

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire,
on Monday 12th September 2016**

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

Also present: County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; 4 members of the public

16.089 Apologies

Cllr Purdue-Horan apologised for a late arrival; Borough Cllr Mrs Maureen Stockwood sent apologies explaining she had a clash of meetings so could not attend this month.

16.090 Declaration of interest

Cllr Brown: planning application 16/01998/FUL.

16.091 Public Meeting

Cllr Purdue-Horan:

- . Reported that he has attended for the first time the two committees on NCC of which he is now a member. One of these committees is concerned with crime: APC were informed that police funding is currently focused on Nottingham city in an effort to reduce knife crime and problems associated with the night-time economy.
- . Had brought a leaflet with him about the annual *Rushcliffe Community Awards*; APC will think of any potential nominees before the next parish council meeting.
- . Had attended RBC Development Control Committee with Cllr Stockwood – an Aslockton planning application had been refused (York House, Chapel Lane: see below) on that evening.

Mrs Fiona Barker:

Dawns Lane

Requested that APC contact Hamilton Knight in writing about restoring the damaged area on Dawns Lane. The company did promise to make good the site, after their work there, but a representative from Hamilton Knight has yet to return repeated telephone calls made by Cllr Barker to remind them of this.

The play area of the Whatton/Aslockton Field

Mrs Barker aired concerns about the lack of progress, over a number of years, in maintaining + replacing play equipment on the playing field. Perhaps a new committee could be formed to concentrate on this (e.g. separate to the Playing Field Committee who for some time have been concerned chiefly with replacing the pavilion) she suggested.

Cllr Haslam pointed out that equipment had been low on the Playing Field Committee's agenda (of which he is a member representing APC) because until the details of the new pavilion/facility are decided; there is a feeling among committee members that it isn't worth installing or replacing equipment which may then have to be relocated.

Cllr Brown said that thinking of the response of the Playing Field Committee's Chairman Mr Gregg Redford to a recent complaint about the state of the play area; she felt the idea of a new committee or group of parents of young children who could give some valuable input into choosing new equipment + helping look after the play area; could go down well with the existing committee.

Cllr Barker said that "S106 money forthcoming if the land south Abbey Lane is developed would only be released after the 25th house is occupied. There is money allocated to recreational facilities in the proposed S106 relating to the outline planning application which has been given the go ahead on appeal. However WAPFT would have to bid for the funding – it isn't automatic that money would be put into the nearest facility to the site of the housing development.

Cllr Auckland suggested further discussions should be conducted at the next parish council meeting.

16.092 Adoption of August meeting minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman.

16.093 Planning

- **16/01998/FUL:** detached garage with study above at The Maltings, Abbey Lane. Following a site visit; APC resolved not to object.
- **16/02156/FUL:** single storey rear extension; The Limes, Chapel Lane. Too late to be on the meeting agenda so the clerk will ask officer Greg Sharman for an extension to enable discussion at a later date after a site visit can be undertaken.
- The **outline application for land north of Cliffhill Lane:** the end of September is the new deadline for planners to decide their recommendations.
- The public inquiry for the **outline application to develop land north of Abbey Lane** will begin on 25th October 2016. When expected documents become available to view on the planning inspectorate + RBC websites; Cllr Barker suggested an extraordinary meeting should be convened to discuss the points APC, on behalf of the majority of villagers, wants to put forward. Resident Mr Chris Smith mentioned at this point that of the six grounds for RBC's refusal of this outline application; two are no longer of relevance so that leaves four remaining grounds for refusal which need to be looked into in depth. Cllr Barker commented that the developers/RBC will have to put together an S106 agreement together before the public inquiry starts.
- Cllr Marshall commented that now asbestos has been found on the Crown owned land in Bingham which was ear-marked for development; development instead in the surrounding area e.g. at Aslockton, is more likely.

Planning permission given to:

16/01407/FUL Abbey Farm Cottage, New Lane. Retrospective – change of use.

16/01671/FUL Westside Cottage, Chapel Lane. New single storey rear extension.

Planning permission refused to:

16/00974/FUL Land north & east of Foxborough House, Aslockton. Construct garage & dwelling.

15/01800/FUL York House, Chapel Lane. Construction of new dwelling including landscape + means of enclosure.

16.094 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

16.095 Whatton & Aslockton Playing Field

A sub-committee of the trustees met on Monday 15th August at 7pm. Cllrs Barker, Brown + Haslam attended from APC. The minutes are not yet available.

