

Minutes of the Meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, on Monday 8th October 2018

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

Also present: Clerk M Sharratt, 6 members of the public.

18.114 Apologies Borough Cllr M Stockwood + County Cllr F Purdue-Horan for late arrival around 7.45pm

18.115 Declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

Cllr Brown declared an interest in planning application 18/01768/FUL.

Cllr Brown and Cllr Sharpe declared an interest in the pre-school funding request.

18.116 Public Meeting

Mrs Fiona Barker:

Mr Simon Honeybourne had said that his company would like to give £50 to APC to be spent on container planting. APC appreciated the offer. Mrs Barker to respond on APC's behalf.

Mrs Maggie Lowth will continue to grow on plants for the village. Her husband David will take over her watering day. Mr Tom Daws will continue to help and there has been another expression of interest: more volunteers very welcome. Mrs Barker suggested that shrubs and perennials should be put in the border by the history board to keep the effort required for upkeep minimal: APC agreed.

Mr and Mrs Bridge, residents of Cliff Holme adjacent to Hill Top Farm on Cliffhill Lane objected strongly to 18/02132/FUL - a planning item later on the agenda. They reported that the work had been carried out and access changed without permission; and the applicant had stolen land for hardcore standing. Mr and Mrs Bridge described how very unpleasant it was living next to an industrial estate – they had been in contact with the relevant environmental team about the dust and noise – they had lived at Cliff Holme for twelve years but this had only become a problem in the last two years with the use of heavier JCB vehicles. They reported also that the work carried out was mainly construction and as such was subject to restricted hours that were not being adhered to. Mr and Mrs Bridge highlighted errors on the planning application - e.g. incorrect size of the hard-standing area; and the use of site was not stated.

Borough Cllr Stockwood:

Nominations for the annual Rushcliffe Community Awards are open: APC to receive an email shortly.

Planning – development targets: NCC is slow to release land e.g. at Gamston; Nottingham City Council is not releasing their land at Tollerton. This has an impact for the Rushcliffe borough. RBC are losing planning appeals in villages not ear-marked, or considered to be suitable for development, because RBC is not meeting its five years supply target. Planning departments are under strain locally and nationally.

County Cllr Purdue-Horan supported Cllr Stockwood's comments on planning matters and said releasing land would be discussed soon he felt at county level. He also reported that the much-needed resurfacing of Dark Lane will be delayed because of a gas main needing attention first.

18.117 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held in September

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

18.118 Planning

APC had **objected** to application **18/01768/FUL** (first floor side extension above existing garage, Holmefield, Abbey Lane). The clerk was asked to advise RBC that APC remained of the views expressed already and would like to clarify that parish councillors had visited Beckbury themselves so realised themselves how significant the daylight loss would be.

18/02132/FUL Construction of area of hard standing (retrospective), Hill Top Farm, Cliffhill Lane.

Cllr Barker had been handed details of the Bridge's objection, prepared by Nelsons Solicitors, just before the meeting. A summary of the content was read out to the other councillors. APC's comments were agreed - **APC neither object or not object.**

The clerk to submit APC's responses – these will be available to view via the RBC website.

APC noted that the hearing for Draft Local Plan Part 2 is to begin before the end of 2018. Cllr Barker had registered to say he wants to speak re APC's points already expressed in writing. No guarantee he will be allowed to speak but as a parish council chairman there is a good chance he will be: the inspector to decide.

APC had received written notice of a planning decision made by RBC: refusal of 18/01569/OUT outline application for six new dwellings.

Consultation on a draft community infrastructure levy charging schedule: Cllr Barker summarised the proposal. APC decided not to respond having other planning matters to consider.

18.119 Clerk's Report

The report was received + noted by the councillors.

Utility work on Abbey Close/Abbey Lane had been completed: VIAEM had assured the clerk all will be made good and most of the debris and damage had been attended to but Cllr Haslam reported that there was still some levelling off and seeding needed: the clerk to chase up.

