

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 11th December 2017

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

Present: County Cllr F Purdue-Horan, the clerk, 6 members of the public

17.156 Apologies

Received and accepted from Borough Cllr M Stockwood

17.157 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None

17.158 Public Meeting

Mrs Gill Bastable spoke with regard to planning application 17/02582/OUT (see planning item below). As a resident of Abbey Lane, near to the proposed building of ten dwellings; she expressed concern that the development would make her solar panels much less effective, and she had wider concerns regarding the impact upon drainage. She commented how the land and track had been neglected for years so this was going to be a big change. She had met with parish councillors during their site visit.

Mrs Bastable spoke about the state of the road at the entrance to the Avant Homes site (she has contacted the site manager twice but nothing seems to have changed). The verges are getting very damaged. Cllr Barker agreed to take matters up with the site manager.

Mr Chris Smith had been looking into how the Local Plan Part 2 will be adopted by RBC. He had been advised that a final draft will go out for consultation next year; then there will be an assessment by a planning inspector and inquiry. By late 2018/early 2019 the document should be adopted.

17.159 Adoption of the minutes of the November meeting

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

17.160 Planning

- **17/02582/OUT** Land to North of Abbey Lane, Aslockton. Outline Application for up to 10 dwellings with all matters reserved except access. **APC object.** Cllrs Auckland and Barker had prepared a document of several pages highlighting inaccurate information in the application; detailing concerns and referring to an earlier application which had been refused as it was considered to be beyond the built-up boundary e.g. this application should not be considered to be 'in-fill' in APC's view. All councillors had read the objections document and agreed it could be submitted as the parish council view. It will be available to see on the RBC planning portal. Cllr Sharpe was concerned about the width of the lane: Highways had commented on the application prior to the APC December meeting but Cllr Barker had previously been advised that more information on Highways issues had been sought from the applicant. Cllr Barker will seek further detail.
- **17/02408/REM** Reserved Matters Application for extension to business park – P Gribby

Ltd, Riverbank, Old Grantham Rd, Whatton (Aslockton consulted as adjacent parish). This application has been replaced by **17/02853/FUL**. The clerk was asked to request an extension from the planning officer so this could be discussed at the 8th January 2018 parish council meeting.

- 17/02673/FUL Speller Hill Farm, Cliffhill Lane, Aslockton. Erection of an equestrian arena (retrospective). **No objections from APC**

Planning matters to note:

Cllr Auckland made the council aware of a proposal in Whatton on Orston Lane to build three extra dwellings in open countryside.

Planning Permission noted:

17/02294/FUL Single storey side extension at Abbey Farm Bungalow, New Lane, Aslockton.

17.161 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

17.162 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Cllr Haslam confirmed that the Playing Field Committee met last month and continues to focus on applying for funding for the purchase of new play equipment:

- A bid to the Aviva Community Fund didn't get through to the next round but a couple of hundred pounds may still be awarded.
- Playground project design to be finalised and then to be presented to the school for their input.
- Residents with Co-op membership cards will be able to support the playing field fund-raising effort: details to follow from Cllr Haslam.
- The committee have decided to use an external specialist organisation which helps source funds for charities.

Cllr Brown added that members of the committee were beginning look more favourably on the idea of replacing the pavilion with a portacabin.

17.163 Severn Trent

The clerk reported that she had spoken with RBC Environment Officer Anne Price. Testing at the TCC had been done on Friday 8th December – residents are asked to report any observation of green dye in the gutter dyke on Cliffhill Lane. Ms Price will come out to test the dyke itself for contamination before Christmas.

The clerk had spoken to Mr Mat Everett of Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board. He had then sent out an operative to clear the side of the dyke which runs under Cliffhill Lane of vegetation but not go into the water course due to concerns as to whether it is contaminated. Cllr Auckland reported that the dyke where it goes around the back of Meadow Close still needs attention. Mr Everett had assured the clerk that should planning permission be granted for more houses off Cliffhill Lane; the flooding risk and maintenance of the dyke would be reassessed and, if necessary, new measures taken.

Cllr Haslam had spotted work being done by STW at night but Ms Price had no knowledge of why – it could just have been a blocked drain.

No communication received from the Environment Agency following Ms Price's referral to them (the Environment Agency are responsible for the river course).

17.164 Review of Conservation Area

Cllr Auckland had circulated to APC and the clerk the proposal the small group of councillors/local history society members had come up with. Resident Mr Chris Smith reported that when the draft is submitted Conservation Officer Mr James Bate will finalise a document which he will present at a meeting in the village. The dwellings Whiteways and the Railway Villa could be put within the Conservation Area the group had felt; but resident of Railway Villa, Mr Mike Senior had written to say he did not agree with his home being included. It was agreed that the group could just propose that Railway Villa be a 'notable building' and not included within the Conservation Area. Cllr Sharpe will reply to Mr Senior with this suggestion but stipulating that Mr Bate makes the decisions as to how the review looks in the end.

17.165 Dog Poo Bins

Cllr Auckland and Cllr Crowley had met with RBC's Ms Deanna Hunt to discuss the options.

- Cliffhill Lane: a litter bin is to be installed on its own post outside the home of resident Mr Richard Marquiss (who has given his consent).
- Footpath 3: It was decided to consult with the house-holders near to the entrance to the path on Abbey Lane on installing a green bin on a separate post near to the footpath sign.

17.166 Proposal from NCC to make changes to the bus stop on Cliffhill Lane

Discussion postponed as a planning application close to the bus stop is going to be validated by RBC any day now and this will have some bearing on how changes could be made.

17.167 Abbey Close Allotments

The clerk was asked to send a letter to the tenants who had not replied to her last letter; to again request their co-operation in looking after their plots.

17.168 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 expenses (stamps, black ink cartridge and help with extra petrol costs)	£26.86
Reimburse C Haslam for lap top purchase	£229.99
Viking – customised stamp	£39.32
Malcolm Lane	£294.00
Four Seasons – hedge cuts at Abbey Close Allotments	Postponed

The following payment from the last meeting was ratified as not known at the time of the publication

of the agenda: reimburse R Sharpe for purchase of seven new grit shovels - £37.06

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

Statement of accounts for November 2017 was approved.

Proposer Cllr Barker, seconder Cllr Sharpe.

17.169 Chairman's Business

Lloyds Bank in Bingham is closing in May. There will then be no banks in Bingham – just the limited NatWest mobile service on a Saturday morning. As a customer Cllr Barker had written to Mr Robert Jenrick MP to see if there was anything he could do to reverse the decision. The matter will be discussed at Bingham Town Council the next day Cllr Purdue-Horan added. It was agreed it is a matter of central government policy so writing to the Banking Minister would be opportune. Agenda item next time.

17.170 Councillors Reports

None

17.171 Correspondence

Items of correspondence and information were received and noted then either passed to councillors or will go on the notice-board/website. An invite for community groups to apply for a grant through the Community Commemoration Fund to be passed on to resident Mr Tim Chamberlin who has an interest in war memorials.

17.172 Items for the January agenda

Playing Field
Severn Trent
Review of the Conservation Area
Dog Poo Bins
Bus Stop on Cliffhill Lane
Closure of Lloyds in Bingham

17.173 Details of next meeting

Monday 8th January 2018, 7pm, at the TCC.

17.174 Private and Confidential - Staffing

The clerk had circulated a revised contract and job description: this was approved and signed by the chairman and clerk. It was noted that the chairman and vice-chairman had met with the clerk by way of an appraisal and general discussion of the role.

The meeting of 11th December closed at 20.40 hours.