Minutes of the Aslockton Annual Meeting Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Parish councillors present:** M Barker chaired the meeting until the new chairman was elected, Cllr C Haslam, Cllr K Auckland, Cllr A Lister, Cllr J Beet

**Present**: Clerk M Sharratt; Cllr Stockwood; 7 members of the public (only one stayed until the end of the meeting – Mr Chris Smith).

18.242 Apologies: Cllrs J Brown; R Sharpe; F Purdue-Horan

# 18.243 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest: None

# 18.244 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that Streetwise have provided the base for the new planters. APC agreed that the clerk should write to the owner of Saucer Farm Mr Mick Butler to thank him for storing the planters and base. Should be up this coming Wednesday.

Cllr Stockwood confirmed that the development of 3,000 new homes at Clifton was beginning – this has an effect on the borough as a whole because it will help RBC achieve the housing supply targets the council is currently not meeting.

The owner of Vryenhof attended to listen to the discussion planning application 19/00803/FUL

Mr Chris Smith, on behalf of residents, thanked Mr Mansfield Barker for his twelve years of service on the parish council. He reported also that the RBC Conservation Officer's document relating to Aslockton's Conservation Area has moved forward – the update is now on one piece of paper.

Mr Chris Grocock, WPC chairman and fund-raiser/project manager on the playing field committee, attended the meeting with representatives of Proludic Mr Rob Baker MD + East Midlands Manager – Mr Kiran Chouhan. Proludic is the committee's preferred contractor for installing new equipment:

- It was noted that the company is the preferred supplier of RBC e.g. parks at West Bridgford and Ruddington; and Proludic being keen to maintain business locally had been advising the committee up to this point gratis.
- The plan for the Whatton and Aslockton site is provision of new playground equipment for children aged between 4-11 plus an adult gym. Mr Baker commented that the cost of an adult gym may look expensive but it would be value for money in that the model suggested can be used by more people having eight settings. He also confirmed that he was happy to work with the committee in procuring items such as benches.
- Mr Grocock proposed that APC agree a resolution later in the meeting which would allow Proludic to commence 'phase one' and work towards phase two. It was confirmed that costs produced so far were indicative and not fixed in stone more input was welcome and a consultation process will define exactly what is ordered in the end.
- Mr Grocock confirmed that the committee had 14 months left to spend LIS money; and 8 years to spend S106 monies 8 years.

Mr Paul Brown, chairman of the playing field management committee asked if a proposed resolution emailed to APC earlier in the day by fellow committee member/WPC Cllr Gregg Redford would be discussed by APC this evening. This was essentially seeking permission for the committee to spend a further £5,000 on work on the pavilion as what had been done so far (remedial repairs) had been

successful and the contractor was happy to stay on to do more. APC felt that this resolution had come too late in the day for consideration at this meeting.

## 18.245 Election of a new chairman

The agenda item to elect a new chairman was moved forward: Cllr Auckland proposed Cllr Haslam; Cllr Lister seconded and all agreed. Cllr Haslam was duly elected.

### 18.246 Election of a vice-chairman

This was deferred to the June meeting.

# 18.247 Signing of declaration of office forms by all councillors following election day

Councillors signed Declarations of Office and the clerk was passed Registers of Interest for publishing on the APC Cllr Haslam and Cllr Auckland to confirm in an email that there has been no change in their Registers of Interest.

## 18.248 Adoption of the minutes of April meeting

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

#### **18.249 Planning**

Cllr Lister had not looked at the planning applications so excused himself from discussion. Cllr Beet had looked at them and could attend some of the site visits. It was agreed that the clerk would support the new councillors by sending out copies of the 'material and non-material planning considerations' and enquiring at RBC if there are to be any cluster sessions to be held this year for parish councils.

19/00552/FUL 11 Fields Drive, two storey rear extension. No objections.

