

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire,  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Parish councillors present:** M Barker (Chair), Vice-chairman C Haslam, K Auckland, J Brown, A Crowley, B Marshall, R Sharpe

**Present:** Borough Councillor M Stockwood (from 7.55pm); 1 member of the public.

**16.174 Apologies**

Cllr F Purdue-Horan.

**16.175 Declaration of interest**

Cllr Haslam declared an interest in 16.178 - the planning application 17/00088/FUL.

**16.176 Public Meeting**

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Stockwood reported that:

- the charge to residents for a household green bin is to increase - only 20 objections from residents so far; the cost will still be less than the cost for the same in other areas.
- cameras have been in place catching fly-tippers in action
- RBC plan to increase their council tax levy for 2017/18: this would mean a Band D property would see their council tax bill increase weekly by nine pence.
- a peer group review of planning for quality control purposes is scheduled this month
- Rushcliffe Borough Council is encouraging participation in a 'Spring Clean Up'

**16.177 Adoption of meeting minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> + 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

APC resolved to adopt the minutes; these were signed off by the chairman.

**16.178 Planning**

- **17/00088/FUL** Construct dwelling for dependent relative within curtilage of existing dwelling, Land east of Foxborough House, Abbey Lane. **No objections.**
- **16/02866/REM Land south of Abbey Lane.** APC objected to the application on a number of points. 16/02866/REM is likely to go to the Development Control Committee in March. APC have been consulted on amendments to the reserved matters application; and have until 23<sup>rd</sup> February to feed in to the planning officer's preparation. APC will hold an extra meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the revisions; Cllr Stockwood will look at the plans in hard copy at RBC.

- Invite from RCAN to a Neighbourhood Planning Event in March – Cllrs Barker + Sharpe, and the clerk, would like to attend.

### **16.179 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

### **16.180 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

#### **Committee membership:**

- The committee still currently has just a vice-chairman – APC's Cllr Haslam. If there is neither a treasurer nor chairman by 27<sup>th</sup> March, the committee will refer the matter to the Trustees.
- Gregg Redford has been replaced on the committee by another Whatton parish councillor – Cllr Jane Morris.
- Mr Paul Brown from Abbey Lane, Aslockton, has offered to go on the committee and is likely to be co-opted next meeting.
- Of the 23 survey respondents who offered support a few would still like to help but not be on a committee.
- There are not enough willing volunteers for the committee to split into sub-committees so for now all aspects of the facility will be managed as it has been hitherto but with just as much focus on the play equipment issues as the needs of the sports teams.

#### **Replacement of the pavilion:**

Cllrs Brown + Haslam met Orston Cllr Nick Hammond to learn about the fund-raising and construction of the new pavilion at the Orston recreation ground. The rest of the Playing Field Committee will look at the Spa Lane plans online.

#### **Play equipment:**

Committee members have begun research into improving the provision for children for when the trust has the funds to start making purchases. A grass surface rather than a 'play surface' would cut costs in the installation of a new equipment area.

#### **Fund-raising:**

- The committee are asking for a commitment to raise funds for the site from all the teams who use the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field.
- WAPFT can apply for some of the S106 money associated with the Avant Homes development – but only when the 25<sup>th</sup> house has been occupied. Around £30,000 is to be allocated to sports/recreation.

- Cllr Barker has not yet managed to make contact with the new WPC Chairman Cllr Grocock to find out whether WPC have an ear marked reserve for the playing field or could commit to do so.

### **16.181 Footpaths**

Ms Jane Baines of the Rights of Way team says the path to the Smite has been cleared; and she feels a gate is not needed at the end of Footpath 11.

On the path between Abbey Lane and Mill Lane, parish councillors note a prevalence of litter – namely dog excrement wrapped in poo bags.

### **16.182 Portable signs**

- It was decided not to purchase signs from Westcotec or order them from Highways.
- Highways have significant traffic data from Cliffhill Lane - which may lead to eventual installation of an interactive sign on the part of Highways.
- Abbey Lane may eventually have a sign installed, possibly near the access to the new housing development, with funding from Avant Homes.

### **16.179 Grit bins**

Cllr Sharpe had investigated the current condition of the shovels and recommends seven are purchased. APC agree to buy these ahead of next winter.

The bin on Mill Lane was not full but otherwise salt levels were satisfactory. Highways replenish the bins on road junctions when required.

### **16.180 Abbey Close Allotments**

Following the allotment meeting earlier this evening, councillors will visit the allotments again to look at the area which reportedly needs stones putting down to make vehicular access easier and the plots on the left hand side as you walk into the site.

The council may give notice to plot 16 tenants that they will not be invited to renew their tenancy this year because the plot has not been maintained satisfactorily.

Cllr Stockwood pledged £200 of her councillor fund to pay for sheeting & stones for the allotments. Cllr Haslam will collect quotes.

### **16.181 Finances**

#### **For payment:**

Clerk's salary

£286.66

Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Clerk's expenses – cartridges + bus fare to pension admin training	£34.00
NALC - subs	£169.65
Four Seasons – allotment hedge cutting	£120.00
Room Hire – TCC	Postponed

Proposer to the above payments – Cllr Marshall; Seconder Cllr Sharpe.

14<sup>th</sup> February Working from Home Allowance payment by S/O to be ratified next month.

**Statements of accounts January 2017:** proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Brown.

The **precept request of £7374.00 was approved by APC**; the request will be made this week by the clerk. Proposer Cllr Auckland, Seconder Cllr Crowley.

### **16.182 Chairman's Business**

Cllr Barker gave details of the funeral of Mrs Teri Hancock who had maintained a border by Corner Farm for the village.

### **16.181 Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Haslam:**

- litter noticed in the roads, along pavements, in the dykes. APC can order litter picking equipment from RBC – the clerk to enquire.
- APC agreed the clerk should write to WPC to ask them to request the installation of a litter bin on Old Grantham Rd (just past Bel Rock House).

**Cllr Auckland** reported that local landowner Mr John Breedon was unhappy about people walking on the field off Mill Lane - not sticking to the footpath. An article could go in the next parish council newsletter, it was agreed.

**Cllr Sharpe** asked if there was any news on road surface repairs along Dark Lane: Cllr Stockwood offered to ask Cllr Purdue-Horan to contact Highways.

### **16.182 Correspondence**

- Information on grants/play equipment suppliers passed to Cllrs Brown + Haslam
- 'Understanding the role of the employer' - pensions booklet given to Cllr Barker.

### **16.183 Items for the March agenda**

Playing Field

**16.184 Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Monday 13th March 2017, at the TCC.