial year's county councillor fund. Cllr Purdue-Horan has been asked to fund a cricket practice net on the playing field; has APC got any requests or suggestions for expenditure? The £1000 has to be spent up before the end of March.

17.198 Adoption of the minutes of meetings held in January

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

17.199 Planning

- **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, Aslockton. Both APC and Borough Councillor Stockwood have objected to this proposal. The application is still being considered by the planners. See the RBC website for consultee and public comments.
- APC had been consulted re application **18/00304/FUL** The Oaks, Abbey Lane, since the

publication of the February agenda. The planners had granted an extension for APC to site visit then discuss at the March parish council meeting.

Planning matters to note:

17/02582/OUT outline application for up to 10 dwellings with all matters reserved except access has been refused – see the RBC website for detail.

Permissions granted:

17/02650/NMA Non-material amendment Abbey Farm Bungalow, New Lane

17/02488/FUL & 17/02494/FUL, Meadow Close (demolish garages and erect 2 x two storey houses; create hard standing area for 7 cars to park)

17.200 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

17.201 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

An application to LIS for funding for the purchase of new play equipment has been made. Also £300 has been applied for from the Aviva fund.

17.202 Dog poo bins - footpaths

Rights of Way Officer James Hatchett came out to look at FP 12 (currently closed while new housing is being built). He agreed with APC that the path needed to be fully accessible as soon as possible.

Cllrs Auckland and Crowley are in touch with RBC Officer Deanna Hunt to look at installing a bin at the Abbey Lane end of FP 12.

17.203 Social Housing

The clerk to draft and circulate amongst councillors a letter to Metropolitan to say that residents had noticed one of the bungalows at Meadow Close was not being lived in by the tenant much of the year.

17.204 Abbey Close Allotments

Cllr Barker had co-ordinated a visit to the allotments.

It was resolved that the clerk would update and issue tenancy agreements this year which could become rolling agreements henceforth.

No letters to be sent out as yet to tenants who are neglecting their plots.

The chairman enquired as to whether the county councillor fund could be applied with regard to work needing doing on allotment plot 17 (hire of a JCB required to clear and divide up the plot to create two plots out of the current one). Cllr Purdue-Horan to check this out.

17.205 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£286.66
Pension (employee's £16.68 + employer's £53.69)	£70.37
Working from Home Allowance	£83.50
NALC subs	£177.28
Kube Computer – password protected USB stick	£12.50
Reimburse M Barker for replacement printer toner	£9.99
Reimburse C Haslam for ICO registration	£35.00

Proposer to all of the above Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Brown

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

Precept request £7875 agreed in principle by all councillors present.

17.206 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker had sent a letter (circulated in draft and approved by councillors) expressing the disappointment of APC at the decision of Lloyds to close the local branch. Copies of the letter had been addressed to the government's banking minister, Lloyds Bank (a reply had been received) and UK Finance.

Reported that he and Mrs Barker had undertaken a litter pick along both sides of Abbey Lane filling six and a half bags of litter.

17.207 Councillors Reports

Cllr Haslam thanked Mr and Mrs Barker for doing a litter pick.

Cllr Sharpe reported from the TCC committee. Mr Graham Hancox is now chairman; Mr Keith Howard treasurer, Mr Graham Harper secretary. There is soon to be a church organised event - Cllr Auckland has offered to advertise it via the parish council website.

17.208 Correspondence received

Correspondence and information items were noted; and either passed to councillors; displayed or filed.

17.209 Items for the February agenda

Playing Field
Dog Poo Bins – Footpaths
Post box on Abbey Lane
Policy document approval

17.210 Details of next meeting

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

17.211 Confidential item

The working from home allowance for APC's clerk was revised.