

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in St Thomas Church, Main Street, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Parish councillors present:** M Barker (Chair), C Haslam, J Brown, R Sharpe, K Auckland, S Marshall, A Crowley

**Also present:** Borough Cllr M Stockwood; Clerk M Sharratt, 4 members of the public.

**18.153 Apologies:** County Cllr F Purdue-Horan

**18.154 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

Cllrs Brown and Sharpe regarding the grant request from the pre-school (18.163)

**18.155 Public Meeting**

Mrs Fiona Barker reported that she, Mrs Maggie Lowth and Mr Tom Daws had attended the RBC Community Awards ceremony and received a certificate - presented for their efforts in maintaining the village planters.

Cllr Stockwood reported that RBC was currently reviewing its policy on licensing the sale of alcohol.

Mr Brian Crawford:

- Commented on planning application **18/02463/FUL Construction of two storey dwelling and detached garage, Abbey Farm Cottage, New Lane** which was discussed by APC at the extraordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Mr and Mrs Crawford were disappointed at not being consulted by either the borough council or parish councillors. They pointed out that the cottage has an agricultural tie and is empty; and that a new dwelling would be both right next to their working farm and very close to the railway which they thought inappropriate – a new household would have to be comfortable with this situation. Mr Crawford also raised the issue of sewage asking where the applicant's proposed separate septic tank would be installed - details should be made available. There is not a planning notice displayed: Cllr Stockwood said she will make enquiries but noted that it is not obligatory to consult neighbours or to put up a notice on a lamp-post.
- Spoke about the parking of post office vans (agenda item 18.161) He noted that there were six parked on Main Street over the weekend. There is a safety issue e.g. ambulances couldn't get through if needs be especially when there are events at the TCC at the same time. It is difficult to get farm vehicles down the street when there are too many parked vans.
- Suggested that the car parking situation at the TCC needs reviewing. Mr Chris Smith, who was on the TCC Committee at the time, said that RBC had not been keen to approve much parking at the time of the original planning application but APC agreed that perhaps the time has come to see what can be done to increase car parking space when events are held.

**18.156 Adoption of previous sets of minutes (November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>)**

APC resolved to adopt the approval copies of the minutes; with an amendment to the name of Mrs Haslam (Kay not Kaye); these were then signed off by the chairman.

**18.157 Planning**

**18/02728/OUT Reserved Matters Application for 8 dwellings on land north of Cliffhill Lane: no objection** from the parish council but the clerk was asked to comment that it would have been preferable to see a mix of dwelling type within the development.

APC noted the following:

Both APC's response to an appeal to the refusal of permission by RBC regarding planning application **17/01569/OUT (outline application for up to 6 dwellings with all matters reserved except access at land to the north of Abbey Lane)** and APC's response to an appeal to the refusal of permission by RBC regarding planning application **17/02582/OUT (outline application for up to 10 dwellings with all matters reserved except access at land to the north of Abbey Lane)** will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate at the same time.

Mr Chris Smith and Cllr Barker have been attending the examination by a planning inspector of **RBC Local Plan Part 2**. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Cllr Barker may be asked to speak on behalf of APC and to highlight issues of concern and the need for meaningful definitions – APC do not object to Local Plan Part 2 as a whole.

Revisions had been made to **18/02132/FUL Construction of area of hardstanding (retrospective) at Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane** and it will be discussed by the RBC Planning Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Permission granted by RBC for a two-storey front extension & first floor side extension - Holmefield on Abbey Lane (application **18/01768/FUL**) and for the erection of a four-bedroom dwelling - 2 Field Bungalow, Chapel Lane (application 18/01895/FUL).

#### **18.158 Clerk's Report**

The report was received + noted by the councillors:

The clerk had requested an update on APC's request for an additional post box on Abbey Lane.

The clerk was asked to contact Highways about the position of the Avant Homes sign for Aslacr Park near The Sidings as Avant Homes have not replied to APC's request for the sign to be repositioned so that drivers do not turn into The Sidings in error.

