

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

**Present:** The clerk, 3 members of the public

### **17.175 Apologies**

Received and accepted from Cllr A Crowley, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan, Borough Cllr M Stockwood

### **17.176 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

None

### **17.177 Public Meeting**

Mrs Fiona Barker said there was no point using grit from the bin on Abbey Lane because Avant Homes send their road-sweeper out daily so it would get swept up. APC agreed the clerk should suggest to the site manager that site staff could put grit down at the end of the working day at this time of year – the area of road is shady therefore likely to get frost, ice, snow settling and becoming a hazard.

Mr Tim Chamberlin proposed that the small war memorial in the church should have one or two boards either side of the plaque already there to list the local men were killed in conflict. It would cost £7 per wooden engraved letter. £4500 would be required to fund the entire project. There could also be a booklet produced of all his research about the local men who had died in service. Mr Chamberlin has applied on behalf of the Western Front Association for a NCC Commemoration Community Grant (up to £300 could be awarded). He hopes the WFA can apply for LIS funding to add to local donations. APC advised that he will need permission in writing from the PCC/diocese, plus detailed quotes and information regarding other fund-raising for the project, before he can start an LIS application - this year's LIS deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 but there will be an opportunity to apply again in the future.

Mr John Breedon summarised what he saw as the positives of the Cliffhill Lane application. Agenda item later. On APC's site visit (three councillors attended) the word 'reasonable' had been used. He as landowner and the developer had given due consideration to the nearby bungalow: reports back from RBC had been largely positive especially from Mr James Bate, the Conservation Officer e.g. the proposal is considered to be suitable in relation to neighbouring housing. Other villages such as East Bridgford and Cropwell Bishop had been allocated housing in the Local Plan in green belt land – this is not in green belt land and is small scale.

### **17.178 Adoption of the minutes of the December meeting**

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

### **17.179 Planning**

- **17/02853/FUL** Commercial business park accommodating circa 4300 square metres gross floor space of B1 and B8 units, Peter Gribby Ltd, Riverbank, Old Grantham Road (Aslockton consulted as adjacent parish). APC noted that as there was outline permission for smaller units this proposal would be likely to also gain permission from the RBC planners. APC had visited the site. Councillors discussed issues such as the density of the development and any impact on Whatton's Conservation Area. APC decided to **not object but submit a comment** expressing concern about the increase in traffic the business expansion would create: the

junction on to the A52 from Whatton is already dangerous.

- **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. **APC agreed to object to this proposal.** Cllr Sharpe proposed, Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous objection from the councillors present. The detailed objections will be available to read via the RBC planning portal but centred on the definition of 'infill' and the lack of local need.

### **Planning matters to note:**

Cllr Barker had learnt that funding had finally been obtained (from Highways England) for construction of a foot-bridge over the A46 – the building of a bridge a condition of planning for 550 new homes in Newton.

### **17.180 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

### **17.181 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Cllr Haslam reported that the Playing Field Committee had not met since last month but there was to be a finance meeting of the committee to be held the following week. There was interest in pursuing the LIS for funding for the purchase of new play equipment. The clerk had a hard copy of the advice notes for the application to pass to Cllr Haslam and was asked to again send him the link to the application form.

### **17.182 Severn Trent**

The clerk reported that she had spoken with RBC Environment Officer Anne Price that day. No green dye had been observed in the gutter dyke on Cliffhill Lane. Ms Price tested the dyke itself for contamination before Christmas – ammonia test and this was negative. She will supply contact people at STW and EA for follow up in due course but for her the case is closed – RBC do not have the resources to find the source of the rags from individual homes.

The clerk had received a reply from Mr Mat Everett of Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board as to why the Meadow Close side of the gutter dyke had not been attended to last month. From next early autumn, Mr Everett has said there will be an annual maintenance visit for keep the dyke clearer.

Contacts from EA and STW to be supplied by Ms Price for the clerk to ask for an update from them.

### **17.183 Review of Conservation Area**

Cllr Auckland had sent in the work done by the group in the village and it is a matter now of waiting for the Conservation Officer's reply.

