

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

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

Absent: Cllr B Marshall

Present: Borough Cllr M Stockwood (arrived at 19.42pm), the clerk, 5 members of the public at the start of the meeting; two left after the public session. Another member of the public arrived at 8pm.

17.116 Apologies

Received and accepted from County Cllr F Purdue Horan.

17.117 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None.

17.118 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that resident Mr Daws has made the new village planters ready for the spring and does not require any reimbursement.

Mrs Barker felt that the new housing development on Abbey Lane should have the play area proposed by the developers – WAPFT should be encouraged to obtain funding for their own plans but not at the expense of other facilities in Aslockton.

Mrs Linda Bridge and Mr Stephen Bridge felt strongly that some of the contents of a submission to Planning (available to be read on the RBC Planning Portal) made by Cllr Barker since the last parish council meeting were inaccurate e.g. he referred to points 'discussed and considered at the parish council meeting' which they felt were not discussed and considered on the 11th September. The Bridge family had themselves attended the parish council meeting on 11th September. Cllr Barker assured everyone that this matter would be addressed under the planning item of tonight's agenda. Mrs Bridge and Mr Bridge left at the close of this section of the meeting.

17.119 Adoption of the minutes of the September meeting

APC resolved to adopt the minutes; these were signed off by the chairman with two amendments: Cllr F Purdue-Horan was present; the last item should have had the number 17.115

17.120 Planning

17/02294/FUL Abbey Farm Bungalow, New Lane: single storey extension; revised drainage. Proposer Haslam, Seconder Brown - all agreed that APC had **no objections**

17/01883/FUL - erection of a two storey dwelling + detached garage, Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane. Following the Ward Member's objection on the 12th September, this is to go to Planning Committee on 12th October.

APC were not aware on the 11th September that Cllr Stockwood intended to object. Cllr Barker had telephoned Planning Officer Mr Jeff Hall as soon as he realised that the application would go

to committee to see if a parish councillor could speak to represent APC's view but was told that only one party can speak in favour and priority is given to the applicant/developer. However a 'late representation' in writing would be accepted and considered.

Cllr Barker had submitted a late representation on behalf of APC between the last parish council meeting and this one. APC retrospectively approved this action of the chairman with a unanimous vote at this evening's scheduled parish council meeting. There was agreement upon the points made by the chairman within his submission. The clerk was asked to make it clear to Mr Hall that all comments made were made on behalf of the full council; and that this message was to be communicated to the RBC Planning Committee.

17/01420/FUL Construct new dwelling, York House, Chapel Lane. This application went to Planning Committee in September. Permission Granted.

Metropolitan Housing had contacted APC as part of their consultation on an idea to knock down the garages on **Meadow Close** and build two new dwellings:

- Cllr Stockwood and Cllr Purdue-Horan had attended a site meeting with a representative from the organisation. They had met a few residents as well as the housing provider representative: it had been noted by all the inadequate parking facilities on the close.
- Since the site meeting, Metropolitan Housing have put forward an idea for creating hard surface parking - this would require a separate planning application to the one they intend to make for creating two new dwellings on the current garages site.
- APC instructed the clerk to make a comment to Metropolitan Housing that the parish council felt that there was a shortage of and local need for bungalows rather than new houses.

Invites to participate in the Raynsford Planning Review and, also, through NALC, the DCLG Consultation on Planning for Homes were noted but declined.

APC has recently been consulted on the next stage of the Rushcliffe Local Plan. The hard copy is to be circulated among councillors. Information available also online/to be put on APC's notice-board. Agenda item for the next meeting.

17.121 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

17.122 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Cllr Haslam confirmed that the Playing Field Committee continued to focus on applying for funding for the purchase of new play equipment:

- a fundraising event is being organised by two of the committee members
- no news yet on the grant applications made to the Co-op and Tesco
- the APC chairman and clerk confirmed that they had still not yet received the details of the annual application process for the NCC's Supporting Local Communities Fund
- other funding possibilities are being investigated

Mr Andrew Pegram, the manager at RBC Planning had sent the clerk a copy of his reply to WAPFT Chairman's letter regarding the request for S106 money from the Abbey Lane development. The letter had been circulated to all Aslockton parish councillors prior to the meeting. S106 money from the developer be paid to RBC to allocate against criteria once the building of the 25th house on the development has commenced. There will be a two stage process in securing some of this money for developing facilities at Dark Lane. The play area Avant Homes proposed to build within the Abbey Lane development will go ahead as it was part of the application for which permission has been granted.

At the last Playing Field Committee meeting, two members were not present so some agenda items had to be postponed. There will be a meeting in October. From now on the current committee members will be responsible for publishing minutes on the WAPFT website.

