Minutes of a Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs C Haslam (chairman), K Auckland J Brown, J Beet, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan (arrived 7.50pm), the clerk M Sharratt

18.346 Apologies: Cllr A Lister, Borough Cllr M Stockwood.

18.347 Co-option of a new parish councillor

Cllr Haslam proposed Mr Ian Hanney; Cllr Beet seconded the motion; all agreed. Mr Hanney took on the role – providing the necessary forms to the clerk.

18.348 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest: None.

18.349 Public meeting

Resident Mr Mansfield Barker:

Had reported to Highways the emergence of a new large pot hole on Abbey Lane.

Advised that the wood of the notice-board planters and the hose pipe used for watering all need replacing – he will do some pricing up but expects material costs to be around £100 round figure. APC agreed to reimburse these expenses to him as a volunteer in due course.

Mr Barker made the following points relating to Aslakr Park:

- more playground items had been installed.
- Avant Homes had left sand-bags + signage by the site; and not completed their promise of repairing damage done during construction of the housing development.
- The nearby footpath is not accessible.

APC asked the clerk to update Highways and Footpaths Officers of the issues.

Following a grant from his councillor fund, gratefully received by APC, Cllr F Purdue-Horan said that he had a giant cheque to be presented at the playing field upon installation of the new gate.

18.350 Adoption of the minutes of the Oct meeting

APC resolved to adopt the approval copy of the minutes: these were signed off by APC's chairman.

18.351 Planning

APC noted that that the village's conservation area review was nearing time for publication.

Consultee comments; planning decisions and policy are all available to see on RBC's website.

18.352 Clerk's Report

The report was received by the councillors.

Matters for Consideration: -

18.353 Playing Field

Installation of a height restriction barrier and security gate to the field: this will be done after the new play equipment has been put in place – the latter to be begun on 18th November, or as soon as possible after that, and expected to take four weeks.

Installation of a boundary fence proposed by WPC (cost to be shared between WPC and APC). Three quotes are required when APC considers spending £1000 plus on anything (APC's Standing Orders +

best practice). A quote had been received by WPC, total cost around £3,300, but APC had still not been able to see exactly what that included in order to seek comparative quotes. APC discussed who else could assess what could be done and quote for it: it was agreed to make enquiries. Cllr Beet had clarified with Cllr Redford of WPC matters relating to the boundary area and proposed fence.

18.354 Next year's meeting dates: agreed upon – start times to be confirmed.

18.355 Station adoption: the clerk to see if WPC can help find volunteers; and advertise in Aslockton.

18.356 VE Day Celebrations - May 2020

WPC are to organise village celebrations in Whatton so a joint effort seems unlikely. It was thought to be apt to see if the TCC committee have discussed holding an event – if so; APC could support that. The clerk will contact the committee before the next meeting.

18.357 New parish councillor vacancy

Cllr Rob Smith had decided the role of councillor was not for him: Cllr Haslam thanked him for his attendance at meetings and interest in the work of the parish council. A 'notice of vacancy' to be published for the required number of days after which APC will be given the go-ahead to co-opt.

18.358 Allotments: nothing new to report.

18.359 Finance

Agenda payments authorised:

| Clerk's take home pay: basic hours | £315.32 |
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| Pension (employee's £18.35 + employer's £59.06) | £77.41 |
| Work from Home Allowance | £57.13 |
| RBL Poppy Appeal – annual wreath | £17.00 |
| Reimburse C Haslam for ties re poppies | £11.98 |

All the above agreed: Proposer Cllr J Brown, seconder Cllr J Beet

Statement of accounts for October 2019 approved: Proposer Cllr Haslam, seconder Cllr Auckland

18.360 Chairman's business:

Had represented APC at the recent remembrance service at Whatton Parish Church.

Asked for help taking down the outdoor poppies: Cllr Lister had already offered to help; Cllrs Auckland and Beet can take some down too. Poppies and ties to be stored at the home of Cllr Auckland.

18.361 Councillors reports

None.

18.362 Correspondence received

Correspondence and information had been circulated by email or was noted at the meeting.

18.363 Items for the December monthly meeting agenda: Playing field; VE Day Celebrations

18.364 Details of next meeting date: Monday 9th December 2019, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton. **7pm** precept discussion; **7.30pm** usual meeting.

The meeting of 11th November closed at 20.40