Cllrs Auckland + Crowley and the clerk met to review the APC website and Facebook profile. Cllr Auckland advised that the aslockton.org domain was no longer needed – it was agreed that the clerk contact Mr Gregg Redford who has been holding this to say it is no longer required and APC will not pay for renewal.

18.120 Whatton + Aslockton Playing Field

The WAPFT met on the 24th September - minutes were circulated.

The S106 money applied for in relation to Aslacr Park has to be used to fund sport and sport facilities. This could go towards a replacement pavilion, upgrading the current one or work around the ground.

More grant applications have been made e.g. to WREN, BIFFA in an attempt to raise further funds for purchasing play equipment. Cllr Haslam proposed, Cllr Barker seconded to raise the APC contribution to £5,000. All agreed. WPC had already agreed to up their contribution to £5,000. Cllr Purdue-Horan confirmed he could give an extra £250 to each council from his fund for the purchase of equipment.

18.121 Acacia House, Abbey Lane

The outside of the property has been tidied up and looks much better.

18.122 New Dawn, Dawns Lane

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18.123 Overgrown hedges elsewhere

Some progress in hedges being cut back. Highways (ViaEM) have issued a notice to the owners of Cranmer Cottage to cut back the hedge overhanging the pavement within fourteen days.

18.124 Purchase of lamp-post poppies

Thirty poppies to be placed at the station, Main Street and by the cemetery. Only 16 were available so the payment has been reduced to £48.00.

18.125 Purchase of a notice-board to be situated near to Aslacr Park

It was agreed that this item would be discussed again once the development is complete.

18.126 To approve and note 2019 meeting dates; an updated emergency plan and risk assessments

Documents were approved and noted. The clerk and parish councillors to have electronic copy. The clerk will keep paper copy also – for the audit file and archives.

18.127 To discuss a grant request from Aslockton Cranmers Pre-School

APC decided not to support a celebratory event marking the pre-school's fiftieth anniversary but rather to encourage the pre-school to apply for a grant involving capital expenditure to mark the occasion: the pre-school is considering purchase of a bench or notice-board and the APC would consider donating to either of these projects. Cllr Barker proposed; Cllr Auckland seconded and the council voted three to one in favour (two abstentions because of interests declared at the start of the meeting).

18.128 Bus 822 – upcoming review of the service by NCC

APC is keen to participate and represent local bus users. The relevant NCC officer is seeking statistics from Your Bus so APC will wait until these have come through before responding formally.

18.129 Allotments

Work to divide and tidy plot 17 is still to be done. A further quote had been sought but the job was considered to be too large by the potential contractor concerned.

Laying down of plastic sheeting over plots 1-3 still to be done.

18.130 Finance

For Payment

Clerk's take home pay: basic hours	£306.14
Pension (employee's £17.82 + employer's £57.34)	£75.16
Office expenses - renewal of ICT protection software	£33.71
RBL poppy appeal	£48.00
TCC room hire	£40.00

All above agreed: Proposer Cllr Haslam; seconder Cllr Sharpe.

Statement of accounts for September 2018 was approved. Proposer Cllr Barker; seconder Cllr Brown

18.131 Chairman's Business

Avant Homes agreed to give APC three planters from the Aslacr Park development once they are no longer required on site. APC have the intention of placing these planters on the piece of land by St Thomas Drive.

18.132 Councillors Reports

Cllr Sharpe was interested in the progress of the review of the Aslockton Conservation Area: resident Mr Chris Smith - involved with the preparatory work - offered to ask Mr James Bate at RBC for an update.

18.133 Correspondence received

Posters for events had been advertised via notice-board/website; invites to various events noted.

18.134 Items for the November agenda

Playing Field

Cranmer Cottage – overgrown hedge

A different grant request from Archbishop Cranmer Pre-school

Local 822 bus

18.135 Details of next meeting

7pm on Monday 12th November 2018, St Thomas Church, Main Street, Aslockton.

The meeting of 8th October closed at 20.55 hours.