

**Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the  
Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on  
Monday 11th May 2015**

**Present:** Cllrs M Barker (Chair); K Auckland; C Haslam, M Lowth, A Crowley

**Also present:** the clerk Miss M Rogers; Cllr M Suthers, 8 members of the public

**15.063 Apologies**

None.

**15.064 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Auckland – application **14/01393/OUT Cliffhill Lane** up to 50 dwellings

Cllr Haslam – application **14/00480/OUT Abbey Lane** up to 75 dwellings

**15.065 Public meeting**

Mrs Fiona Barker would like to purchase a watering can to put by the planters. Cllrs agreed to this purchase.

Mrs Fiona Barker also noted that the hedge on Noble Lane/Dawns Lane needs cutting again.

Cllr Suthers picked up on two points in the chairman's APM report:

- Fibre Optic Broadband: there are two boxes now within a few yards of each other yet there are still gaps of coverage in the village.
- NCC is indeed recommending Rushcliffe planners to refuse Cliffhill Lane on archeological grounds.

**15.066 Adoption/amendments of last month's minutes**

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman with the following amendments:

**15.045 Planning**

- Potential Development north of Abbey Lane: No application has been made yet. APC resolved to call a public meeting if and when such an application is validated.

**15.047 War memorial**

Cllr Daws reported that Highways say a war memorial on the section of Main Street suggested at the last meeting could only be on the church side of the road. The only place Cllr Daws himself could think of in that case would be Mick Butler's land. No further action to be taken at this point.

**15.051 Dawns Lane/Noble Lane**

.....Cllr Suthers had been advised that Noble Lane was unadopted and is not therefore a public highway – although there may be public right of way over it. Hence the responsibility of maintenance rests with adjoining owners.....

### **15.067 To sign declarations of office and elect a chairman and a vice-chairman**

Cllr Auckland proposed Cllr Barker as chairman; Cllr Haslam seconded the proposal. The whole council were in agreement.

Cllr Barker proposed Cllr Haslam as vice-chairman; Cllr Lowth seconded the proposal. The whole council were in agreement.

### **15.068 Co-option to the parish council of another two councillors**

Interest has been expressed so far by Mrs/Ms Julie Brown (present at the meeting as a member of the public) and Mr Richard Sharpe. APC decided to re-advertise via the notice-board; website; Contact magazine. Councillors settled on a closing date for applications: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Should there be over two applicants; there could be an interview process.

### **15.069 Planning**

**15/00893/FUL** Elgon, Abbey Lane.

Erection of 2<sup>nd</sup> storey extension. **No objections** from APC.

**15/00876/FUL** Adjacent 17 Abbey Close. Proposed single dwelling.

This would be a three bedroomed property - therefore a bigger footprint than that which the land-holder applied for at an earlier date. APC object to the size of the dwelling in relation to the plot size. Parking remains an issue – the parish council feel a condition of permission should be that a hard surface forecourt be created to provide off road parking for two vehicles – this would create a need to make alterations to the curbs.

The current situation on the following applications was noted:

- **14/01393/OUT** outline application for the erection of up to 50 dwellings on land to the north of Cliffhill Lane. Planning team are still looking at this planning application. The planners are waiting for archaeological reports before deciding whether to recommend approval or not.
- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on land south of Abbey Lane (up to 75 dwellings) Planning appeal has been suspended. **The public inquiry will take place on 7th October at 10am at the Civic Centre.**
- **Potential Development north of Abbey Lane:** No application has been made yet. APC resolved to call a public meeting if and when such an application is validated.

#### **RBC decisions noted:**

- **15/00039/CONARE** Fell apple at York House, Chapel Lane. Permission granted.
- **15/00043/CONARE** Fell pine at Long Reach, Chapel Lane. Permission granted.
- **15/00203/FUL** 2 Vale Close. Side & rear extension. Permission granted.
- **15/00386/COU** Wilfur House, Main St. Change of use to Nail & Beauty Salon. Permission Granted.

### **15.070 Clerk report**

The report was received and noted by councillors.

The clerk had asked for four police community speedwatch signs to be reserved for Aslockton. Although there is no timescale as to when these could be delivered they are not charged for and APC is under no obligation to take them if in the mean-time they have purchased alternative speedwatch signs.

#### **15.071 Annual audit**

The annual accounts and internal audit was signed off ready for public inspection and external audit. The internal auditor's report on the variances between the years 2013-14 and 2014-15 was read aloud and will be online in due course.

Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Barker.

#### **15.072 War memorial**

Mr Graham Harper said he would be happy to research this matter further later in the year - working with Mr Tim Chamberlain.

#### **15.073 Footpaths and verges**

As mentioned in the clerk report there is no input yet from Whatton Parish Council re the idea of improving footpath 11.

