

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 8th August 2016**

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

**Also present:** County Cllr F Purdue-Horan; Borough Cllr M Stockwood; 1 member of the public

### **16.072 Apologies**

None.

### **16.073 Declaration of interest**

None.

### **16.074 Public Meeting**

Newly elected **Nottinghamshire County Councillor Mr Francis Purdue-Horan** introduced himself and said he looked forward to working with APC.

Cllr Purdue-Horan has knowledge of the area from his role as a borough councillor and being first deputy mayor, then last year mayor. During the last few weeks, Cllr Purdue-Horan has been following developments closely in the area which he now represents at a county level. He commented that there is a strong team of elected representatives locally.

Cllr Purdue-Horan remains a Borough Councillor (not for Cranmer Ward) and as such stands on RBC's Development Control Committee at RBC. This is of interest to APC as planning issues feature frequently in parish council business.

Cllr Purdue-Horan as a borough councillor is currently involved in forming Rushcliffe BC's Leisure Facilities strategy.

Newly elected **Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Mrs Maureen Stockwood**, introduced herself and said she has lived in Bingham since 1975, bringing up a family there. Cllr Stockwood has in the past been a borough councillor for 16 years and has a lot of experience in planning matters. Cllr Stockwood now looks forward to being the borough councillor for Cranmer Ward.

### **16.075 Adoption of July 11<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July minutes**

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

### **16.076 Planning**

- The planning cluster session was worth attending – especially informative for new parish councillors.
- The parish council noted that principal planning officer for our area, Mrs Michelle Dunne, was expected to be not at work for some time so there may be delays in processing at the Rushcliffe planning department.
- No update on the outline application for land on Cliffhill Lane. 26th August is the deadline for planners to decide their recommendations but it is looking as if they may ask for more time to assess the application.
- No further documents lodged ahead of the developer's appeal concerning land north of Abbey Lane. The public inquiry for the outline application to develop land north of Abbey Lane will begin on 25th October 2016.
- The clerk has spoken to RBC about Wilfur House, Main Street i.e. the conditions placed on the change of use to a tea-room and what is within RBC's area of control; what is a NCC Highways issue. A planning team member will have a look at an advertisement Cllr Marshall spotted when passing. The clerk has now contacted Highways re the table & chairs on the pavement; and again mentioned the parking + congestion issues which the cafe is contributing to.

#### **Planning permission given to:**

**16/01222/OUT** Mrs S Morrow, dwelling with vehicular access, on land south east of Long Acre, Cliffhill Lane.

**16/01190/FUL** Mr Brian Crawford, agricultural building at Abbey Farm, New Lane.

#### **16.077 Clerk's Report**

The report was received and noted by the councillors.

On the issue of children playing at the dyke at the back of Crawfords Meadow; Cllr Barker had met a representative from Western Power. The potential dangers were shown to the energy company employee but the latter said everything was as safe as it could be. Waterloo Housing may decide to act following the parish council flagging up concerns.

#### **16.078 Playing Field Pavilion Project**

A sub-committee of the trustees (3 members of each parish council) will meet on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Cllrs Barker, Haslam + Brown to attend.

The clerk will put together an agenda then circulate to APC trustees + also to WPC's clerk Mike Elliott for him to pass on to the relevant WPC trustees.

APC felt two key agenda items should be: Playing Field Trust Meetings; Playing Field Pavilion.

Cllr Barker informed the council that he had been approached by a Whatton resident who had concerns about the poor condition of the birds nest swing on the playing field. This equipment could be repaired at a cost of £350 plus VAT. Cllr Barker asked if APC wanted to offer to pay half

of this expenditure. The council resolved not to offer any contribution at this stage because the management committee has funds set aside for equipment maintenance. Cllr Purdue-Horan advised APC that there are funds within his county councillor pot which could help ensure that children are able to use the swing during the summer holidays – Cllr Barker said he will refer to Cllr Purdue-Horan's offer at the meeting of trustees on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **16.079 Installing Speed Signs**

The clerk has asked Highways to do a traffic survey on Abbey Lane and Cliffhill Lane in the hope NCC speed signs can be installed again. No schedule yet as to when the surveys may take place.

#### **16.080 Footpaths**

- . The clerk read out from an email from the Rights of Way Officer Jane. Her comments were in reply to the clerk following the points raised at the last meeting.
- . Clearing the debris on footpath 1 and also maintenance of footpath 2 were matters Ms Baines was offering to take up with resident farmer Mr Brian Crawford – APC agreed that was a good idea as both needed attending to.
- . No contractors have yet been found for the footpath 11 improvements.
- . Cllr Barker had sought a quote from NCC contractor Mr Steve Rose – APC agreed that the parish council would pay Mr Rose to do an additional footpath cut when needed this summer.
- . APC noted also that hedge cutting had been done by residents along footpath 3.

#### **16.081 Notice-boards**

The clerk had forwarded information from Malcolm Lane to councillors for discussion. APC resolved to purchase replacement doors for the parish council notice-board only. Councillors will do the replacement themselves. The clerk will put in an order and enquire whether there is free delivery or a discount for customers collecting their items.

#### **16.082 Abbey Close Allotments**

Several councillors had visited the site since last meeting. The council decided to offer the plot 1 tenant Mr Martin Chalke a different plot as his is prone to flooding. The clerk will suggest to Mr Chalke that he takes on the smaller plot 18b – with no rent to be charged for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017-31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

Aslockton's Abbey Close now has quite a few empty plots which need to be filled for the site to look tidy. APC agreed some plots could be offered free until the end of March 2016 as a lot of effort + commitment is required to get them manageable again.

The clerk will ask WPC clerk Mr Mike Elliott if APC can advertise the allotments via Whatton newsletter and notice-boards. Cllr Purdue-Horan suggested the clerk approach Bingham Town Council to help with advertising Abbey Close Allotments and spreading the word that the site has

empty plots. In Bingham there is a waiting list for allotments.

### **16.083 Finances**

Payments not on the July agenda but authorised at that meeting & paid subsequently were ratified:

F Barker – village planter related purchases - £30.92

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust – donation of £50.00 (in memory of the late Cllr Martin Suthers)

For payment:

Clerk's salary	£286.66
Pension Contribution (employee's £16.68 + employer's £44.59)	£61.27
Clerk's Working From Home Allowance	£83.50
Clerk's office expenses – set of cartridges	£25.00
S137 – Aslockton Cemetery Trust	£175.00
Room hire at the TCC	Postponed – no invoice yet

Proposer to the above payments Cllr Marshall; seconder Cllr Crowley.

Statements of accounts for approval – July 2016. Proposer Cllr Haslam; Secunder Cllr Sharpe.

Cheque 730 was replaced with cheque 744 (chq 730 was lost by the payee - now cancelled at bank)

### **16.084 Chairman's Business**

None.

### **16.085 Councillors Reports**

None.

### **16.086 Correspondence**

Invite to participate in a community housing survey. APC did not want to participate.

A reply from the chairman of Orston Parish Council explaining the latter's viewpoint on the proposed Cliffhill Lane housing development; and how OPC had come to resolve not to formally comment on the application.

### **16.087 Items for the Next Agenda**

Playing Field Pavilion

Installing Speed Signs

Footpaths

### **16.088 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Thomas Cranmer Centre at 7pm.