Cllr Barker + Haslam have removed the broken birds nest swing from the playing field. This equipment is to be repaired at a cost of £59 plus VAT x two: the parts have now been ordered. Cllr Purdue-Horan advised that his county councillor fund/Cllr Stockwood's borough councillor fund could fund this repair. Cllrs Barker + Haslam will do the repair themselves + ask the committee that the annual ROSPA inspection be brought forward to check that the swing is satisfactorily in place and safe to use.

The clerk will pass on information received from NALC on Playground Inspection Training scheduled for next year. For insurance purposes trustees/committee members are required to carry out regular inspections of the the equipment in their care.

Cllrs Brown + Haslam attended the most recent Playing Field Committee meeting:

- They reported back to APC that £500 has been spent by one of the individuals on the committee so that an old shipping container can be used for referee changing facilities(this will help with funding applications for the pavilion project as it is part of the criteria needing to be fulfilled to gain financial support) by one of the committee members.
- The survey putting forward plans for a replacement pavilion/new community facility will be ready to be distributed to residents of Aslockton + Whatton shortly.

16.096 Installing Speed Signs

Surveys are carried out by NCC Highways generally when there are at least 250 traffic

movements an hour through a given area. However APC can still ask for surveys to be done. The clerk will advise of APC's preferred locations on Cliffhill Lane + Abbey Lane.

16.097 Footpaths

Jane Baines, Rights of Way Officer, met Cllr Barker in the village to look at various footpath issues.

- She will see that the trees which still needing clearing on The Capes path are removed. She is still ascertaining whose responsibility it is to clear them e.g. landowner Mr Brian Crawford or Network Rail. It remains a mystery as who cut the trees down in the first place.
- Footpath leading from Griffins End: the farmer has blocked the stile up; dogs can no longer get through. Ms Baines will ask the farmer to put a dog latch in.
- A footpath sign will be installed at Saucer Farm so that walkers keep to the footpath instead of going on to the owner's property.
- Cllr Haslam will contact a potential contractor who could take on the Footpath 11 improvements for which Ms Baines has secured funding.

16.098 Abbey Close Allotments

A verbal complaint was received from a passer-by when the clerk was at the notice-board: the lady said that her sister-in-law had a plot and was unhappy with the state of the site generally (the clerk advised that concerns should be put in writing).

As per decisions at the last meeting; the clerk asked WPC, via their clerk, if APC can advertise the allotments in the Whatton newsletter and on their notice-boards. The clerk also approached Bingham Town Council to help with advertising Abbey Close Allotments + spreading the word that the site has empty plots. A notice has been put up in Orston too. So far no new enquiries have been received.

Councillors will meet early morning on Sunday 25th September to trim + tidy up the available allotments.

16.099 Finances

For payment:

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| Clerk's salary | £286.66 |
| Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59) | £61.27 |
| Malcolm Lane & Sons Ltd (PETG for the notice-board) | £108.00 |
| D Clifford & Sons | £283.10 |
| Room hire at the TCC | £100.00 |
| Poppy Appeal – wreath (payment not on the agenda so to be ratified in Oct) | £17.00 |

Proposer to the above payments Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Marshall.

Statements of accounts August 2016. Proposer Cllr Barker; Seconder Cllr Crowley.

16.100 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker made a report as a resident to alert NCC about a fallen over road sign; plus an overflowing grit bin at the New Lane/Abbey Lane corner.

16.101 Councillors Reports

Cllr Auckland

Mr Brian Crawford had asked for an update on the issue of trees overhanging the roads in the centre of the village. The clerk will again forward Mr Crawford Highways comments.

Cllr Marshall

- Had noticed increased parking on the verges outside Creative Landscapes; this will not be good for the verges as the weather gets worse. APC agreed to keep an eye on the situation.
- Attended the presentation of the Queen's Award to the First Responders. The organisation's treasurer will be writing to APC requesting further support.

Cllr Haslam

Strimming is needed in parts of the village e.g. around the Gateways.

Cllr Crowley

Had reported the leaning telegraph pole near her home – she has been given a 'job number' so an operative should be along to attend to the matter in due course.

16.102 Correspondence

Invites to the next RBC Town & Parish Forum and the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils AGM – the clerk will represent APC on both of these occasions.

Thank you from Aslockton Cemetery Trust re APC's grant to the organisation.

Material for the notice-boards/website.

16.103 Items for the October agenda

Playing Field Pavilion/Equipment

Footpaths

16.104 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday October 10th 2016 at the Thomas Cranmer Centre at 7pm.