17.123 Severn Trent

APC had not received any communication from STW since the September meeting. Operatives had cleared out the gutters/dyke on Cliffhill Lane but now there was a problem again with 'rags' reappearing. The clerk was asked to contact RBC Environment Officer Ann Price to update her and ask her to again to raise matters with STW.

17.124 Review of Conservation Area

The clerk had invited Mr Bate to visit the village and meet an initial group of councillors/local history society members/interested residents. The day Mr Bate can visit is Thursday 12th October. It was agreed that Cllr Sharpe, Cllr Auckland, Cllr Crowley and Mr Chris Smith would meet Mr Bate at the TCC at 2pm that day. The clerk to confirm the time with Mr Bate.

17.125 Village sign on Mill Lane

Resident Mr Tom Daws had looked at the sign which needs straightening up. Mr Daws felt certain that NCC Highways verge cutters (these have flailers) had hit it. The clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask them to make the sign upright again.

17.126 Changes in Data Protection and Freedom of Information Legislation

The clerk is to attend a training session on this subject (to be run by NALC in November). Cllr Barker had rung NALC himself seeking clarity upon who could take on the role of 'data controller' for the council but at the point of the meeting there was no further information available.

17.127 Dog Poo Bins

Bagged up dog excrement can be put in litter bins so it was suggested that the clerk on behalf of APC ask Streetwise to consider installing a litter bin on a lamp-post on Cliffhill Lane opposite the gutter.

Footpath 3 which connects Abbey Lane and Mill Lane is another area where there is a prevalence of dog mess. APC felt a bin just inside the field at the Abbey Lane end may be a good

location. The clerk to contact Streetwise with this suggestion.

17.128 Grit bins

It had been decided earlier in year that 7 new shovels were needed. It was agreed that Cllr Sharpe would now go ahead and purchase these on behalf of the council: the expenditure expected to be around £40.

Cllr Sharpe reported that in most of the bins there was a build up of solidified grit. He will attempt to loosen the grit (various suggestions were made as to how this could be done).

17.129 Abbey Close Allotments

APC had met at the site and asked the clerk to send out letters to allotment holders in the cases where the plots were being neglected.

Plot 17: the clerk was asked to write to the plot-holders to organised a meeting on site to discuss how this particular plot could be improved. The clerk will also ask the hedge contractor if he could cut down the hedge at the side of that plot to a couple of feet this autumn and from next year onwards incorporate this task in his annual cut.

17.130 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£286.66
Pension (employee's £16.68 + employer's £53.69)	£70.37
Clerk's expenses – set of ink cartridges, half of petrol cost to attend training	£38.05
Contribution to Data Legislation Training (for the clerk to attend for APC + OPC)	£15.00
TCC room hire	£85.00
Four Seasons – hedge cut at Abbey Close Allotments	Postponed
Reimburse C Haslam for lap top purchase	Postponed
To be ratified at the next meeting: village plants	
reimburse M Lowth	£9.00
reimburse M & F Barker	£11.34

Proposer Cllr Haslam, Seconder Cllr Sharpe.

Statements of accounts – September 2017 – were approved.

Proposer Cllr Barker, seconder Cllr Brown

17.131 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker suggested that the 'dog poo fairy' posters were fading and should be replaced. Other councillors felt that new copies of the same poster would not make much of an impact. It was decided not to buy any more of these posters.

17.132 Councillors Reports

Cllr Crowley:

- reported that the hedge at Cranmer Cottage needs cutting back – Cllr Barker will put a compliment slip through the householder's door.

- it is difficult for wheelchair users to gain passage at the bus stop shelter on Cliffhill Lane. Clerk to report to Highways.

Borough Cllr Stockwood:

- reported that she had been following the developments with a new borough 'Playing Pitch Strategy'.
- on housing the Clifton development is to begin and 300 of the houses planned for Bingham are to be built next year.
- The local MP would like to see further improvements along the A52 in the direction of Aslockton and other villages. There will soon be a consultation on this issue.

17.133 Correspondence

Items of correspondence were received and noted:

- Reply from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office regarding the proposal to close the Newark Custody Suite.
- The agenda for the forthcoming Rushcliffe Town and Parish Forum – the clerk to represent APC at this event.
- Information regarding a consultation on school admissions in Nottinghamshire.
- Invite to apply for 'winter assistance' from Highways. APC decided that there was enough grit stored in the village for this year – no need for more bags.
- The annual letter about seasonal decorations – if these are to overhang the highway permission from Highways is needed. The chairman confirmed to the clerk that there are no plans for such decorations in Aslockton this winter.

The above were either passed to councillors and/or will go on the notice-board/website.

17.134 Items for the November agenda

Planning – to agree a response to the RBC Local Plan Consultation

Playing Field

Severn Trent

Review of the Conservation Area

Village sign on Mill Lane

Dog poo bin review

Grit bin review

17.135 Details of next meeting

Monday 13th November 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.