

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in St Thomas Church, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 12th November 2018

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

Also present: Clerk M Sharratt, 6 members of the public.

18.136 Apologies Borough Cllr M Stockwood; County Cllr F Purdue-Horan was absent.

18.137 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest None

18.138 Public Meeting

Resident Mr Paul Bradley of Abbey Lane commented upon the two planning appeals (see 18.140 below). He was concerned that the entrance to the proposed site would be accessed via a private drive so Highways would not have the responsibility of maintaining it.

18.139 Adoption of previous sets of minutes (October 8th and November 2nd)

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

18.140 Planning

18/02271/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 75 dwellings with public open space, children's play areas, landscaping and drainage systems on land east of New Lane. APC resolved to **object** to this application – a ten pages response circulated before the meeting was approved: Cllr Haslam proposed; Cllr Brown seconded, and all voted in favour. The clerk to submit the response – it will be available to see on RBC's website.

An appeal to the refusal of permission by RBC regarding planning application **17/02582/OUT (outline application for up to 10 dwellings with all matters reserved except access at land to the north of Abbey Lane)** was discussed. A response had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was resolved that this should be sent to the planning inspectorate by the clerk. The response reiterates comments made at the time of the application and makes additional ones – APC continue to object to the proposal. Proposer Cllr Sharpe; Cllr Crowley seconder; all voted in favour.

It was agreed to hold an extraordinary planning meeting as soon as possible so that APC could:

- agree a response to an appeal to the refusal of permission by RBC regarding planning application **18/01569/OUT (outline application for up to 6 dwellings with all matters reserved except access at land to the north of Abbey Lane)**. More information required but should be available shortly. APC has to submit any comments by 5th December.
- respond to a revised application: **18/02132/FUL Construction of area of hardstanding (retrospective) at Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane**. Comments to be in for the 22nd November.
- come to a view upon a new application: **18/02463/FUL Construction of two storey dwelling and detached garage, Abbey Farm Cottage, New Lane**. Cllrs Sharpe and Brown to do a site visit and seek the views of neighbours.

APC noted that RBC are currently consulting on a 'Draft Empty Homes Strategy' – all borough residents can comment; parish councillors decided to make individual responses not submit a council response.

Standing Orders were suspended so that Mr Smith could speak. Cllr Barker and Mr Chris Smith confirmed that they would be attending the first day of the examination of RBC's Local Plan Part Two at the Rushcliffe Council Offices/Arena (27th November). The process will take three weeks and they hope to attend as much as possible and on days where discussion is relevant to Aslockton. APC sent in written comments some time ago now but hopefully Cllr Barker and Mr Smith will be allowed to reiterate them verbally and make additional points based on recent village planning matters. Mr Smith said he wished to emphasise that Aslockton should not be in 'tier three' with regard to suitability for development – the methodology used to put settlements in tiers was poor). Standing Orders were reinstated.

Notices of planning decisions made by RBC: none received.

18.141 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

18.142 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

The latest playing field committee minutes had been circulated to committee members and councillors.

The committee had tendered for mowing and hedge-cutting and contractors had been decided upon.

A suggestion had been made that WPC and APC should each increase their precept request next year to raise funds for maintenance of playing field equipment. APC resolved to consider the idea at their precept setting meeting in January.

APC agreed that when funds for equipment maintenance and new purchases had been established; it would be useful for there to be an open meeting of the playing field committee so that residents of both villages can have a say as to how the money should be spent.

18.143 Overgrown hedge at Cranmer Cottage

Last meeting APC noted that a notice had been issued to the owners of Cranmer Cottage asking them to prune their hedge (which was overhanging the pavement). The hedge has since been cut back.

18.144 To discuss a grant request from Aslockton Cranmers Pre-School

No further contact from the pre-school had been received so discussion not required.

18.145 Bus 822 – upcoming review of the service by NCC

Cllr Barker and the clerk had met with two NCC officers and the chairman of Orston P C. Statistics from Your Bus the company currently providing the service had been circulated. Mr Chris Ward was keen to gather as much information from passengers as possible, the clerk passed on a couple of letters she'd received: Mr Ward continues to look at options to ensure a service continues beyond next July.

18.146 Allotments

Work to divide and tidy plot 17 is still to be done. Cllr Barker to seek a further quote.

The clerk reported that a new tenant had taken on 18b. No rent or deposit charged due to the plot being next to one which is overgrown and as the allotment year is half way through. Plots 1-3, 10, 17 and 18a remain unused. The hedge at the allotments will be cut in the next few weeks.

18.147 Finance

For Payment

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£306.14
Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)	£75.16
Quarterly Working from Home Allowance	£57.13
Reimburse M Barker for purchase of 2 toners for APC's printer + planter related expenses	£68.80

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Crowley

Statement of accounts for October 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Brown

18.148 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker wished APC to consider whether to write a letter of apology to the owner of 1 Dawns Lane – APC had mistakenly referred to 1 Dawns Lane when discussing the grounds of a property (New Dawn) which looked unkempt within the conservation area. APC agreed that the mistake had been rectified in the October minutes so a letter was not required.

Thanked Cllr Sharpe for putting up the poppies. Cllr Sharpe agreed to take them down and store for use next year when the council hope to create a bigger display.

Said that a set of drawers had been left on Meadow Close/Cliffhill Lane corner but had since gone.

Asked Cllr Haslam to decorate APC's tree for the church Christmas Tree Festival. Cllr Haslam confirmed that he and his wife Kay would be happy to do so.

Noted that the bin on Abbey Lane needed more grit: Cllr Barker and Cllr Haslam to replenish it.

18.149 Councillors Reports

Cllr Auckland: Drivers are turning into the Sidings looking for Aslacr Park – perhaps the Aslacr Park sign could be moved? It was decided councillors would take a look to see where the sign may be relocated to and also look at the street nameplate which may need replacing.

Cllr Sharpe had attended a TCC management committee meeting. He reported that nobody had yet offered to organise events; charges and the conditions for hire were being reviewed; the committee are considering redecorating the hall.

18.150 Correspondence received

Posters for events had been advertised via notice-board/website; information circulated by email.

18.151 Items for the December agenda

Playing Field
Planning – RBC Local Plan Part 2 examination.

18.152 Details of next scheduled meeting

7pm on Monday 10th December 2018, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 12th November closed at 20.20 hours.