

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire on Monday 14th September 2015

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

Also present: Cllr Suthers; 4 members of the public

15.155 Apologies

Cllr Richard Sharpe.

Cllr Barker welcomed new councillor Mr Brian Marshall who, having completed Declaration of Office and Register of Interest forms, was attending his first parish council meeting.

15.156 Declarations of interest

None

15.157 Public Meeting

1. Mr John Breedon, the owner of the **recently refused Cliffhill Lane planning application** for up to 50 dwellings, wishes to embark on informal consultation with the parish council to see how a reduced plan may be acceptable to villagers. Mr Breedon has changed planning consultant and made the point that there is no involvement of a big developer with his site and therefore there is more flexibility on how the plans can be shaped. Cllr Barker will let Mr Breedon know a time and date when parish councillors can meet in public to listen to, but not comment upon, Mr Breedon's revised proposals. Mr Breedon then left the meeting.

2. Mr Tim Chamberlin, resident on The Capes, member of the Western Front Association has been involved in the establishment of memorials for fallen soldiers in other villages. In Aslockton church there is a plaque with just the statement 'we will remember them'. Mr Chamberlin suggested the establishment of a **war memorial** listing the 16 names he had so far, plus any extras he discovers, would be a project to complete by 2018 – the anniversary of the end of WWI.

The PCC did not want a memorial with names inscribed upon it inside the church and declined to come up with alternative options. Cllr Barker said Cllr Harper had led discussion about establishing a war memorial previously at parish council meetings; but an impasse had been reached regarding where a memorial could go because of the need for permission from Highways and also land/property owners.

Cllr Auckland said the parish council were not allowed to fund the project but could take over maintenance of the established memorial).

Member of the public, Mr Chris Smith, suggested the playing field as a joint site between Aslockton and Whatton. Whatton do however already have a memorial. Mr Chamberlin felt somewhere along Main Street would be best site.

Mr Chamberlin will contact the History Group and come up with a design which the parish council could present to NCC Highways for approval. Mr Chamberlin will also look into funding possibilities.

15.158 Adoption of the August minutes

APC resolved to adopt the minutes. They were signed off accordingly by the Chairman.

15.159 Planning

Cllr Barker announced that Cllr Marshall had agreed to organise site visits from now on.

- **14/00480/OUT** outline application to build on **land south of Abbey Lane** (up to 75 dwellings) Public Inquiry set for 7th October is expected to last up to 3 days. Relevant documents available online through the RBC website. Nothing new from the developers as of today. Cllr Suthers should be able to attend the inquiry after day 1. An APC sub-committee of Cllr Barker; Cllr Auckland; Cllr Sharpe; Cllr Crowley met and have been getting together a list of speakers. Mr Chris Smith has agreed to speak. Mr Alan Folwell has done a lot of research on the A52 junction (four fatalities since 1995) and could attend in person on the 9th only (alternatively his comments could be read out). Another name suggested was Mr Richard Marquiss. Cllr Barker to organise another sub-committee meeting to discuss who is going to make which points. Cllr Barker to ask planning officer Mr Jeff Hall if all people who wrote in with opinions get invited to attend: if not a flyer drop may be considered to make sure villagers are aware of the time and place should they wish to go along.
- **15/01204/OUT** concerning **land north of Abbey Lane**. Applicant: Davidsons Development Ltd. Outline permission sought for up to 65 residential dwellings has been **refused**.
- **14/01393/OUT** outline application for the erection of up to 50 dwellings on **land north of Cliffhill Lane**. Mr Breedon's informal presentation of revised ideas pertaining to this site will be advertised so members of the public can come along to listen if they so wish to.

The following was discussed:

15/01877/FUL Aslockton Grange Barn .

Following a site visit; councillors have no objections.

15.160 Clerk Report

The report was received and noted by councillors.

15.161 Footpaths

No update from Ms Jane Baines (NCC) on how footpath 11 can be improved.

Footpath 13 is now open and accessible.

Additional footpath cutting: it was agreed that APC would use NCC's contractor to do up to two extra cuts of the footpaths later in the year (only one may be needed).

