

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 11th January 2016

Present: Cllrs M. Barker (Chair), C Haslam, K.Auckland, A.Crowley, J Brown, R Sharpe.

Also present: Cllr Suthers; Cllr Vallance (Bingham Town Council), 2 other members of the public

15.235 Apologies

Cllr Suthers had apologised in advance that he would be a few minutes late.

15.236 Declarations of interest

None.

15.237 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker:

- Reported that Mr Tom Daws has started to make new planters to replace the old ones in the centre of the village on Main Street.
- Suggested a particular type of conifer – suitable for the space available at the History Board - by way of a permanent Christmas tree which Network Rail will pay for. Solar lights have already been sourced (again to be paid for by NR).
- Suggested the parish council send their thanks for a fantastic Christmas tree festival to Mr Graham Harper and team. Clerk to do this.
- Queen's 90th birthday: resident Mrs Angela Berry asked Mrs Barker to raise this on her behalf: are the parish council going to organise anything to mark the occasion? The resident will be invited to the next meeting via Mrs Barker and this will be a Matter for Consideration at the February meeting.

Mr Alan Folwell and Mr Chris Smith attended the meeting with questions regarding the result of the planning appeal on land south of Abbey Lane. Mr Folwell wanted to know what is the view of RBC's legal Counsel regarding the planning inspector's report – and namely the figures therewithin of housing supply in the borough. Are RBC going to challenge the inspector's report/decision? Discussion was deferred to later in the meeting.

Bingham Town Councillor, chair of a car parking working group (a sub-committee of the Environment Committee) Cllr Kath Vallance had been invited to talk about the parking problems in Bingham and the measures being taken to improve the situation:

- The Car Parking Working Group's Report was adopted 1st March 2015 and can be accessed through the town council website. Since last March the group have changed their mind on one particular issue: the group has now recommended restricted parking to a maximum of 3 hours in Newgate Street car park. Parking on Needham St/Union St would ideally be longer stay but spaces would be charged for. On market days an application has already been made to allow parking after 4pm in the square (currently parking is not allowed by anyone but market traders until after 6pm).
- The group established that there are 145 parking spaces in the town's car parks, but 300

Bingham town centre workers. There are also some 'park & riders' working in Nottingham. Businesses worry that potential customers are deterred from visiting the town because of a lack of parking. The working group have focused some attention on creating car parking space specifically for these town workers so that the 145 spaces are available for shoppers and visitors. There will be parking space designated for workers at the old police station – 'heads of terms' are currently being agreed and this should become available for town workers shortly, the Butt Field car park is already open to workers at £2 a day to pay for the staffing of a car park attendant, however there has been no uptake due to the charge.

- A long term objective recommended to BTC by the Car Parking Working Group is to build a large car park on the 'old allotment site' north of the railway line which BTC owns; however there is currently no access. The Crown have released a plot of land designated for 'recreation and leisure' to RBC as part of an S106 agreement for the 'Future Bingham Plan' which will see 1050 new homes built north of the railway line. It is hoped that access can be provided through this site. Another problem is pedestrian access over the railway line needed (issues with Network Rail + Tesco).
- Cllr Vallance met with NCC's Paul Hillier to look at the roads in Bingham just beyond the centre – overspill from the town affects residents. Other measures in the pipe-line are double yellow lines on Union St and making it one way. Local businesses are being encouraged to have travel plans for their staff – there is some funding for these eg car share, use of cycles.
- Parking changes which require action from RBC – such as introducing 3 hour parking in Newgate Street Car Park - now have to be channelled through a Growth Development Board. Cllr Suthers is on the latter and therefore can communicate the concerns of BTC and residents of both town and nearby villages – and urge action. The parish council could write to Allen Graham at RBC and/or highlight the issues to villagers in the next newsletter.
- Cllr Brown asked if Cllr Vallance thought the situation may change when Aldi, Lidl; Tesco are up and running. Cllr Vallance said there would still be pressure on parking in the centre.

15.238 Adoption of December minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman with an amendment to a point in planning. To clarify at the time of writing the December minutes no appeal had been lodged by the proposed developers of land north of Abbey Lane but there was still time for an appeal to be made; by contrast the time limit for appealing re the site off Cliffhill Lane had expired so in the latter case any further plans for that area of the village would mean a completely new planning application would have to be made.

15.239 Planning

- **15/02929/FUL** single storey extension, 3 Crawford Meadows. Following a site visit it was decided APC would not object to this application.
- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on **land south of Abbey Lane** (up to 75 dwellings). The developers appeal was accepted. The inspector's report is available to the public.

