

**Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the
Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on
Monday 13th April 2015**

Present: Cllrs G Harper (Chair); T Daws; K Auckland; C Haslam, M Lowth

Also present: the clerk Miss M Rogers; Cllr M Suthers, 2 members of the public

15.041 Apologies

Cllrs Barker and Morley had sent apologies and these were accepted by the council.

15.042 Declarations of interest

Cllr Auckland – application **14/01393/OUT Cliffhill Lane** up to 50 dwellings

Cllr Haslam – application **14/00480/OUT Abbey Lane** up to 75 dwellings

15.043 Public meeting

Fiona Barker thanked Cllr Daws for installing a tank to use to water the planters in the centre of the village.

The hedge along the footpath by Jayne Wheelhouse's and Louise Bateman's land needs trimming back. Clerk to contact Jane Baines about this as on previous enquiry the hedge seems to be on no one individual's property.

15.044 Adoption/amendments of last month's two sets of minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman with an amendment on the first bullet point of Cllr Auckland's councillor report on March 9th so that it reads:

- she had suggested an extraordinary meeting to discuss whether to accept the offer of a presentation from Landmark Planning: having sought advice from Nalc this was decided to be unnecessary.

15.045 Planning

14/01000/FUL Vryenhoef, Abbey Lane: the householder is appealing against RBC's decision not to permit his planning application. APC decided to leave their original comments in place and not add anything or change the wording.

The current situation on the following applications was noted:

- **14/01393/OUT** outline application for the erection of up to 50 dwellings on land to the north of Cliffhill Lane. Planning team are still looking at this planning application. The planners are waiting for archaeological reports before deciding whether to recommend approval or not.
- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on land south of Abbey Lane (up to 75 dwellings) Planning appeal has been suspended. **The public inquiry will take place**

on 7th October at 10am at the Civic Centre.

- **Potential Development north of Abbey Lane:** No application has been made yet. APC resolved to call a public meeting if and when such an application is validated.
- **15/00157/VAR** The Stables, Dawns Lane. Vary condition 2 of 14/01181/FUL to allow alternative designs. The builder has now plans to put in a fence instead of a wall. APC do wish the clerk to write to RBC to ask the planners for the neighbours to be consulted on the type of fence to be installed.

RBC decisions noted:

- **15/00036/CONARE.** Prune silver birch by a third at Millwood, Mill Lane. Permission granted.

15.046 Clerk report

The report was received and noted by councillors.

A decision on the purchase of Speedwatch signs is to be deferred pending more enquiries.

15.047 War memorial

Cllr Daws reported that Highways say a war memorial on the section of Main Street suggested at the last meeting could only be on the church side of the road. The only place Cllr Daws himself could think of in that case would be Mick Butler's land. No further action to be taken at this point.

15.048 Footpaths

Letter from Jane Baines who is still addressing the issues re path 13. No input yet on footpath 11 improvements from WPC.

15.049 Pavement on Mill Lane

This has yet to be done but an extension of the pavement is being considered.

15.050 Fibre Optic Broadband

This has arrived in most of the village but not everywhere in Aslockton – eg the Detention Centre and Cliffhill Lane so far are missing out on the new amenity. Villagers need to contact their ISP to register for the faster speeds.

15.051 Dawns Lane/Noble Lane

Dawns Lane: currently yellow paint is circling the potholes so marked out for repair but the work has not yet been done.

Cllr Suthers had been advised that Noble Lane was unadopted and is not therefore a public highway – although there may be public right of way over it. Hence the responsibility of

maintenance rests with adjoining owners. School Lane is also unadopted but was resurfaced by Highways at some point – perhaps APC could use this precedent in arguing for attention to be paid to Noble Lane councillors thought. Cllr Auckland to talk to knowledgeable villager Len Payling about the history of the lane to trace back some responsibility.

15.052 Code of transparency for Smaller Councils

Clerk is to start inputting financial information for the new financial year on a new website. Audit related and end of year accounts will have to be uploaded also. Templates are being developed by Nalc to help clerks put the required data online. There will be a link to the new website from the village site's parish council web-page.

15.053 Review of APC documents

Amendments made to the Standing Orders and the Internal Controls remain the same. These to be adopted by the new council together with the Financial Regulations which still need to be finalised.

15.054 Buses

Cllr Lowth reported there was ongoing discussion looking at timetables and routes for the Rushcliffe Greens service. Cllr Harper could attend a meeting being planned and Cllr Auckland would consider taking her mother, a bus user along. Cllr Lowth to communicate with Cllrs Harper and Auckland when the date for the meeting is finally set.

15.055 Parking

APC want to remain vigilant on this issue in the centre of the village but no urgent need for action at the moment. Bingham's parking strategy had been noted by the council.

15.056 Allotments

Mr Skinner's plot looks unused and plastic covering of tunnel has been taken off. A pile of detritus at the site. Clerk awaiting for a reply from Mr Skinner.

The Worralls on plot 16 had a boundary question but Cllr Lowth has been addressing this with them.

APC to advertise vacant plots in Aslockton and Whatton newsletters.

Most of the current tenants have paid their 2015-16 fees.

15.057 Finance

Cheques for payment:

Clerk's March salary (no tax payable)	£279.37
Clerk's office expenses – stamps and single ink cartridge	£10.25
Reimburse Cllr Barker for toner purchase (laser printer)	£69.08
Allotments - annual rent due to RBC	£150.00
Reimburse Cllr Daws for costs associated with installing tank/hose	£77.98

Proposed by Cllr Haslam; seconded by Cllr Auckland.

Payment for room hire at the Thomas Cranmer Centre deferred until clerk receives the requested invoice. Speedwatch signs purchase also deferred – see earlier.

Statements of accounts for March proposed by Cllr Haslam; seconded by Cllr Auckland.

15.058 Chairman's report – presented by Cllr Lowth in the chairman's absence

- Since the trees and shrubs at the station with the solar lights still attached were removed through no fault of local people the chairman proposes APC should complain to Jayne Wingad of the Lincolnshire Poacher Line and ask that her organisation pays for some replacement lights and maybe also - as a good will gesture - a Christmas tree also.
- Cllr Daws was asked and confirmed that he remains - in his retirement from the parish council - happy to keep some old records and the village store of grit bags.

15.059 Councillor reports

None.

15.060 Correspondence

- Notice of the extension of the weight limit on the C3 route
- Letter from Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project
- The usual information from various local organisations to go on the notice-boards

15.061 Agenda items for next meeting

War memorial

Footpaths

Dawns Lane/Noble Lane

The new obligations for small councils in publishing financial data

New council to agree the Standing Orders, Internal Controls, Financial Regulations

Buses

Barn Owls Project letter requesting support

Christmas tree/lights.

15.062 Date of the next ordinary meeting following election day

Monday 11th May 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

Please note the date and time of the AGM or Annual Parish Meeting is to be decided and advertised shortly.

The April meeting closed at 8pm.