

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Parish councillors present:** Cllr M Barker (Chair), Cllr K Auckland, Cllr R Sharpe

**Present:** The clerk, 2 members of the public.

## **18.001 Apologies**

Cllr C Haslam (Vice-chairman), Cllr J Brown, Cllr A Crowley, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; Borough Cllr M Stockwood.

## **18.002 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

None.

## **18.003 Public Meeting**

Mrs Fiona Barker: there are many road cones in and around the village - presumably marking pot holes which need attention.

## **18.004 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held in March**

APC resolved to adopt the minutes, with the removal of a repetition of wording under Cllr Stockwood's report, and these were signed off by the chairman.

## **18.005 Planning**

- **18/00702/FUL** Two storey side extension, 7 Abbey Close, Aslockton. **No objection** but two comments: the proposal appears to contravene the Rushcliffe Residential Design Guide which says that in some situations, to avoid a 'terracing' look; there should be a minimum gap between the boundary of the property and any extension of 900mm; no side access to the rear of the property.

## **Planning Notices:**

**18/00304/FUL** The Oaks, Abbey Lane, Aslockton. Construct double garage approved.

## **18.006 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

Replies from *Yourbus* re 'Hail and Ride' and *Metropolitan Housing* re occupancy of one of their bungalows were noted, as was further advice on implementation of the GDPR.

## **18.007 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Cllr Brown had sent the clerk a report from the latest meeting of the Playing Field Committee meeting:

- Full accounts should be available to discuss at the next WAPFT meeting.
- The costs of grass cutting will be discussed at the next Playing Field Committee meeting.
- Three junior football teams from the Aslockton Cranmers & Orston Football Club may apply to use the playing field in the near future.
- Mr Richard Lambourne representing Whatton & Aslockton Cricket Club on the Management

Committee is pursuing how best to secure funding to replace the sports pavilion.

- Chairman of the Playing Field Committee and WPC Chairman Cllr Grocock is request assistance with funding bids from ICS Mansfield (Fund Bidding Advice Company).
- There will be a decision on the Local Improvement Scheme application during April.
- APC's Cllr Barker has been asked to supply regular updates to the committee on the occupancy of houses on the Abbey Lane development.

It was noted that the S106 monies relating to the Abbey Lane development are index linked so by the time the 25<sup>th</sup> house is built the original figures will be added to. Cllrs Barker and Auckland had been looking for the detail within the October 2015 S106 agreement and had found two versions – clarification as to which is the one Avant Homes will have to abide by would be useful.

Cllr Barker advised Cllr Haslam of another opportunity for the Playing Field Committee to apply for funding of play equipment: the RBC Community Fund. Including a plan to install some adult gym equipment would be possible and something that has been funded by RBC before.

#### **18.008 New post box on Abbey Lane**

Ongoing – the clerk should have a response from Royal Mail by the next meeting.

#### **18.009 Road surfaces – reports made to VIAEM**

Action re Dark Lane, Abbey Lane and New Lane has been promised, APC have let the villagers know on social media but the latest update is that there will be delays to work commencing. Cllr Barker will contact VIAEM to ask why so that the reasons can be relayed to villagers.

#### **18.010 Abbey Close Allotments**

APC had conducted a site visit to discuss plot 17 and walk round generally to see if the less looked after plots were looking any better.

It was agreed to divide plot 17 – keeping the hedge between plots 16 and 17 but removing the hedge at the front of plot 17. Blackthorn to be removed also. Cllr Barker, Auckland and Sharpe decided to meet up again at the site and discuss the work required with a contractor.

Cllr Barker reported that a resident was concerned that his dogs were getting into the allotment site. The annual allotment hedge cut had been done as normal but no part of the hedge removed. The resident's fence on his side of the hedge is in a poor state of repair – the dogs could be getting through that. No action required on the part of APC.

#### **18.011 Finances**

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£286.66
Pension (employee's £16.68 + employer's £53.69)	£70.37
Aslockton Cemetery Trust	£175.00
St Thomas Churchyard	£175.00
Insurance renewal	£299.24

The payment of £20.00 to the church for the additional green bin was ratified – cheque signed last

meeting.

Proposer to all of the above Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Sharpe

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

### **18.012 Chairman's Business**

Verge-cutting: Asked the clerk to contact VIAEM to confirm this year's rate per square metre and engage the services of a suitably insured contractor to do any extra cuts APC may think necessary.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor: only applicant so far and it is possible he/she may not meet the criteria. Deadline for applications APC has set remains 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Mr Tom Daws has finished making the new planters to go either side of the seat on Main Street in the centre of the village to replace the old ones. Cllr Barker asked if the council could approve purchase of *sadolin* and *hammarite* to spruce up the small planters and bench: all agreed to the expenditure.

### **18.013 Councillors Reports**

Cllr R Sharpe:

- The Thomas Cranmer Centre Committee meet next week: did councillors have anything for Cllr Sharpe to raise? It was agreed that Cllr Sharpe would mention concern about a broken drain in the car park a concern and ask for the committee's AGM be advertised. Cllr Auckland reiterated the offer to advertise events via the APC website/Facebook.
- WAPFT: Aspects of the constitution of the Trust should be reviewed. It was agreed this would be an APC agenda item in May.

### **18.014 Correspondence received**

Items were noted and/or taken away by councillors for them to look through.

The postponed Rushcliffe Town & Parish Forum is to be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: any councillors wanting to attend to let the clerk know.

### **18.015 Items for the May agenda**

Playing Field

Post box on Abbey Lane

Road surfaces

WAPFT constitution

Revision of governance documents

### **17.016 Details of next meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Thomas Cranmer Centre – following the Annual Parish Meeting.

**The meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April closed at 20.25 hours. M Sharratt, Parish Clerk.**