### **17.184 Dog Poo Bins**

Footpath 3: It had been 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. However, the team at RBC were not keen for a dog poo bin to be installed so near to a house-holder. Cllr Auckland proposed that now may be the time to campaign to aim to get Footpath 12 fully accessible again from when the housing development is finished: and there could be a dog poo bin at the Abbey Road end. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Rights of Way officer.

### **17.185 Proposal from NCC to make changes to the bus stop on Cliffhill Lane**

Discussion again postponed until a decision on planning application 17/02871/OUT has been made.

### **17.186 Closure of Lloyds branch in Bingham**

Cllr Barker shared with the meeting the correspondence he had had with Mr Robert Jenrick MP and said that he had found out that Bingham Town Council had discussed the issue but the official minutes were not available to read.

APC agreed Cllr Barker would draft and circulate a letter from the parish council for approval. This letter would express the disappointment of APC at the decision of Lloyds to close the local branch and be addressed to the government's banking minister.

### **17.187 Local Improvement Scheme**

Subject to Mr Chamberlin obtaining the required information and the permission of the church, APC supported application to the LIS.

APC supported an application from WAPFT to the scheme – both APC and Whatton PC have reserved £3,500 to contribute.

### **17.188 Abbey Close Allotments**

The agenda for February's allotment meeting was approved. The agenda and draft minutes will be with the tenants in a couple of weeks. Councillors will inspect the site - plot maintenance will be a topic for discussion as part of their report. Cllr Barker to co-ordinate a visit to the allotments.

It was resolved that the clerk would look up how to terminate a tenancy where the plot-holder is neglecting their plot and would identify any required updates to the tenancy agreement.

When the councillors meet at the allotment they will be looking at the condition of plots 1-3 with a view to putting down the polythene sheeting currently stored at Cllr Haslam's home.

### **17.189 Finances**

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£286.66
Pension (employee's £16.68 + employer's £53.69)	£70.37
Four Seasons – hedge cuts at Abbey Close Allotments	£185.00
Kube Computer – software purchase & installation	£245.00
Reimburse M & F Barker for village plant purchases	£37.92

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

Statement of accounts for December 2017 was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker, seconder Cllr Marshall.

### **17.190 Chairman's Business**

A resident had made Cllr Barker aware that there is a need for a street name plate at the end of Main Street (Abbey Lane end). The clerk to advise the relevant RBC officer.

### **17.191 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Auckland:

- Reported that signs and cones had been left behind by the STW contractors. The clerk was asked to let STW know so they could come and pick them up.
- Summarised the discussion at a meeting of the Your Bus, NCC and village representatives. She flagged up especially that 'Hail and Ride' should now be in operation at the entrance to the village at the top of Cliffhill Lane.

Cllr Haslam:

- Noticed that the grass near to Crawfords Meadow had been churned up by the installation of power cables. The clerk was asked to write to Avant Homes and Western Power to make both companies aware of the damage and ask that operatives are more careful in future and make good again the area.
- There is a need for a sign to direct the lorry drivers exiting the main entrance of the Avant Homes building site to turn left. APC agreed the clerk should request this of the developer.

Cllr Marshall felt that more work was needed to address road subsidence just past the bridge on Old Grantham Road which passes over the Smite (just around the corner from Dark Lane). He felt a weight limit should be in place so that heavy vehicles didn't continue to make bear stress to bear upon the bridge itself.

Cllr Brown:

- Had also noticed the lorries related to Asklar Park travelling along Abbey Lane.
- The verges and road edges on Abbey Lane are badly damaged right up to the junction with New Lane. APC agreed hard core down should be put down at some point – Highways to be contacted.

Cllr Sharpe:

- Due to attend and represent APC at a TCC committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January. It was suggested he raise the subject of trying to find one or more volunteers willing to be 'social secretaries' or 'events managers'.
- Had noticed that the section of Dark Lane between the railway line and Beverleys Avenue had been missed out during recent road surface work. The clerk to report this to VIAEM.

### **17.192 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence and information were received and noted then either passed to councillors or will go on the notice-board/website.

### **17.193 Items for the February agenda**

Playing Field

Dog Poo Bins - Footpaths

Social Housing

To approve Precept Request (Finance item)

### **17.194 Details of next meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7pm, Thomas Cranmer Centre. The Budget and Precept Request Meeting.

The meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January closed at 20.51 hours.