

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire,
on Monday 10th April 2017**

Parish councillors present: M Barker (Chair), B Marshall, K Auckland, J Brown, A Crowley (left at 8.30pm), R Sharpe

Present: 4 members of the public.

17.000 Apologies

Vice-chair C Haslam; Borough Councillor M Stockwood; County Councillor F Purdue-Horan

17.001 Declaration of interest

Cllr Brown, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Barker – Bees

Cllr Marshall - 17/00528/FUL, Mosscroft, Abbey Lane

17.002 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that the extra green bin (to live at the side of the TCC) was in situ and was for the use of any villager gardening for the community. Mrs Barker added her voice to the several complaints about the loss of amenity for residents having to put up with seeing bee excrement on their cars, door frames, house windows. Thirdly Mrs Barker remarked that once again the drains on Main Street give off a stench not smelt elsewhere in the village.

Mr Tom Daws expressed concern about the likelihood of increased traffic on Chapel Lane should a further dwelling be built (see 17.004 below).

Mr Chris Smith offered to help argue the case for against the Cliffhill Lane housing development when the decision goes to appeal by informal hearing in June – see 17.004 below.

17.003 Adoption of the minutes of the March meeting

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

17.004 Planning

- **Appeal re Cliffhill Lane – informal hearing to be held in June:** Cllrs Auckland + Barker will prepare wording for the formal written submission of Aslockton Parish Council – the comments can be used as a starting point by parish councillors if they wish to submit comments individually. The parish council will co-ordinate residents who wish to speak at the hearing.
- **17/00528/FUL, Mosscroft, Abbey Lane:** single storey rear extension. **No objections.**
- **17/00450/FUL & 17/00449/FUL 1 & 2 Field Bungalow, Chapel Lane:** Division of existing site to form separate plot for construction of 4 bed family home – **APC object**

on a number of points; proposed extension & modernisation of existing semi-detached bungalow to include a new single garage – **APC has no objections.**

- **16/02866/REM Land south of Abbey Lane.** At Development Control Committee on Thursday 16th March the decision was made to give approval to the reserved matters application.
- Planning consent given by RBC to **17/00088/FUL**, Foxborough House, Abbey Lane.
- The clerk had attended and forwarded on to councillors the notes from the **Neighbourhood Plan Information Evening** organised by RCAN. Cllrs Barker + Sharpe had attended also - Cllr Barker reported that Cllr Upton from Radcliffe-on-Trent had explained that they had proceeded with a plan because the village was ear-marked for development. Radcliffe have been working on their plan for three years and hope to have the final draft prepared by the end of 2017. In theory APC is protected by being an 'other area not ear-marked for development' in the Rushcliffe Local Plan but in reality this designation may not prevent further large scale development in the parish. Putting together a Neighbourhood Plan would require absolute commitment from the parish council and the community; and funding to support the process is not guaranteed for the future. It was decided more information was needed to enable further debate. The clerk was asked to invite Jenny Kirkwood from RCAN to give the p c a presentation/run a Q & A session on a different night to the normal monthly meeting. Cllrs Barker + Auckland said that they would not be able to take on any further parish council/planning related commitments for the foreseeable future.

17.005 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

WPC had replied to APC's letter suggesting a request should be made for a litter bin to be installed on Old Grantham Road. WPC offered to share the cost of purchasing a bin but did not want to pay for emptying the bin thereafter. The clerk will clarify where the lay-by is e.g. which parish and also enquire as to the costs by contacting Streetwise.

17.006 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Playing field committee member Cllr Brown gave the following report:

- A treasurer is in post.
- The three member sub-committee focusing on the project to build a new pavilion have come up with some more plans for a pavilion, still on a fairly large scale, but members of the committee agreed not much more could be done until funding is in place.
- Committee members intend to do all they can to ensure WAPFT is allocated the S106 money for recreation associated with the Avant Homes development on Abbey Lane, Aslockton.
- Cllr Barker's Groundwork/Tesco research is to be passed on to the committee for members to make a bid.

- ROSPA inspection of play equipment is due.
- Some damage to the existing pavilion will need addressing soon.

17.007 Drain on Abbey Lane/contacting Severn Trent Water

A letter to STW prepared prior to the meeting, expressing concerns, was approved by councillors. The clerk will send this to the parish council's new contact at STW - Mr Adam Greest.

17.008 Bees

With warmer weather, the prevalence of bee excrement and presence of bees due to bee-keeping at a property in Fields Drive was noted. APC have been receiving complaints from residents on Fields Drive and Abbey Lane. Ann Price, the relevant officer at RBC to be contacted again by the clerk.

17.009 Abbey Close Allotments

The sheeting has been purchased.

The annual renewal of tenancies is underway; all plots to be rented out this year are now allocated.

17.010 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's salary	£286.66
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Clerk's expenses (travel to training plus stamps)	£10.86
Reimburse C Haslam for purchases relating to the allotments	Postponed
TCC Green Bin	£20
M. Barker - seed compost	£12

Proposer to the above payments – Cllr Sharpe; Seconder Cllr Brown

Statements of accounts March 2017: proposer Cllr Marshall; seconder Cllr Sharpe.

APC resolved that the governance documents for the financial year 2017-18 are to remain the same: the clerk will re-date each document accordingly and send out to all councillors electronically.

Next meeting the **S137 payments** will be on the agenda. As there was a surplus in 2016-17 S137 budget allocation at the year end; it was agreed that the First Responders would get a larger grant in 2017-18 than planned.

17.011 Chairman's Business

Cllr Barker attended the Lincolnshire Poacher Line meeting. The rail franchise is up for renewal hence a consultancy firm has been hired to look into local need and feasibility of the route. Radcliffe + Bottesford representatives explained that they would like to see more trains. Cllr Barker said for Aslockton that the parish council agreed a later train in the evening returning from Nottingham to the village would be useful for residents (the buses to the village stop early evening).

17.012 Councillors Reports

Cllr Marshall reported that there was a significant amount of noise disruption coming from the Avant Homes building site - Cllr Barker confirmed he is in regular contact with the commercial manager at Avant Homes in an effort to get this situation ameliorated.

Cllr Brown had received complaints from residents about dogs barking excessively in a nearby property. There was some uncertainty as to which property – the situation to be monitored by residents.

17.013 Correspondence

- Invite to enter the Best Kept Village competition – the parish council declined.
- Annual Return documentation from Grant Thornton: the clerk to action.
- Local area police meeting to be held on the 20th April – Cllrs Brown & Crowley normally attend these quarterly meetings; the clerk to attend in April also.

17.014 Items for the May agenda

Playing Field
Neighbourhood Plan

17.015 Details of next meeting

Monday 8th May 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.

Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.