Standing orders were suspended for members of the public Mr Chris Smith and Mr Alan Folwell to be allowed to debate with parish councillors and RBC/NCC Cllr Suthers re **14/00480/OUT**:

- There was general agreement that the planning inspector who conducted the public inquiry in October 2015 had focused on Rushcliffe as a whole in making her decision – the Borough Council were not meeting their numbers in terms of housing supply; here in Aslockton there was a possibility of a development of up to 75 dwellings and all the reasons for refusing building in this particular location were deemed to be surmountable in the inspector's report.
- Cllr Suthers said that 14/00480/OUT had always been more likely to go through in the end as there had been no agreed Local Plan in place at the time the application was made and planners had recommended approval (it was only because the application was discussed by the RBC Development Control Committee, who then objected, that permission was initially refused to the developers by RBC).
- It was noted that since the public inquiry in October 2015, detailed planning consents have gone through - eg Edwalton – amounting to 3000 houses. Mr Chris Smith asked how can the Borough encourage developers to get on with building where they have said they will - so housing supply is created as per Local Plan which was put in place since 14/00480/OUT was made. Do the Section 106 conditions RBC set sometimes slow down the developers proceeding? If the earmarked large developments in other parts of the Borough had been more advanced 14/00480/OUT may not have been deemed acceptable by the inspector; and what will the impact of the lack of progress of borough-wide housing supply be on the other two areas in Aslockton where developers have made applications (15/01204/OUT concerning land north of Abbey Lane) and 14/01393/OUT concerning on land north of Cliffhill Lane)
- Mr Smith pointed out the data on Aslockton used to inform the decision making process in all these housing applications is ten years old. Up-to-date figures should be used to inform debate in dealing with future applications/appeals so that it can be seen that Aslockton is not suitable for even more development.
- Cllr Suthers will discuss the issues raised at this meeting with colleagues at RBC .

The following was received in the post after the meeting agenda had been published:

15/03075/OUT - renewal of an application originally applied for in 2009. Land south of moorends, chapel St. **No objections** from APC.

15.240 Clerk Report

The report was received and noted by councillors.

15.241 Cranmer Connection/a 'Cranmer Festival'

Councillors had agreed that Cllr Sharpe was to communicate APC's decision to not organise the event, rather support it, to the Cranmer Connection group. Cllr Sharpe reported at this meeting that the parish council's view in writing was requested by Mr Richard Bullock – clerk to action. WPC Cllr Redford was working with Mr Bullock on the history trail idea involving Whatton church.

15.242 Risk Assessment

Discussion of this was referred to the February meeting.

15.243 Playing Field

The parish council could suggest to RBC that some of the Section 106 money from the 14/00480/FUL

land south of Abbey Lane development be used to pay for improvements. RBC receive S106 money from the developers and determine how the money is spent.

15.244 Allotments

The annual Allotment Tenants Meeting will be held at 6.30pm before the ordinary parish council meeting in February.

Cllr Barker's suggestion of tenants paying a deposit will go on the agenda. The chairman will ask Mr Simon Thurston who APC pays to cut the allotment hedge each year what it would cost to have a plot rotated if necessary – this could inform a decision on how much of a deposit to charge.

Also to be mentioned at the Allotments Meeting: manure supply.

The clerk will send out meeting invites the plot holders shortly.

15.245 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's December salary (no tax payable)	£289.71
TCC room hire	£85.00
Reimburse Cllr Barker for plant purchases	£22.96
NottsALC website training (delivered by Hugo Fox)	£15.00

To ratify:

Payment for timber from D Musson Fencing Ltd (chq 725, 16/12/15)	£150.84
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Proposer to the above payments: Cllr Brown; Seconder: Cllr Sharpe

Statements of accounts for approval – December

Proposer Cllr Brown, seconder Cllr Barker.

The council agreed the precept request of **£7502.00** for 2016-17.

15.246 Chairman's Business

- Mrs Maggie Lowth had spoken to the chairman to remind the council of the need to renew the emergency plan. Clerk to email out existing one; this will be a matter for consideration next meeting.
- Speed signs have appeared on Cliffhill Lane – clerk/chairman to investigate why and see if a sign can go on Abbey Lane.
- School children were seen playing noisily in the church-yard (with adults present) on the morning of December 17th. The council agreed this was not appropriate behaviour and showed a lack of respect. The clerk will write to the school to express this view.

15.247 Councillors Reports

Cllr Auckland:

Footpath 13: A wooden structure has been put up – a horse shelter for the land-owner's horses - probably to replace bushes which were removed when the route of the dyke was cleared for the footpath

changes effected last year.

It was agreed that Footpaths generally would be on the next meeting agenda.

Cllr Brown:

Had received notification of 20mph signs to go up on Abbey Lane. This is part of a county wide approach by NCC to create 20mph zones around schools to slow traffic down on nearby roads.

15.248 Correspondence

Invite to Local Police Priority Setting Meeting (Speedwatch to be one of the topics to be discussed):
Cllrs Crowley + Brown to attend.

Invite to the next Rushcliffe Villager Bus Service Meeting: either Cllr Barker or Cllr Sharpe will attend.

Invite to the Rushcliffe Civic Dinner – theme “Creating Homes for the Future” - Clerk & partner to attend on APC's behalf.

15.249 Items for next agenda

Cranmer Connection/ A 'Cranmer Festival'
Risk Assessment
Emergency plan
Footpaths
Queen's 90th Birthday

15.250 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 8th February 2015 at 6.30pm for the allotments meeting; 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

The January meeting closed at 9pm.