

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 11th September 2017

Parish councillors present: M Barker (Chair), C Haslam (Vice-chairman), J Brown, B Marshall, K Auckland.

Present: Cllr F Purdue-Horan, Cllr M Stockwood (arrived at 19.53pm), the clerk, 12 members of the public

17.096 Apologies

Cllr R Sharpe, Cllr A Crowley

17.097 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None

17.098 Public Meeting

Mr David Lowth commented that he continued to witness cars speeding along Abbey Lane. The incidents were at no set time of day. Cllr Marshall added that he had noticed especially drivers of motorbikes not observing the speed limits. Cllr Purdue-Horan said speeding was declared a priority issue locally at the last police priority setting meeting so he will pass this information on.

Mrs Maggie Lowth informed the council that she had noticed that along the Abbey Lane to Mill Lane footpath there were full dog poo bags dumped everywhere. It was suggested by councillors that a review of dog bins should go on to the next parish council meeting agenda.

The Bridge family had passed their objections to planning application 17/01883/FUL to APC before the meeting. They emphasised their argument at this point in the meeting – previously a planning application had been rejected on this site; the proposed building is to be a dwelling on what has hitherto been an agricultural site; the dwelling would be near the boundary.

17.099 Adoption of the minutes of the August meeting

APC resolved to adopt the minutes; these were signed off by the chairman with one amendment under *17.082 TCC Committee* where the name of the community representative should read Mr Graham Hancox.

17.100 Planning

17/01883/FUL Erection of a two storey dwelling + detached garage, Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane.

- APC noted that there had been several objections from members of the public (available to read on the RBC website).
- Cllr Barker had sought information from the planning case officer Mr Jeff Hall who had advised that the site probably wouldn't be considered isolated and that in Further Options (RBC Local Plan Part 1) this would not be deemed as further green field development.
- It was noted that in comparison with the 1996 application, which was refused mainly because it was considered to be building further out into open countryside, the site of the

- proposed dwelling is within the buildings of Hill Top Farm.
- Councillors questioned the reference to facilities/sustainability in the Design and Access Statement and the accuracy of the information therewithin.

Cllr Barker proposed, Cllr Auckland seconded and the council agreed that the parish council would **not object** to the application **17/01883/FUL** but would make a comment regarding the Design and Access Statement.

Cllr Stockwood confirmed she would be attending the forthcoming Planning Committee meeting and would be presenting her objections and the objections of APC in the case of planning application **17/01420/FUL** Construct new dwelling, York House, Chapel Lane. Following recent changes in RBC Planning, a parish councillor could have applied to speak at the committee meeting also; but no one could attend on this occasion.

Cllr Stockwood commented that there was still some work to be done in rolling out and publicising the planning department changes.

Metropolitan Housing had contacted APC as part of their consultation on an idea to knock down the garages on Meadow Close and build two new dwellings. Cllr Stockwood and Cllr Purdue-Horan said that they had agreed to a site meeting with a representative from the organisation and would subsequently report back to APC.

17.101 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

17.102 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Cllr Brown reported on the efforts of the Playing Field Committee to build up funds for the purchase of new play equipment. Grant applications had been made to the Co-op and Tesco.

The annual application process for the NCC's Supporting Local Communities Fund has not yet been launched. APC remain in favour of applying – with Whatton P C and APC pledging £3,500 each in a bid to gain match funding for the purchase of play equipment

Cllr Chris Grocock (Playing Committee Chairman and Chairman of WPC) has written to RBC to request that Avant Homes, the developer on Abbey Lane, be asked to consider making a donation to the WAPFT rather than spend that money creating a play area on the new housing development. APC agreed to send a letter to RBC in support of this idea - Cllr Haslam to pass a copy of Cllr Grocock's letter on to the clerk.

17.103 Severn Trent

Operatives cleared out the gutters/dyke on Cliffhill Lane; and are now investigating mis-connections at the Thomas Cranmer Centre (the bad smell dates roughly to when the centre was built).

