

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the
Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire,
on Monday 8th May 2017**

Parish councillors present: M Barker (Chair), B Marshall, K Auckland, A Crowley (left at 8.15pm), R Sharpe.

Present: 2 members of the public, County Councillor F Purdue-Horan, Councillor M Stockwood arrived at 7.45pm

17.016 Apologies

Cllrs C Haslam + J Brown;

17.017 Declaration of interest

None.

17.018 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that the half barrels at the ends of the bench on Main Street will need replacing next year. APC agreed that Mrs Barker could start to look for replacements. Mrs Barker will water the village planters again this year: Cllr Crowley and Cllr Sharpe will assist (Cllr Auckland to cover when the latter is on holiday).

Cllr Barker congratulated Cllr Purdue-Horan on his recent re-election as county representative for the area.

Cllr Purdue-Horan's report:

- he and Cllr Stockwood will be considering in detail the submission of the parish council in preparation for the informal hearing in June re a proposed housing development on Cliffhill Lane
- an Abbey Lane resident had talked to him about her concerns re the surface water drainage on the site of the Abbey Lane housing development
- had visited the police call centre; and was surprised to learn that only 17% calls to the police are actually crime related. Cllr Purdue-Horan raised the issue of rural crime when he had met the new police chief constable.

Cllr Stockwood's report:

Following the peer review in February; there will be some changes in the way planning applications are dealt with at RBC. 'Development Control' will be known as 'Planning' from June. There will be 11 team members (down from 15) in 'Planning'. Where applications go to committee; one member of the public will be able to speak for an application; one against. Ward members will be able to speak but not vote on an application within their ward.

17.019 Adoption of the minutes of the April meeting

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

17.020 Election of a Chairman for 2017-18

Cllr R Sharpe proposed Cllr Barker; Cllr A Crowley seconded. Cllr Barker was duly elected Chairman.

17.021 Election of a Vice-chairman for 2017-18

Cllr Barker proposed C Haslam; Cllr Sharpe seconded. Cllr Haslam was duly elected as Vice-chairman.

17.022 Planning

Proposed housing development on Cliffhill Lane:

- The written submission of Aslockton Parish Council has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate. More preparation for the hearing in June will follow between now and the next parish council meeting.

Planning consent given by RBC to

- **17/00528/FUL, Mosscroft, Abbey Lane:** single storey rear extension.
- **16/02866/REM land south of Abbey Lane,** reserved matters at the Avant Homes site.

17.023 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

17.024 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

In the absence of Cllr Brown and Cllr Haslam, Cllr Barker gave the following report:

- Cllr Barker had with him sales information from Portakabins – a company in Beeston. Cllr Barker proposed, Cllr Marshall seconded and APC agreed a letter should be sent to the Playing Field Committee and sports clubs who use the field saying that APC feel the installation of a portacabin would adequately provide for a new pavilion facility
- APC agreed to make a bid to SLC (applications invited in the autumn) for the purchase of play equipment – the parish councils would have to put money in to a project too i.e. £3,500 from each parish council.

17.025 Drain on Abbey Lane/contacting Severn Trent Water

Correspondence from STW had been received and issues are being looked into. The clerk will also flag up the foul smell which has come back on Main Street (APC suspect this gets worse in dry weather and think further flushing of the drain plus a cleansing tank for the sludge outside the shop may be required).

17.026 Complaints re residential bee-keeping

With warmer weather, the prevalence of bee excrement and presence of bees due to bee-keeping at a property in Fields Drive was noted at the last meeting. APC have received complaints from residents on Fields Drive and Abbey Lane. Ann Price, the relevant officer at RBC was contacted again by the clerk but did not want to take action at this stage. Cllr Barker will talk to residents and keep the parish council informed.

17.027 Revision of Standing Orders and adopting a separate Code of Conduct

APC members signed a Code of Conduct (based on RBC's Code of Conduct for members).

The clerk reported that the Standing Orders needs a little updating – she will do this before the next meeting. All other governance documents including risk assessments, policies and the Emergency Plan have been revised and dated to apply for the current financial year.

17.028 Letter from the Forestry Commission consulting on tree planting upon private land within the parish

The land concerned is between the River Smite and the railway line. APC have no objections to the plan. The clerk to reply accordingly to the Forestry Commission.

17.029 Invite for a member of the parish council to join the TCC Committee

Councillors wondered how often the meetings are and commented that there isn't much in the way of advertising of the way the committee works. The clerk will seek more information from Mr Graham Harper and report back next parish council meeting.

17.030 Abbey Close Allotments

Plot 16 – it was decided that the parish council will look into helping the new tenants remove the carpet.

Cllrs Marshall + Barker to inspect the site asap. A long term plan has to be finalised for plots 1-3 (the area shortly to be covered with sheeting). Next meeting APC will consider ideas and decide whether the tenants should be invited to suggest and participate in an eventual project.

17.031 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's salary	£286.66
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Clerk's Working From Home Allowance	£83.50
Clerk's expenses – stationery	£14.55
Reimburse C Haslam - allotment sheeting	£169.00

Reimburse M Barker	£13.04
David Dixon – audit services	£60.00
Aslockton Cemetery Trust	£175.00
St Thomas Churchyard	£125.00
Vale of Belvoir Responders	£200.00

Statements of accounts for approval – April 2017

The Annual Return – Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2016-17 – was approved by the whole council; the chairman + clerk signed the form in the appropriate places.

17.030 Chairman's Business

None.

17.031 Councillors Reports

Cllr Auckland commented that Jenny Kirkwood from RCAN was due to attend the next WPC meeting on 23rd May – APC members interested in the Neighbourhood Plan process may wish to attend.

17.032 Correspondence

Insurance company newsletter; Clerks and Councils Direct – both to be circulated amongst councillors.

17.033 Items for the June agenda

Cliffhill Lane - planning
 Playing Field
 STW
 Bees
 Standing Orders
 TCC committee

17.034 Details of next meeting

Monday 12th June 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.
 The meeting of 8th May closed at 20.25pm