#### **18.159 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field**

Cllr Haslam reported:

The latest WAPFT minutes had been circulated to playing field committee members, APC and WPC. The playing field committee budget had been presented to the trustees. It was resolved that from now on; once the budget has been submitted to the Trustees and agreed; then after that any unbudgeted expenses should be referred to the Trustees for consideration and agreement.

Grants had been awarded and the S106 money from Avant Homes is on its way but no funds received as yet. Until there is money in the bank neither play equipment options nor plans for work to be done on the site can be decided upon.

Cracks have appeared in the pitch – volunteers have offered to deal with the problem but soil etc will have to be purchased at a cost of around £250. Cllr Marshall said that action should be taken quickly as it is a safety issue especially for children who use the pitch outside of team games.

#### **18.160 Dark Lane**

APC discussed the delays in the much-needed resurfacing of the highway. This a separate issue to replacement of gas mains under the pavement. The latest word from NCC is that the resurfacing will commence on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### **18.161 Parking of post office vans**

Cllr Barker said that as the shop had closed; and that there is no guarantee the post office will survive; the parking of the vans may not be a problem indefinitely;

Cllr Brown added that the vans slow down traffic and if they weren't parked up other vehicles could be.

Generally, it was agreed by all councillors that parking remains a problem along Main Street.

It was agreed that Cllr Barker would draft (and circulate to the other parish councillors for agreement before sending); a letter addressed to Rural Delivery Manager at the Royal Mail's Beeston premises – copying in the Aslockton Post Master Mr Derek Jones saying what a problem the parking of the vans on Main Street is causing; asking if they can be parked elsewhere and whether any can be parked in the yard outside the sorting office.

The clerk was asked to request from Highways the current criteria for the painting of double yellow lines along one side of a street.

#### **18.162 Proposal to have a notice-board for public use**

Cllr Auckland had noted posters being attached to telegraph poles. Although villagers are welcome to contact Cllr Barker, Cllr Auckland or the clerk if they want a poster relating to the locality putting up on one of the locked notice-boards; Cllr Auckland felt there was a need for an open access notice-board. It was suggested that perhaps the doors could be taken off the old ACA board in the spring: a future agenda item.

#### **18.163 To discuss a grant request from Aslockton Cranmers Pre-School**

The pre-school requested a contribution towards the purchase of a bench: the total cost being £249. APC agreed to fund the whole amount. Proposer Cllr Haslam; Seconder Cllr Marshall. Finance item in January.

#### **18.164 Allotments**

A quote was accepted to divide and tidy plot 17. It was agreed that as there is money in the allotments reserve APC should also pay for plots 1-3 to be covered by the plastic sheeting still waiting to be put down over winter months: Cllr Barker to ask for a quote on this too. The hedge has not yet been cut.

#### **18.165 Finance**

##### **For Payment**

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£306.14
Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)	£75.16

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Brown

**Statement of accounts for November 2018 was approved.** Proposer Cllr Sharpe; seconder Cllr Barker

#### **18.166 Chairman's Business**

Cllr Barker and the clerk had met with NCC officers to discuss how to keep the 822 or similar bus service for Aslockton and nearby villages. The existing arrangements are to be reviewed in 2019 and various proposals are still being considered. Also discussed was the issue of unreliability villagers have experienced with the current service and provider.

### **18.167 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Auckland:

- showed APC a photo of the state of footpath 6 – all agreed the path needs attention. The clerk will contact the Rights of Way officer and send him the photo.
- pointed out the shared speed-gun remains with a resident on Main Street: the clerk was asked to send her a note to see she is still using it to monitor speeding through the centre of the village.

### **18.168 Correspondence received**

Posters for events had been advertised via notice-board/website; other correspondence and information circulated by email.

### **18.169 Items for the January 14<sup>th</sup> agenda**

Playing Field

Parking of post office vans

### **18.170 Details of next scheduled meeting**

7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton.

**The meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December closed at 20.20 hours.**