

Minutes of a Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs C Haslam (chairman), A Lister, K Auckland, J Brown, J Beet, I Hanney, County Cllr F Purdue-Horan, Borough Cllr M Stockwood, the clerk M Sharratt

18.365 Apologies: None.

18.366 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest: None.

18.367 Public meeting

Cllr Stockwood: updates from RBC officer Mr Ed Palmer were keeping all informed of borough council news; she would find it easier to attend APC meetings if they commenced at 7.30pm rather than 7pm. Cllr Purdue-Horan had nothing to report with it being a period of election purdah.

18.368 Adoption of the minutes of the November meeting

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

18.369 Planning

Mr Chris Smith updated APC regarding the progress of the village's conservation area review: this will be completed later than expected (but hopefully Feb/March). There is a new conservation officer at RBC.

Rushcliffe Local Plan: APC noted that in the case of a number of the bigger sites ear-marked for new housing; development had not actually begun.

Vryenhoef, Abbey Lane: application for non-material amendment to change garage to assisted living annexe. No consultation required at this stage APC noted but felt that there should, and would, be.

Consultee comments; planning decisions and policy are all available to see on RBC's website.

18.370 Clerk's Report

The report was received by the councillors.

Station adoption: the clerk had asked WPC for help in finding volunteers: Cllr Auckland to follow this up. Cllr Lister to visit the site to see what could be done effectively with limited time and resources.

A letter from a resident of a neighbouring village regarding the railway was read out by the clerk. Planning applications locally make mention that there is a good transport link with the station at Aslockton. APC commented that there are currently no problems with parking with the current frequency of trains – but this could change if an hourly service was introduced.

It was noted that volunteers will be needed next year to maintain the village planters. An approach to be made to a local garden club; advertising locally via notice-boards/internet will hopefully yield results.

Matters for Consideration: -

18.371 Playing Field

Quotes for clearing of shrubbery and putting in a place a boundary fence with the neighbouring property continue to be sought.

Installation of a bus-shelter: this would encroach slightly upon the land owned jointly by WPC and APC but would have clear benefits to the community so APC agreed in principle to the idea and would just stipulate that a litter bin should be provided.

The playing field management committee feel that the insurance currently in place is adequate.

Legionella risk: showers to be clean + all water turned off when not in use: manageable by the committee.

18.372 Next year's meeting dates and times: confirmed – the clerk will publish these.

18.373 VE Day celebrations – May 2020

No contact received from the TCC committee in response to APC's offer to support an event there. It was agreed Cllr Auckland would talk with churchwarden Mr Graham Harper before the next meeting.

18.374 Parish councillor vacancy

A 'notice of vacancy' was published for the required number of days and now APC can co-opt a new councillor – all to spread the word verbally; via the parish council website and via social media.

18.375 Allotments: nothing new to report.

18.376 Finance

Agenda payments authorised:

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£315.32
Pension (employee's £18.35 + employer's £59.06)	£77.41

All the above agreed: Proposer Cllr J Brown, seconder Cllr J Beet

Statement of accounts for November 2019 approved: Proposer Cllr Lister, seconder Cllr Auckland

18.377 Chairman's business:

Christmas Tree Festival: Cllr and Mrs Haslam had decorated the APC tree but the lights were missing; some had been found but APC may need to purchase some new lights in 2020.

18.378 Councillors reports

Cllr Lister had received a response from Cllr Cottee regarding APC's request to NCC to support traffic speed calming measures on the approaches to the village – Cllr Purdue-Horan to follow this up at county level. Cllr Lister also reported an unpleasant smell by Cranmer Mound (a recurring problem).

Cllr Hanney said he would be happy to do some litter-picking – seeing a need for it - and for future consideration perhaps School Lane should be designated 'parking for residents only'.

Cllr Brown had attended the local police priority setting meeting: the clerk had circulated the minutes.

Cllr Beet said that there was a problem with cars being parked partly on the pavement – hindering pedestrians. All agreed this should be discouraged.

18.379 Correspondence received

General correspondence and information had been circulated by email or was noted at the meeting.

18.380 Items for January's agenda: Playing field; VE Day Celebrations

18.381 Meeting arrangements: Monday 13th January 2020, 7.30pm, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton. **The meeting of 9th December closed at 20.55**