# Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 12th October 2015

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

Also present: Cllr Suthers; 1 member of the public

# 15.176 Apologies

None.

# **15.177 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Haslam – Abbey Lane and Manor House planning applications

# 15.178 Public Meeting

Mr Chris Smith spoke about his attendance at the three day public inquiry. The crux of the matter seemed to him to be that as long as the borough meet their housing quota (part 2 of the Local Plan) Aslockton is protected but if it isn't met; that makes Aslockton vulnerable.

# **15.179 Adoption of September minutes**

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

There was a extraordinary meeting advertised and held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The parish council wasn't quorate so the meeting went ahead without decisions or minutes being taken. Several members of the public were present. Mr Breedon the landowner of the Cliffhill Lane site attended the meeting to present to the other attendees how the housing plans for the aforementioned site could go forward now the 14/01393/FUL appplication has been refused.

#### 15.180 Planning

# 15/01800/FUL Construction of new dwelling in garden of York House, Chapel Lane

Objection proposed by Cllr Barker; Cllr Sharpe seconded: unanimous vote against the application.

#### 15/01823/FUL Partial demolition of present stable + outbuilding; construction of fourbedroom dwelling + creation of new access & driveway to serve existing house. Manor House, Main Street.

Cllr Barker proposed that the council agree in principle to the application subject to the design issues raised by the conservation officer being addressed. Cllr Auckland seconded this motion; parish councillors voted 5-1 in favour.

- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on **land south of Abbey Lane** (up to 75 dwellings) Public Inquiry held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs Barker and Mr Chris Smith attended throughout; other parish councillors and villagers + Cllr Suthers attended in part. Decision to be made in the next few weeks.
- **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.** Following Mr Breedon's informal presentation of revised ideas relating to this site and the news that he has recruited a new architect/planning consultant this looks increasingly like there will be a completely new application rather than an appeal.

An RBC planning decision notified to APC:

**15/01023/FUL** Glenview, Cliffhill Lane. Permission granted for for two storey and single storey extensions; construction of dormer windows; replacement porch.

#### 15.181 Clerk Report

The report was received and noted by councillors.

#### 15.182 Footpaths

Ms Jane Baines (NCC) emailed about how footpath 11 can be improved - a letter of support for her bid for funding to implement improvements was emailed to her by the clerk in September. Cllr Brown to ask the school to send a similar letter of support – the improvements would create a safe, easy walk to school from Whatton.

Mill Lane footpath has been strimmed. The parish council would like to thank the person who did this but he or she is at present unidentified.

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 to assess the paths before the next parish council meeting.

#### 15.183 Verge cutting/remeasurement

The clerk contacted Mr Clifford to get the next cut organised. No news on the remeasurement so there won't be an invoice from Mr Clifford for the moment.

#### 15.184 Noble Lane

The executive head of the Archbishop Cranmer Academy had written to say he is not aware of any obligation to look after the unadopted Noble Lane. To become adopted the 2 houses and the school have to put up money - but it is the number of car users that cause the pot holes etc. Cllr Brown said the school do try to discourage parents from driving down Noble Lane.

#### 15.185 www.aslockton-pc.org.uk

Cllrs Auckland + Crowley; and the clerk; have been uploading information to the new website with a view to activating it in the next day or so.

#### 15.186 Paying the clerk a pension

No action required until HMRC contact the council in due course.

#### 15.187 Speedwatch

The session - whereby the police kit will be demonstrated – has yet to happen. This kit can then be used in conjunction with the speedgun currently shared between five villages.

#### 15.188 Dog bins/fouling

An article to go in the next newsletter, posters raising awareness that parish councils do have enforcement powers.

#### **15.189 Replacing the planters**

Cllr Barker + Mr Tom Daws have plans to replace the planters in time for spring.  $\pm 150$  for the 2 planters inclusive of VAT. Proposer Cllr Haslam, Seconder Cllr Sharpe. The council agreed. Pansies + bulbs to go in the old planters then new ones will be made.

#### 15.190 Allotments

Cllr Haslam contacted Mr Crawford about the pruning the hedge along his field which borders the allotments but this as yet hasn't been done.

Clerk contacted plot holders of 16 + 9 about the untidy state of their plots: no change as yet.

Cllr Barker floated the idea of a returnable deposit to help ensure people keep the plots ok. This could be proposed at the next annual meeting between allotment holders and parish councillors.

#### 15.191 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's September salary (no tax payable)	£289.71
RBC election time admin costs	£36.00
Cllr Barker – expenses car parking; plants	£20.00

Proposer Cllr Sharpe, seconder Cllr Marshall. Cheque and payment voucher signed by Cllrs Haslam + Auckland.

Statement of accounts for September was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Haslam

The external audit completion and the letter from Grant Thornton was noted by councillors. The relevant notice of completion of audit is on the notice-board.

#### 15.192 Chairman's Business

Mr Richard (Tom) Thomas had died; long serving parish councillor, Cllr |Barker proposed sending a card to his family on behalf of APC: all current parish councillors agreed to this.

#### **15.193 Councillors Reports**

#### **Cllr Haslam**

- Thanks to Cllr Barker and Mr Chris Smith for their work on the Inquiry.
- Railway crossing closure: talking to local people Cllr Haslam felt there was a need for more detail as to when and for how long the closure would be; notices should go in the pub and post office/shop as well as on the notice-board. The clerk and Cllr Barker have requested

# information and will publicise detail when known. Cllr Marshall

Asked for an update on the Dawns Lane overgrowth: Cllr Barker has been in contact with Highways over this matter.

# **Cllr Sharpe**

Attended a Cranmer Connection meeting. There is an author visit planned for November which should raise money which could help fund a Cranmer Festival – the latter to be run by Aslockton and Whatton Parish Councils if they are agreeable to the idea. Another plan is for there to be a Cranmer Trail – Mr Richard Bullock and Mr Gregg Redford are working on this.

# **15.194 Correspondence**

- Information about Nalc training
- Invite to town and parish forum (RBC)
- Update on integrating tobacco control services (NCC)
- Supporting Local Communities Fund 2016/17

# 15.195 Items for next agenda

Footpaths Verges remeasurement Noble Lane Cranmer Connection/ A 'Cranmer Festival' Supporting Local Communities Fund 2016/17

#### 15.196 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

Meeting closed at 9pm.