

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 9th January 2017

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

Present: County Councillor F Purdue-Horan; 2 members of the public.

16.159 Apologies

Cllr M Stockwood.

16.160 Declaration of interest

None.

16.161 Public Meeting

Mrs F Barker had ordered the spring/summer plants.

Cllr Purdue-Horan asked if the Fibre Broadband coverage in Aslockton was adequate: councillors agreed that this was now satisfactory (in contrast to some poor mobile signals).

16.162 Adoption of December meeting minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes with two amendments:

16.143 one of the bullet points now reads *Cllr Purdue-Horan attended a NCC Highways presentation at St Mary's Hall, Radcliffe. There is to be an effort to improve traffic flow and safety in our area. From January 2017 there will be work on the A52 near Radcliffe.*

16.147: one of the bullet points now reads *Cllr Stockwood has filled out the necessary application form so that monies from her borough councillor fund can finance the repair of the bird's nest swing.*

The minutes were then signed off accordingly by the Chairman.

16.163 Planning

- **16/02995/FUL** Side and rear extensions to current dwelling, 3 Fields Drive, Aslockton. Councillors **do not object**.
- **16/03003/FUL** Erection of four more poultry units at the farm on Smite Lane, Thoroton. APC **do not object** in principle but have a concern about the route HGV

vehicles accessing and exiting the site will take. APC would not want such vehicles to be coming through an already traffic congested Aslockton. The clerk will ask for the avoidance of the village by HGVs associated with the farm to be a planning condition.

- **16/03112/FUL + 16/03096/FUL** Notice of these planning application revisions arrived too late for this meeting agenda. A view will be taken at the budget meeting on January 16th to meet the planners deadlines. Cllr Marshall will dig out the original paperwork to bring with the suggested revisions on the 16th.
- Cllr Barker had noticed on the RBC website that changes to 1 Stable Court have been approved despite APC's view that there was an overbearing nature to the proposals. The neighbour at 2 Dawns Lane is very unhappy. Cllr Barker was disappointed that Cllr Stockwood hadn't commented either way as the opinion of the RBC elected representative carries weight in the planning process.
- **16/02866/REM Land south of Abbey Lane.** APC last month **objected** to the reserved matters application on a number of points. A document had since been put on to the planning portal by RBC emphasising the preferred distribution of the affordable housing and that bungalows should be considered. Severn Trent do not agree with the Avant Homes suggestion on the use of shale; the Highways team is concerned with the internal road lay out and are looking again at the location of the access to the site. Cllr Barker will contact Cllr Stockwood and ask her to comment – he wonders whether objections on the part of the borough councillor could trigger a meeting of the planning committee in the case of a Reserved Matters Application.

16.164 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

The clerk had collected some information on purchasing portable interactive speed signs – this will be an item for discussion at the February meeting. The clerk will ask Highways if they would authorise the placing of these in the same places as where they put their own temporary signs.

16.165 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

The committee currently has just a vice-chairman – APC's Cllr Haslam. By next meeting – scheduled for February – the hope is that more Whatton representatives will be joining the committee; and a chairman + treasurer can be elected. A letter will be going to the 23 survey respondents who offered help to invite them to join the committee/two new sub committees.

On 13th December Cllr Haslam told his committee colleagues that APC **object** to the proposal put forward by the survey and believe that alternative options for replacing the pavilion need fully exploring.

Last meeting Cllr Haslam was asked to mention to WPC representatives on the Playing Field Committee that APC continues to keep its ear marked reserve for

spending on the playing field; and APC requests that WPC commit to allocating a similar reserve for future playing field improvements. Cllr Barker will contact the new WPC Chairman Cllr Grocock to discuss further.

16.166 Footpaths

Cllr Auckland remarked that a gate had not been installed at the end of the new footpath 11. Cllr Barker will ask Ms Baines if a gate should be installed, for health and safety reasons, when he writes to the Rights of Way Officer to thank her for her efforts in organising the improvement work.

16.167 Abbey Close Allotments

A report of theft of produce; and plans for the site; will be raised at the meeting between allotment tenants and APC which is scheduled to take place next month.

16.168 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's salary	£286.66
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Village plants order	£41.93

Proposer to the above payments – Cllr Haslam; Seconder Cllr Brown.

A cheque for £4.99 was made out to Cllr Crowley to reimburse her for buying a grit bin shovel for Cliffhill Lane. The payment will be ratified next month.

Statements of accounts December 2016: proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Sharpe.

APC **approved** the appointment of Mr David Dixon of Dixon Accounts as auditor for the 2016-17 accounts. Proposer Cllr Marshall; seconder Cllr Crowley.

16.169 Chairman's Business

Following the recent purchase, Cllr Barker said that all the grit bin shovels may need replacing. Cllr Sharpe will investigate the current condition of the shovels; and at the same time look at the level of salt in each bin in case a top up of salt is required.

16.170 Councillors Reports

Cllr Sharpe has been asked by a resident if numbering of houses along Cliffhill Lane could be requested.

As in previous parish council discussions on this matter; APC agree that there are difficulties associated with numbering. If the names of houses were shown clearly at the boundary of a property there would be less incidences of delivery drivers and the

emergency services being delayed.

Cllr Auckland made a note for herself - a call to householders to ask them to make sure the names of their homes are visible from the road should go in the next newsletter.

16.171 Correspondence

- The next RBC Town and Parish Forum is to be on 15th February with the focus on Planning. All councillors invited. The chairman + clerk are attending.
- Letter of thanks following APC's donation from First Responders Mr Henry Clark.
- Winter weather alerts offered from Western Power – the clerk has signed up for them.
- Letter from the MP Mr Jenrick concerning the proposed introduction of the Parish Council Tax Referendum. This government proposal has been dropped after lobbying from local representatives and NALC.

16.172 Items for the February agenda

Playing Field Pavilion/Equipment

Footpaths

Portable speed signs

Grit bins

16.173 Date of next meeting

Monday 16th January 2017 at the Thomas Cranmer Centre at 7pm – budget setting/discussion of the 2017-18 precept request; planning.