19/00797/FUL Jessies Cottage, Main Street, development of 2 detached dwelling, remodelled access drive + associated landscaping. APC objected: Cllr Auckland to prepare a response and circulate for councillors' approval before the clerk submits it.

19/00803/FUL Vryenhof, Abbey Lane, single storey rear extension + detached garage to front. No objections

19/00934/FUL Avey Cottage, Abbey Lane, demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey + two storey extensions. No objections.

Consultee comments and planning decisions are available to see on the RBC website.

APC decided not to respond to a new NCC consultation on a Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan. A link to the consultation to go on the parish council website for any residents interested in this.

### 18.250 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

# 18.251 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

Pavilion: a resolution proposed in March was not voted on following Mr Brown's comments. Mr Redford's proposed resolution was not voted on as too short notice to be discussed. APC agreed that it would be great to see the pavilion fully repaired but there should be thorough discussion before extra money is spent.

Clir Haslam proposed, Clir Auckland seconded, and all agreed the appointment of Proludic as the main contractor for consultation, design, delivery, guarantee and warranty for phase one of the playing field equipment project.

Cllr Lister suggested that something in writing be produced to show all grant obligations/terms are being met with regard to both the equipment and pavilion projects: Cllr Haslam to mention this to the management committee.

The management committee met on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April; minutes had been circulated. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### 18.252 Signs

This item was deferred to the next meeting by which time Cllr Haslam will have had a walk round and taken photos of any signs in need of attention.

### 18.253 Aslakr Park

Three homes left to sell, Cllr Haslam reported - so the site is nearing completion.

It was decided to check up on the criteria Avant Homes had to meet re the play park because it doesn't seem very impressive as it stands.

The clerk had asked officer Jim Hatchett for an update on the footpath – no date for its reopening at present.

# 18.254 Meadow Close

Work had been done tidying up after building work since the last meeting. There are still parking issues on the close.

### 18.255 Council communications – contact details

Councillors will let the clerk know how they wish to be contacted and what is to be made public. The clerk said that it is best practice to have councillor specific email addresses to keep council business separate from other things; but the councillors present didn't want to create new email accounts.

## 18.256 Co-option of a parish councillor to fill the vacancy

Cllrs Haslam and Auckland to advertise via the parish website/social media. The clerk will put notices up in the centre of the village. Applicants to contact the clerk; parish councillors to spread the word verbally and be available to chat informally to anyone interested.

#### 18.257 Allotments

Plot 4 tenants would like to create a wildlife area at the site. The clerk will meet with them when they have thought through their ideas.

The invoicing process was near to completion for this year.

Cllr Haslam will put more weights on the plastic sheeting on plot 17 to keep the sheeting better in place.

#### **18.258 Finance**

#### For payment:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£315.32
Pension (employee's £18.35 + employer's £59.06)	£77.41
Work from Home Allowance	£57.13
TCC room hire	£47.50
Aslockton Cemetery Trust	£175.00
St Thomas Churchyard	£175.00
Cranmer Local History Group	£50.00

APC ratified the payment made to RBC in April for allotment rent (£209.00) which wasn't on the April agenda.

All the above agreed: Proposer Clir Haslam; seconder Clir Auckland.

Statement of accounts for April 2019 was approved. Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Lister

The annual return to be approved at the next meeting.

# 18.259 Chairman's Business

None.

# **18.260 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Lister reported that the road reinstatement work carried out by Openreach when the new fibre cabinet was installed has failed on the on Main Street/Abbey Lane junction. The clerk to contact NCC Highways.

# 18.261 Correspondence received

Correspondence and information circulated by email or noted at the meeting. It was decided that Cllrs Sharpe and Auckland with the clerk would meet a VIAEM employee to look at the verges as part of a review of verge maintenance through-out the county.

# 18.262 Items for the May meeting agenda

Playing field Signs Co-option to fill councillor vacancy

#### 18.263 Details of next scheduled meeting

7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 13th May closed at 21.10