

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 9th July 2018

Parish councillors present: Cllr M Barker (Chair), Cllr C Haslam (Vice-chairman), Cllr J Brown, Cllr S Marshall, Cllr R Sharpe, and from 19.07 Cllr K Auckland and Cllr A Crowley.

Present: County Cllr F Purdue-Horan (arrived 19.16), Clerk M Sharratt, 2 members of the public.

18.056 Apologies Borough Cllr M Stockwood

18.057 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest None

18.058 Public Meeting

The plan to put a bench on the triangle of land by Cranmer House and St Thomas Drive was discussed. Residents near the suggested location had been in contact with APC to object. One point made was that there has in the past been occasional instances of young people hanging around the area and a bench may encourage this behaviour. The land is believed by APC to be Highways owned land but the owner of Cranmer House disagrees: the clerk to seek clarification.

Mr Chris Smith asked if APC needed any help preparing to attend the inspector's assessment of RBC's Draft Local Plan Part Two but Cllr Barker said that he and Cllr Auckland felt that there was no reason to ask to speak at the hearing as APC has already submitted comments on LP Part 2 and the Sustainability Assessment and these will be considered by the Inspector so there will be nothing new to add. There will be a representative from APC attending the hearing.

Cllr Purdue-Horan had attended the RBC's Civic Service held yesterday in Aslockton; as did APC's Cllr Barker. The county councillor has heard many positive comments about the village from other attendees and had enjoyed the service.

18.059 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held in June

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

18.060 Planning

18/01335/FUL First floor extension to rear of dwelling and porch to front at 5 Chapel Row, Aslockton.
No objections from APC.

18/01313/FUL Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to replace existing mobile home at Smite Lane Farm, Thoroton (adjacent parish). **No objections but APC to comment that it should be a condition of permission that the dwelling should be occupied in perpetuity by an agricultural worker.**

Cllrs Barker and Auckland had responded for APC to Local Plan Part 2 as agreed last meeting.

APC had not received any notices of planning decisions made by RBC.

18.061 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

18.062 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

The WAPFT had met on the 18th June and minutes had been circulated. A date has been agreed for the next meeting – an agenda item will be confirmation of the membership of the trust; membership of the management committee and the rules for meetings. Cllr Brown to do some preparation for this item.

Cllr Haslam reported on the last meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee:

- A new chairman and vice-chairman were chosen: Mr Paul Brown and Mr Gerry Nerney respectively.
- Whatton Cllr Chris Grocock is to focus on funding applications: he is to meet with committee member Tim Moxey to discuss how to use the LIS/S106 monies effectively to provide for new pieces of play equipment to be placed around existing items; and a pavilion replacement.
- The committee have enlisted, for three months initially, a volunteer playing field manager - Mr Adrian Curzon – who will facilitate matches; liaise with the sports clubs; monitor maintenance issues.

Cllr Brown added that Streetwise were to look at the poor state of an old litter bin – a replacement is needed.

The treasurer Mrs Sally Ashmore is to produce a budget (an action agreed at the recent trustee meeting). This budget will be approved by WAPFT. Any other expenses arising to be discussed and approved by WAPFT.

18.063 Highways

There had been some confusion as to the time-scale for resurfacing of Dark Lane. Cllr Purdue-Horan confirmed that resurfacing in Whatton and Aslockton is scheduled to be done between October and December 2018 (utilities work may delay this however).

Pot holes still had not been attended to on New Lane between Abbey Lane and A52 whereas in the other direction they had been. Cllr Barker to make this point to Highways Officer Sharon Kirk.

18.064 Revision of Standing Orders

Some small amendments made. The revised version will be circulated by email and put on the website – the clerk to action.

18.065 Acacia House, Abbey Lane

The house is empty and not being looked after. Two brothers own the property. It was agreed the clerk would write on behalf of APC (one c/o the other) to request that the house is properly maintained.

18.066 Allotments

- Work to divide and tidy plot 17 is still to be done. Cllr Barker's efforts to organise something are ongoing.
- Following unsuccessful efforts on the part of the clerk to communicate with the tenants of 18A the latter is to be considered available for re-let.
- The offer of free stone for the track from the tenants of plot 9 was accepted and the tenant has laid it. The clerk will send a thank you note. Agenda item next meeting – return of the tenant's deposit as a goodwill gesture.

18.067 Finance

For Payment

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£306.14
Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)	£75.16
Return of allotment deposit to Mr & Mrs Reddish	£30.00
D Clifford and Sons verge cutting	£283.10

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Brown

Statement of accounts for June 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Sharpe

18.068 Chairman's Business

- A house on Dawns Lane is occupied but not being well-maintained. Agenda item next time.
- Hedges growing over pavements: Cllr Barker had recently put compliment slips through letterboxes and some hedges had been pruned already.
- A grit bin on Abbey Lane needs filling up. Cllrs Barker and Haslam agreed to fetch grit from Mr Daws and replenish the bin.
- Utilities work should have started on Abbey Lane but nothing had happened as yet. The single lane traffic measure to be taken notice had been displayed for a few days on APC's notice-board. Facebook and the website had been used/to be used also to spread the word to residents.
- Had received a complaint from a resident living opposite where the postal workers park early in the morning. They are noisy. APC agreed Cllr Barker could send a note to the delivery manager asking for the drivers to be more considerate.
- Noted the shop on Main Street had closed but the post office remained open.
- Resident Mrs Angela Berry had asked that APC purchase lamp-post poppies this year like other villages did last year. Agenda item next meeting.

18.069 Councillors Reports

Cllr Marshall had been helping with the watering of the village plants and wanted to know who would replace her if she couldn't do it. It was confirmed that all councillors and volunteers who do the watering find a stand-in when necessary.

Cllr Auckland had been told by a resident that plants in portable pots have been stolen from graves in the cemetery. As far as Cllr Auckland was aware the police had not been informed – councillors concurred that all incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour should be reported.

18.070 Correspondence received

A letter from RBC offering free ten trees to the parish. The clerk will find out if some of these could be planted at the top of the allotments (RBC owned land). Agenda item next meeting.

Posters for events were noted and will be advertised via notice-board/website.

RBC Town and Parish Conference agenda for 21st September has been circulated by the clerk.

18.071 Items for the August agenda

Playing Field

Highways

Acacia House

A house on Dawns Lane

Lamp-post poppies

RBC parish tree scheme

18.072 Details of next meeting

7pm on Monday 13th August 2018, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton. JB & CH apologies.

The meeting of 9th July closed at 20.25 hours.