Standing orders were suspended to let Mr Nigel Morley bring to the parish council's attention an incident which occurred about a week ago on the footpath where it crosses the railway line in the centre of the village. Cllr Suthers commented that NR may make use of such evidence to support the argument in favour of closing some crossings.

Jane Baines is addressing the issues re Aslockton footpath 13. Her workers will be going in to make adjustments to the stiles; and remove the padlock from the gate and the stile to the side. She is waiting for permission from the EA to adjust the stile on the flood bank.

Councillors felt APC should invite Jane Baines to have a walk round the various footpaths Clerk to contact her so she can suggest a few dates. The clerk will also ask for a 'schedule of cuts' so APC can liaise with contractor Steve Rose to do a cut in-between the NCC dates.

The village verges need attending to: Cllr Barker is waiting to hear from Mr Kennedy's contractor to see if the parish council can deal with him directly from this year onwards. Cllr Suthers agreed 'grass-cutting' should be on Aslockton's next agenda as local residents did raise with him - during his time campaigning to be borough councillor - that they are not happy with the state of the verges on Cliffhill Lane and Meadow Close in particular.

#### **15.074 Dawns Lane/Noble Lane**

Dawns Lane: the potholes marked out for repair were not done. Cllr Suthers will draw the attention of Highways to this outstanding matter.

Noble Lane: Cllr Auckland had uncovered some archive material regarding the history of Noble Lane and offered to do some more research before the next meeting.

#### **15.075 Code of transparency for Smaller Councils**

Delay in setting up a p c website as there is to be funding available from Nalc to help councils meet their new obligations but this has to come on stream. The newly required 'items of expenditure over £100' record is being duly filled in by the clerk each month ready to put online in due course.

#### **15.076 Review of APC documents**

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Controls will all be looked at by the new council when it has its full complement of seven members.

#### **15.077 Buses**

Cllr Auckland had attended the latest meeting. In summary Aslockton has come out of things reasonably well so far – no loss of the regular service to Bingham. The 25<sup>th</sup> July is the proposed starting date of the new timetable.

#### **15.078 Rushcliffe Barn Owls Project**

Aslockton has two boxes within the parish boundaries. The organisers of the project request financial support in their efforts. Cllr Haslam proposed a £50 donation; Cllr Barker seconded it. Payment will be a finance item on the next agenda.

#### **15.079 Christmas tree/lights**

The clerk had contacted Jayne Wingad to alert her to what had happened at the station while work has been done there. No more action to take on this until APC notice the work on the crossing is finished.

#### **15.080 Allotments**

No more vacant plots – APC are leaving the far one (which has been reported as being unusable by the last plot-holder) without a tenant for the time being.

Cllrs Lowth and Barker are to have a walk round to help make boundaries clearer and look at what can be done with the end plot (see above).

#### **15.081 Finance**

##### **Cheques for payment:**

<b>Clerk's April salary (no tax payable)</b>	<b>£289.71</b>
<b>Clerk's quarterly Working from Home Allowance</b>	<b>£83.50</b>
<b>Annual contribution to WAPFT</b>	<b>£900.00</b>

Proposed by Cllr Barker; seconded by Cllr Auckland.

Payment for room hire at the Thomas Cranmer Centre was deferred – the clerk will add to the previous list of dates not yet paid for and again request an invoice.

A cheque was written for £60 as payment of internal audit services – an invoice which came in after the agenda was published: this will be ratified next time.

An unrepresented cheque for £40 dating from last September seems to have been lost and is likely to have to be replaced by a new cheque at next month's meeting.

**Statements of accounts for April** proposed by Cllr Barker; seconded by Cllr Lowth.

It was agreed the clerk would alter the earmarked reserves on the May Financial Statement so that a new Village Amenities category would be created comprising of the ACA money plus the £200 specified to be used for planting - which is currently in the general reserve - from the borough councillor fund.

### **15.082 Chairman's report**

Several hedges need cutting. At Holly House (Dawns Lane/Noble Lane), Manor Farm House, beech hedges Mill Lane/Main Street to name a few places where overgrown hedges have become a problem for road/path users. Notes to be posted through the doors of the householders concerned politely requesting their co-operation.

### **15.083 Councillor reports**

Cllr Auckland proposed a future item for discussion: installing a notice-board for the detention centre area to serve the residents there who are part of Aslockton Parish. Clerk will add this to the next agenda.

### **15.084 Correspondence**

- Police cuts letter – clerk to send the information to councillors for individual responses. A petition can be signed.
- New Councillor Training/RBC Town & Parish Conference invites.
- Letter from Rushcliffe Responders Group introducing themselves.
- The usual information from various local organisations to go on the notice-boards

### **15.085 Agenda items for next meeting**

Co-option process to fill the two councillor vacancies.

Footpaths

Verges/grass cutting

Dawns Lane/Noble Lane

The new obligations for small councils in publishing financial data

Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Controls.

Detention centre notice-board

### **15.086 Date of the next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

The May meeting closed at 8.40pm.