17.104 Travellers in Aslockton in July

RBC and the police have undertook enquiries and this festival does not return to a site. APC agreed no further action was required at this point.

17.105 Review of Conservation Area

The clerk had emailed Mr Bate, the RBC officer, to say APC are happy to help and to ask for guidelines on how to proceed. He suggests a small working party he could meet with at a convenient time. APC asked the clerk to seek further clarification from Mr Bate as to the number of people to be involved and how they should begin. Cllr Stockwood commented that such a review can take a very long time even with input from the community.

17.106 Village sign on Mill Lane

The sign needs re-positioning. Quotes are still being sought.

17.107 Purchase of a lap top as required by the transparency fund grant

The clerk had circulated a copy of the original grant application form prepared by herself and approved by the chairman so that all councillors could see what monies had been applied, and given, for purchase of a laptop and software. Cllr Auckland proposed, Cllr Haslam seconded and APC agreed the purchase could go ahead.

17.108 Changes in Data Protection and Freedom of Information Legislation

The clerk had circulated a summary prior to the meeting. NALC will be running some training in November on the changes (which will come into effect next year). The clerk had provisionally booked a place. Another training session will follow. APC agreed to share the costs with Orston P C and send the clerk in the first instance. Finance item on the next agenda.

17.109 Abbey Close Allotments

Cllr Haslam had been looking round the site and had photos and a video to share. There is concern about the state of some of the plots – especially those which have changed hands recently. APC will meet again at the site.

The clerk has requested the annual allotment hedge cut from the contractor.

17.110 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic + training hours	£329.18
Pension (employee's £16.16 + employer's £61.66 plus a shortfall of £37.75)	£118.57
Clerk's expenses – stamps, petrol to attend training	£16.86
Contribution to Finance Training (for the clerk to attend on behalf of APC + OPC)	£30.00
Poppy Appeal – annual wreath	£17.00
To ratify the payment made last month to Cllr Barker (reimbursement for purchase of plants bulbs £34.92 + domain renewal £19.18) -	£54.10

Proposer Cllr Haslam, Seconder Cllr Auckland

Statements of accounts – August 2017 – were approved.

Proposer Cllr Barker, seconder Cllr Brown

17.111 Chairman's Business

- Had received a letter from Mr Robert Jenrick MP asking for support in a campaign to halt the closure of the Newark Police Station's Custody Suite. Enclosed was a copy of the letter sent from his office to the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police and to the Police and Crime Commissioner asking them to reconsider. APC agreed to write to the Chief Constable and the Commissioner to express concerns about how this measure could have a negative impact on the community around Newark. Cllr Stockwood and Cllr Purdue-Horan were also in support of trying to keep the suite open.
- Following the letter from APC to the resident filling public litter bins with household waste; the problem continues and the situation will be monitored.

17.112 Councillors Reports

Cllr Haslam asked if resident Mr Tom Daws can still store the winter assistance grit. Mr Daws was present and nodded his agreement.

Cllr Marshall would like an update from the Abbey Lane site developer as to what is happening regarding the promised on site wheel wash to prevent vehicles dragging mud onto the road. Cllr Barker said when the enforcement officer has visited the site before all has seemed very much in order – it would be helpful if the officer turned up unannounced.

Cllr Auckland proposed that dog poo bins go on to the next agenda – all councillors agreed.

17.113 Correspondence

Items of correspondence were received and noted:

- APC decided not to join the Nottinghamshire Lamp Post Poppy Campaign.
- The clerk will represent APC at the Notts ALC AGM

Items of sales related/other information were either passed to councillors or will go on the notice-board/website.

17.114 Items for the October agenda

Playing Field
 Severn Trent
 Review of the Conservation Area
 Village sign on Mill Lane
 Data protection
 Dog poo bin review
 Grit bin review

17.115 Details of next meeting

Monday 9th October 2017, 7pm, at the TCC.