15.162 Verge cutting

The clerk to contact Mr Clifford in a couple of weeks to get the next cut organised. No news on the remeasurement.

15.163 Noble Lane

The Archbishop Cranmer Academy are looking at their responsibilities in relation to undertaking maintenance work on Noble Lane.

15.164 The new obligations for small councils in publishing data

Cllrs Auckland + Crowley; and the clerk; have been uploading information to the new website with a view to activating it shortly..

15.165 Paying the clerk a pension

Clerk to find out more on this. Cllr Barker has registered himself as first contact person for the DPP.

15.166 WAPFT Plans for the Pavilion/committee membership

Cllr Brown to join Cllr Haslam on the committee.

15.167 Speedwatch

The session - whereby the police kit will be demonstrated – has yet to happen. This kit can then be used in conjunction with the speedgun currently shared between five villages.

15.168 Replacing the planters

Cllr Barker + Mr Tom Daws have plans to replace the planters in time for spring. Cllr Haslam to source materials.

15.169 Allotments

Cllrs Sharpe, Brown + Crowley inspected the allotments. Since then the car park area has been made to look a lot nicer – presumably by the tenants.

Mr Simon Thurston (Four Seasons) did the annual allotment hedge cut and he pruned the plum tree which is overhanging the back garden of a local resident.

Cllr Haslam to talk to Mr Crawford about the pruning the hedge along his field which borders the allotments.

Clerk to write to plot holders of 16 and 9 about the untidy state of their plots.

The gate has dropped again – Cllr Barker will mend it.

15.170 Finances

For payment:

Clerk's August salary (no tax payable)	£289.71
Poppy Appeal – wreath	£17.00
Clerk's office expenses	£10.66
Allotment hedge & tree cut (Four Seasons)	£110.00

Proposer Cllr Haslam, seconder Cllr Crowley. Cheques/payment vouchers signed by Cllrs Haslam + Barker.

Statement of accounts for July + August were approved.

Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Crowley

15.171 Chairman's Business

Dawns Lane – overgrowth of vegetation at the side of a house there needs attention. Cllr Barker made a complaint to Highways - ref 10369843: Highways have asked the landowners to act.

Dawns Lane/Abbey Lane corner: parking reduces visibility for other drivers. Cllr Barker asked if APC should consult Elm House and nearby houses to ask for double yellow lines. But money has run out for this sort of work for this year said Cllr Suthers. The point was made that there were extra cars at the moment with workers being present. Situation to be monitored.

Generally dog excrement left on pavements, footpaths and hanging from hedges/trees seems to be getting worse. Agenda item next meeting.

15.172 Councillors Reports

Cllr Haslam

- Cranmer Connection: Cllr Haslam went to the latest meeting. A meeting this coming Wednesday – Cllr Barker to attend. Cllr Sharpe may be interested to be the APC rep in this group working towards the creation of a Heritage Trail. Cllr Barker to ask Cllr Sharpe on his return from holiday. An author is coming along to launch the project on 13th November in the school & at an evening at the TCC (Cllr Barker to make enquiries at the group as to how parking will be managed).
- The playing field cricket and football team numbers are falling: clerk to ask Jean to promote the teams/need for new recruits via the village website.

Cllr Crowley:

Welcome cards (to possibly replace the old ACA welcome packs for new residents) are in progress. Clerk to ask Mrs Jean Marshall if she prefers to carry on with the packs (Cllr Auckland felt APC should at least print them having received funds to do so after ACA wound up) herself. Cllr Crowley and Auckland will soon be able to offer an alternative depending on Mrs Marshall's response.

Cllrs Brown + Crowley attended the latest local area police priority setting group.

15.173 Correspondence

Following a deposit to NCC archives there was an agreement to sign + keep/return a copy.

Letter from Notts Association of Local Councils inviting parish councillors to their AGM. No one wished to attend.

15.174 Items for next agenda

Footpaths
Verges remeasurement
Noble Lane
www.aslockton-pc.org.uk
Paying the clerk a pension
Speedwatch
Dog bins

15.175 Date of next scheduled monthly meeting

Monday 12th October 2015 at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Thomas Cranmer Centre.