

## **Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 9th November 2015**

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

**Also present:** Cllr Suthers; 2 members of the public

### **15.197 Apologies**

Cllr Suthers had sent apologies that he would be delayed – he arrived at 8.06pm.

### **15.198 Declarations of interest**

None.

### **15.199 Public Meeting**

No matters were raised.

### **15.200 Adoption of October minutes**

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

### **15.201 Planning**

- Letter from RBC regarding changes in dealing with planning applications: The parish council is asked to set up a password for the new planning portal. APC would like to participate in planning forums to be held locally - 'cluster sessions'. Clerk to set up a password and reply to the RBC's Mr Pegram.
- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on **land south of Abbey Lane** (up to 75 dwellings). No news yet following the Public Inquiry held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October. Following on from this inquiry the Aslockton representatives had some observations and thoughts: APC have agreed the basic content for a letter to RBC which will be sent in due course. Cllr Barker wished to thank publicly former councillor Mr Tom Daws - who had attended every day of the three day inquiry – for his support.
- **15/01204/OUT** concerning **land north of Abbey Lane**. Applicant: Davidsons Development Ltd. Outline permission sought for up to 65 residential dwellings has been **refused**. No news as yet whether there is to be an appeal.
- **14/01393/OUT** outline application for the erection of up to 50 dwellings on **land north of Cliffhill Lane**. No further update.

The following was received in the post the day of the meeting so not on the meeting agenda published the week before: **an amendment to the planning application for York House, Chapel Lane (15/01800/FUL) – construction of a new dwelling including landscape and means of enclosure**. The following action was agreed by councillors: Cllrs Marshall and Sharpe will go to see the neighbours again to advise them of the revised plans and see if they have any thoughts on these; they will also speak to the applicant to see if he has anything to add. APC's original comments on the application still stand.

### **15.202 Clerk Report**

The report was received and noted by councillors.

### **15.203 Footpaths**

Additional footpath cutting: it was agreed in September that APC would use NCC's contractor to do up to two extra cuts of the footpaths later in the year but these may not be needed on all paths. All councillors were to assess the paths before this meeting. It was agreed that a further path cut is unnecessary. Cllrs Barker + Haslam will keep an eye on the Mill Lane path – and employ the strimmer if needs be. The Capes path needs to be flagged up as a priority in the first cut next year.

### **15.204 Verge cutting/re-measurement**

A NCC Highways officer is still completing the re-measurement. Mr Clifford has invoiced as per the existing measurements. He will be paid the extra when the information becomes available.

### **15.205 Noble Lane**

The clerk to reply to the executive head of the Archbishop Cranmer Academy who had written to say he is not aware of any obligation to look after the unadopted Noble Lane. The parish council feel they can do no more – it is not a parish council matter. Out of concern for parents/children APC think the two huge pot holes which could cause an accident should be pointed out to the trust running the school – the clerk will include this point in her letter.

### **15.206 Speedwatch**

Clerk to contact representatives of the five villages to propose a meeting or ask for feedback as to what activity there is locally re the shared speedgun. In the light of the new police led initiative it may be that calibration will not be required next spring.

### **15.207 Cranmer Connection/a 'Cranmer Festival'**

The recent meeting was cancelled Cllr Sharpe reported. The Cranmer Festival would be a one day affair in July time – suggestions have included local history displays, Tudor market, local singers. Money from the Hilary Mantel event will go to the trail and festival ideas. Cllr Haslam proposed that APC are happy to support a festival on the day but not organise the event jointly with WPC. Councillors agreed. Cllr Sharpe will communicate this decision to the Cranmer Connection group.

### **15.208 Supporting Local Communities Fund 2016/17**

It was mooted that an application could be made for play equipment to be purchased for the playing field managed by WAPFT. Cllr Haslam to contact the WAPFT and WPC chairman to see if this is something he and colleagues would support.

### **15.209 S137s**

The parish council are not going to invite applications for funding this year. However the clerk will have an application form available for local groups who may get in touch with APC requesting support.

### **15.210 Allotments**

A request to go to Mr Brian Crawford re pruning his hedge to 2m (the field bordering the allotments).

Plot 9 tenant has started to tidy his plot.

### **15.211 Finances**

For payment:

Clerk's October salary (no tax payable)	£289.71
Clerk's Working From Home Allowance	£83.00
J Clifford – verge-cutting	£411.50
M. Lowth – Wall flowers	£7.50

To Ratify: £20 payment to Cllr Barker which hadn't been on the agenda but was paid last meeting.

Proposer Cllr Richard Sharpe; Seconder Cllr Julie Brown

Statements of accounts for approval – October.

Proposer Cllr Barker, seconder Cllr Sharpe.

### **15.212 Chairman's Business**

- APC to compile a Risk Assessment as per the external auditor's comments. Activities which need mention are for example health and safety related eg volunteers watering the plants; councillors strimming; and also financial risk.
- All councillors had received an invite to New Years Eve party at Thomas Cranmer Centre.
- Noted that Broadband was being extended within the village
- St Thomas Church Christmas Tree Festival – Cllr Haslam agreed to lead again on the decorating of the parish council tree; Cllr Crowley to assist.
- Christmas party after the next meeting – Cllrs Barker & Haslam to provide refreshments.
- Pension (LGPS) for the clerk to go on the agenda next time.
- There will be no Transitional Grant from RBC in 2016 – to bear in mind at budget setting/precept request time in January.

### **15.213 Councillors Reports**

#### **Cllr Auckland**

Had read about Shelford's dog fouling clear up campaign in their newsletter. With the aim of sharing ideas as to how to tackle this problem; the Clerk will contact the newsletter editor/parish council.

Asked the clerk to upload more financial documents to the new website.

Proposed that new 'welcome to the village' cards be financed by the parish council – Cllr Auckland has a plan for the design. Councillors agreed the project and that expenditure could go ahead.

#### **Cllr Haslam**

Remarked on the lack of consideration, and danger when it is windy, of an overflowing bin - and on other occasions – skip; at the side of the road on Abbey Lane. Cllr Barker to talk to residents.

### **15.214 Correspondence**

All letters had been dealt with. A magazine had arrived for councils and clerks – it was decided that this time the clerk would check this for any articles of interest.

**15.215 Items for next agenda**

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Cranmer Connection/ A 'Cranmer Festival'  
Supporting Local Communities Fund 2016/17  
Risk Assessment  
Pension Scheme

**15.216 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

The November meeting closed at 8.50pm.