

Minutes of a Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7pm

Parish councillors present: Cllr C Haslam, Cllr R Sharpe, Cllr K Auckland, Cllr J Brown, Cllr J Beet

Others present: Clerk M Sharratt; 5 members of the public

18.285 Apologies: Cllr A Lister, Cllr R Smith, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; Borough Cllr M Stockwood

18.286 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest: Cllr J Brown re 19/00797/FUL application

18.287 Public meeting:

Mr Peter Allen from Bingham Neighbourhood Steering Plan Committee:

- Described the process which had led to the plan and had included consulting under 16s: during a recent workshop at Toot Hill School it was suggested that Bingham should be a hub for the surrounding villages. So, the committee would now like to invite local parish councillors to a forum in the autumn. Bingham already has a 'community plan' on a website which will be closed down shortly however a search online should bring it up after that www.binghamplan.co.uk

Resident Mr Tim Chamberlin:

- Thanked APC for supporting the ceremony to unveil a war memorial in St Thomas Church on 14th July as part of the Sunday service. A leaflet has been put together at a small cost for anyone who wishes to purchase it to describe the people commemorated. Thanks to Mr Mike Senior for communicating with the diocese. Parish councillors and residents very welcome to join Western Front Association/British Legion members plus RBC/County Council representatives.
- Suggested that the area at the back of the cemetery on Mill Lane (owned by the Aslockton Cemetery Trust) could be cleared up and maintained by interested residents: APC said that this would be a decision for the Trust but contact details could be supplied if Mr Chamberlin wished to explore this idea; and the parish council could be supportive by publicising the need for volunteers.

18.288 Adoption of the minutes of the June meeting

APC resolved to adopt the approval copy of the minutes with an addition of the word 'chairman' regarding the role of Mr Paul Brown in relation to the Playing Field Management Committee - these were then signed off by APC's chairman.

18.289 Planning

APC's objections to application 19/00797/FUL stand despite the revisions made.

Consultee comments and planning decisions are available to see on the RBC website.

18.290 Clerk's Report

The report was received by the councillors. It was noted amongst other updates that Ms Kaye Robinson will attend the next meeting to discuss with the council the station adoption scheme.

18.291 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Standing Orders were suspended so that Mr Paul Brown (Chairman of the Playing Field Management Committee) could advise APC re security at the field in regard to the imminent festival to be held on land off Abbey Lane. Festival attendees had come early; couldn't get on to the designated site so had camped overnight at the playing field. They left only bin bags of litter; otherwise the field was left clean. The field has been secured against further entry by vehicles until the festival is over and the committee will review security long-term. Mr Brown also confirmed that the pavilion work had been completed and therefore an application had been made to RBC for the expenditure to be reimbursed (S106).

18.292 Parking along Main Street

For the forthcoming war memorial unveiling, Mr Roland Harris, church warden, had organised for there to be additional parking on vicarage land: APC felt that this was progress with the parking issues and appreciated this move – hoping it could be done again in future.

18.293 Yearly review of emergency plan

Following councillors input the clerk's update is in progress.

18.294 Report from RBC's Standards Committee – comments from local councils invited

APC agreed that the clerk would thank RBC for the opportunity to have an input but the council felt that from the village's point of view that there were no matters to raise.

18.295 Nominating a tree warden

Mrs Fiona Barker had decided not to put her name forward but Cllr Julie Brown expressed an interest. The clerk to seek out more information from the relevant officer at RBC: APC will then nominate Cllr Brown officially and there should be another invite to a welcome event later in the year.

18.296 Allotments

The clerk reported:

- plot 18b had been offered to a villager - no formal take-up as yet
- plot 19 tenant should have vacated by now as requested
- expressions of interest to be put on the waiting list had been received
- no update from tenants interested in wildlife/conservation at the allotment site where plots are not being used
- new plot 6 tenant had been asked to make more effort after a complaint from the tenants of plot 7 re the spread of weeds

The chairman reported that more weights have been put on the plastic sheeting on plot 17 to keep the sheeting better in place.

18.297 Finance

Agenda payments authorised:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£315.32
Pension (employee's £18.35 + employer's £59.06)	£77.41
NALC new councillor training (Cllr Beet)	£35.00

APC also authorised a payment of £31.91 to reimburse M & F Barker for plant purchases – as not on the agenda this will be formally ratified in August.

APC ratified an extra payment made in June – not on the June meeting agenda – of £4.99 to M & F Barker for purchase of a watering can; and also, a payment made in July before the meeting to fund refreshments at the unveiling of a war memorial in the church (the latter payment had been agreed in principle at a previous meeting).

All the above agreed: Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Auckland

Statement of accounts for June 2019 was approved. Proposer Cllr Brown; seconder Cllr Sharpe

18.298 Chairman's business:

The chairman proposed, and all agreed, that the clerk write to RBC on behalf of the parish council to complain that APC had not been invited to attend a site visit when RBC had been notified by the landowner of the festival to be held locally during the next few days. As much information as possible had been given

to residents; and neighbour to the site Mr Brian Crawford was in frequent communication with both Cllr Haslam, the police and RBC. Sufficient preparations seemed to have been made re litter and access to the site during the festival dates.

18.299 Councillors reports

Cllr Brown asked the clerk if Streetwise had been in contact re condition of the trees planted by them last year. The clerk will request an update.

Cllr Sharpe had attended the TCC meeting: the centre is being redecorated and shut for a week.

18.300 Correspondence received

Correspondence and information had been circulated by email or was noted at the meeting. An invite to join in the VE Day commemorations was passed to Mr Chamberlin who was still present.

18.301 Items for the August meeting agenda

Playing field – trustee and general issues

18.302 Details of next scheduled meeting

7pm on Monday 12th August 2019, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 8th July closed at 20.25