

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 10th September 2018

Parish councillors present: Cllr M Barker (Chair), Cllr C Haslam, Cllr J Brown, Cllr R Sharpe, Cllr K Auckland.

Also present: Clerk M Sharratt, 4 members of the public.

18.094 Apologies Cllr S Marshall, Cllr A Crowley, Borough Cllr M Stockwood, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan.

18.095 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

Cllr Brown declared an interest in planning application 18/01768/FUL as she lives nearby.

18.096 Public Meeting

Mr Tom Daws pointed out that in planning application 18/01895/FUL there is mention of altering village footpath 8 - he would like more details as it is close to his property on Chapel Lane.

Mrs Fiona Barker thanked the planter-watering volunteers for their efforts over the summer. She asked if objections to putting planters on the land by St Thomas Drive had been received: none had been so far.

18.097 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held in August

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

18.098 Planning

- APC **objected** to application **18/01768/FUL** (first floor side extension above existing garage, Holmeffield, Abbey Lane). The residents of neighbouring property Beckbury would lose daylight in their garden if the proposal went ahead: APC therefore considered the application to be overbearing; and recommended that, during the usual site visit, the planning officer makes a point of visiting the neighbours at Beckbury to appreciate the impact the extension would have on them.
- **18/01895/FUL** Erection of a 4 bedroomed detached dwelling, 2 Field Bungalow, Chapel Lane. The parish council considered that the objections submitted from APC re application 17/00450/FUL at the same site remain valid but had **no further objection**. However, the council would ask that all existing hedgerows bordering the footpath be retained to preserve the rural character of the area.

The clerk to submit APC's responses – these will be available to view via the RBC website.

APC noted that the Draft Local Plan Part 2 has gone to the Secretary of State for examination by an independent planning inspector.

APC had received notices of planning decisions made by RBC – 17/02871/OUT (land north of Cliffhill Lane) and 18/01335/FUL (5 Chapel Row).

18.099 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

Utility work on Abbey Close/Abbey Lane had been completed: VIAEM had assured the clerk all will be made good – debris and damage attended to.

Cllrs Auckland + Crowley and the clerk to review the APC website and Facebook profile.

Cllr Barker hopes to attend the next meeting for stakeholders in the renewal of the railway line franchise.

18.100 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

The Playing Field Committee Chairman had reported that the trust was not likely to get any income from September 2018 to March 2019. Aslockton and Orston Football Club may just cut the grass instead of paying rent if they do not play many games on the field. "The Cranmers" have folded and the Greyhounds are 'ticking over' until they get to their fifty years anniversary e.g. not playing league games, just friendlies.

24th September is the date for the next WAPFT meeting – the clerk to contact WPC's clerk for him to issue the agenda this time and minute the meeting if he is available. Cllr Sharpe gave his apologies in advance.

18.101 Acacia House, Abbey Lane

A response has been received from one of the owners – the outside of the property will be tidied up.

18.102 1 Dawns Lane

It was decided last meeting that the clerk should write to the owner Dr Russell asking that he improve the look of the exterior of his property - mentioning that there is currently under way a review of the conservation area (the property is in the centre of it). Cllr Barker suggested he take some photos to send to the RBC officer concerned Mr James Bate – all in agreement.

18.103 Purchase of lamp-post poppies

Thirty poppies were ordered to be placed at the station, Main Street and by the cemetery. October finance item - £90 to the Poppy Appeal. Next meeting APC will decide specific locations and when to put them up.

18.104 RBC parish tree scheme

The committee are happy for APC to apply for ten trees to be planted on the field; WPC Cllr Grocock had confirmed that WPC would have no objection. The detail of the application to be discussed at the next meeting – advice from former committee member Mr Tom Daws sought as to the type of trees and location APC should decide upon. The clerk will send in the completed application by the deadline (late September).

18.105 War memorial installation event

APC resolved to contribute £150 to the holding of an event once the memorial is in situ.

18.106 Speeding

Mrs Rebecca Atkins (resident who attended the August meeting concerned about speeding) will be using the speed-gun at a busy time of day from out of a window of her house – Cllrs Auckland and Crowley to show her how it works.

Mr Brian Crawford had reported to Cllr Haslam that speeding along New Lane was frequent. Cllr Haslam had advised Mr Crawford to monitor the situation and to pass pictures/details to the clerk.

18.107 Allotments

Work to divide and tidy plot 17 is still to be done. Quotes being sought.
Laying down of plastic sheeting over plots 1-3 still to be done.

Plot 7 tenant has given notice. Plot 14 tenants wish to move to plot 7 and the tenant who has been very

unhappy with the situation at 18b being between two neglected plots would like to take on plot 14. They are in touch with each other now and dates/paperwork are to be sorted accordingly. The clerk to action.

18.108 Finance

For Payment

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£306.14
Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)	£75.16
Return of allotment deposit (M Polkey)	£30.00
Reimburse M Barker for the purchase of printer paper	£6.00

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Brown

Statement of accounts for August 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Sharpe

18.109 Chairman's Business

Hedges overhanging pavements at Manor Farm on the corner of Mill Lane and Main Street and outside Cranmer Cottage: as compliment slips and formal letters have not led to any pruning; it was agreed that Cllr Barker will take photos which the clerk can forward to Highways. The clerk was asked to write to the owner of 2 Field Bungalow, Chapel Lane as his hedge too needs cutting back.

Shop/Post Office on Main Street: owner Mr Derek Jones has put the premises up for sale though no for sale sign yet. Clerk to reply to the resident enquiring about it.

Verges within the village: clerk to order a second cut from the contractor for late September/early October.

Cllr Barker and Mrs Barker plan to do another litter pick along Abbey Lane.

18.110 Councillors Reports

Cllr Brown:

Had seen a hole in the tarmac on the Abbey Lane pavement between Abbey Close and the Capes – this would be addressed by the utility company following their work there, councillors felt.

Had noticed that by Aslacr Park along Abbey Lane there were signs lying on the ground: the clerk was asked to email the site manager and point out that this was a safety issue.

Cllr Auckland:

Had ascertained that Mr Dave Rowe remains a trustee of Mill Lane Cemetery: Cllr Barker to pass this information on to Mr Tim Chamberlin who feels that the cemetery is not being properly maintained.

Proposed there be a notice-board at the Aslacr Park end of Aslockton. Future agenda item agreed.

Cllr Sharpe reported a hedge overhanging the pavement at Spinney Corner – Cllr Barker to look and take photos with a view to the clerk sending a letter to the resident and/or reporting this to Highways.

18.111 Correspondence received

Posters for events had been advertised via notice-board/website.

Updated RBC Town & Parish Conference agenda had been circulated - no councillors to attend this time.

Invites to various events were received and noted.

18.112 Items for the October agenda

Playing Field

Acacia House

1 Dawns Lane

Lamp-post poppies

Hedges

Notice-board near Aslacr Park

To approve and note an updated emergency plan and risk assessments

18.113 Details of next meeting

7pm on Monday 8th October 2018, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 10th September closed at 20.30 hours.