

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer  
Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire,  
on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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

**Present:** Cllr M Stockwood, the clerk, 6 members of the public

**17.055 Apologies**

Cllr F Purdue-Horan

**17.056 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

None

**17.057 Public Meeting**

Mr Brian Crawford gave an update on the arrival of caravans on Mr Hunt's field earlier in the day. He had tried to contact RBC and the police. He had been to the site to speak to the visitors, he saw a man named Felix, who had told him that a Christian 'born again' festival was to be held this week. There would be music until 11pm and the premises would be vacated by Saturday tea-time. Mr Crawford had made a contact with the organisers who he could go to in the event of disruption.

All noted that the encampment had the landowner's permission.

Ms Emma Fawcett, daughter of a resident on Abbey Close reported that lads on motorbikes from the camp just missed her at the junction of New Lane. There are lots of children on the site.

Cllr Stockood reported that there had been recently different encampments around the county and now all of these caravans seemed to have converged in Aslockton. RBC and police have been to the site and the situation is being monitored. Questions include: have the organisers an event licence? Health and safety policy/insurance? The contact person at RBC is Mr Dave Banks – Cllr Barker will talk to him in the morning.

Mr Chris Smith reported that he had been researching the Conservation Area and that he had spoken to James Bate at Rushcliffe regarding a possible review. He will send details and this can then wait until next meeting when perhaps this could be an agenda item.

**17.058 Adoption of the minutes of the June meeting**

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

**17.059 Planning**

**17/01420/FUL** Construct new dwelling, York House, Chapel Lane. This new application is three metres forward from the last one but has more of an adverse impact on the residential amenity of the neighbours in Mrs Buns Cottage. **APC object.**

## **Proposed housing development on Cliffhill Lane:**

At the hearing on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Cllr Barker and Cllr Auckland represented the view of the Parish Council; Mr Chris Smith joined them as a villager willing to speak. The Hearing was concluded in a day and the decision has been received, dismissing the Appeal on the main basis that Aslockton is unsustainable for development of this size.

**17/00969/OUT for up to 90 dwellings off Old Grantham Road: Whatton.** APC had **objected** on a number of grounds. At Cliffhill Lane's hearing RBC officer Mr Jeff Hall commented that is not within Policy 3 of the Core Strategy but formal assessment of the application from the planners will not be until the end of August. Cllr Stockwood had notified WPC chairman Mr Chris Grocock of the Cliffhill Lane decision: Mr Grocock thanked APC for the effort and arguments put forward which should help Whatton fight off application 17/00969/OUT.

Planning consent given by RBC to

- **York House – tree felling.**
- **17/00450/FUL Mr Varley. The vote at committee was 8-3 to approve. Another nearby property on the same line had permission so no more views impeded.**

Cllrs noted the changes to the Development Control Committee taking effect at RBC later this month.

Cllr Barker reported he had received a response to his letter to Richard Mapletoft asking for a definition of the terms : infill, local need and back land development. The response was from John King – consideration will be given to including something about infill and local need under Policy Guidance within the Local Plan Part 2.

### **17.060 Clerk's Report**

- The report was received + noted by the councillors.
- Litter bin shortly to be installed on Old Grantham Road.
- The Clerk brought up the question of purchasing a separate laptop for each PC. Cllr Haslam suggested using I Cloud as an alternative. This is to be discussed at next month's meeting.

### **17.061 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Playing Field Committee met on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

New treasurer Mrs Sally Ashmore had some ideas for fund-raising.

Pavilion plans are on hold until funds raised; new playground equipment is being looked into.

Gregg Redford has agreed to continue to run the website.

### **17.062 Revision of Standing Orders**

The clerk had sent round the Standing Orders for councillors to check through to be approved

next meeting.

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

Cllr Sharpe is to attend the next TCC meeting on the Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

#### **17.064 Trent Barton's decision to withdraw the V2 service**

A new service provider and time-table have been announced. New timetables will be placed in the shop and the TCC as soon as they are available. The new service will start on the 24<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **17.065 Severn Trent**

Ms Ann Price from RBC's Environmental Health team had visited. On the day she was here the smell on Main Street was not too bad, but she did notice it, and she was horrified with the Gutter Dyke on Cliffhill Lane. She is to contact STW to get action.

#### **17.067 Abbey Close Allotments**

- Plot 16 – the parish council resolved to give the plot holders their plot for free for four years. (this to be a one-off not setting a precedent) if they organise and pay for the skip hire. Proposer Mansfield Barker, seconder Julie Brown.
- The polythene for plots 1-3 will be laid down towards the end of the year.

#### **17.068 Finances**

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

Clerk's salary	£286.66
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Clerk's expenses – postage and travel to training	£15.58
Reimburse M Barker: printer toner	£25.99

Proposer Cllr Brown, Seconder Cllr Sharpe

Statements of accounts for approval for June 2017 to be signed off next meeting

#### **17.069 Chairman's Business**

P C website domain renewal – APC agreed to change the annual payment to a direct debit rather than Cllr Barker having to use his personal bank card and then be reimbursed. Cllr Barker to confirm the new arrangement with the company.

Some problems with the Abbey Lane construction site – contractors are not observing their construction method statement regarding dust and mud and so the Planning Enforcement Officer at Rushcliffe has been contacted.

### **17.070 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Haslam noted the poor parking of contractors on the Abbey Lane Development site: photos were taken and the situation is being monitored.

Cllr Auckland reported the Cliffhill Lane pavement still needs resurfacing – this should be followed up. Also that a bungalow on Meadow Close is often not inhabited – as social housing is this acceptable? To make some enquiries and discuss another time.

Cllrs Crowley + Auckland have been in touch with Western Power re removing power cable poles on Cliffhill Lane.

Cllr Brown reported on the situation re the bees being kept at a dwelling in Fields Drive. RBC fully aware but no decision taken to act. They are requesting another diary be kept monitoring the situation. Cllr Stockwood was told the same. Problems continuing. Clerk to investigate any license agreement.

### **17.071 Correspondence**

Roadworks Orston Smite Lane – the clerk has put up a notice on the notice-board; Cllr Auckland to put on the website nearer the time.

Thank you letter from Aslockton Cemetery Trust 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.

Notice from the police that they are seeking new special constables – deadline for application the 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### **17.072 Items for the August agenda**

Playing Field

Standing Orders

TCC committee

Severn Trent

Conservation Area Review

### **17.072 Staffing matters**

The clerk's contract of employment and CPD to be looked at in September by Cllrs Barker + Haslam. Annual appraisal to be completed in December each year.

### **17.073 Details of next meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.