



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.30pm

1 – Present: Tony Treadwell (TT), Tristan Fraser, vice-chair (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Heather Swan (HSw), and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Jacqui Morton (JM) has handed in her resignation with immediate effect.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

2 – Declarations of interest: Nothing arising

3 - Minutes: the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 10th May 2023, and included the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

4 – Clerk’s Update:

4.1: The clerk asked members if they wanted to continue the membership with CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). It is £40 per year currently, and the council decided unanimously to continue with it.

4.2: JM’s resignation has created a third vacancy on the council, which can be filled from July’s meeting if uncontested.

5: Voting on applicants for the 2 current councillor vacancies: No candidates in attendance for this section.

6: Open Forum: Nothing arising

7 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

7.1: Church Clock: After seeking quotes, TF has organised the scaffolding required to refurbish the clock face at a cost of £2250. This has been forwarded to the diocese to be agreed, and then the works can go ahead.

7.2: Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing new to report for this meeting.

7.3: Playing Fields: TF has received quotes for clearing out the ditch at the playing fields. This needs doing periodically to aid drainage on the field, which historically can be a problem. He proposed a spend of £2500 for this work. This was seconded by HS & agreed by TT. SG was opposed to this work until autumn to avoid disturb any nesting birds.

*The new gate for the allotments area is ready to be collected and fitted. This is to replace the one that was stolen last year.

7.4: Village Hall: The PC have received a grant request for £240 to cover wifi costs at the hall for the first year. SG proposed this and HS seconded it, all voted in agreement to paying this grant. It was decided that this shouldn't be a regular thing as the costs should be worked into room hire costs going forward.

7.5: Village Maintenance: Discussions were had about the newly unearthed culvert on Appleby Hill, and about which footpaths are currently in need of strimming.

8 – Planning: 3 applications since the last meeting.

9 - Correspondence: as per the Appendix.

10 – Financial & insurance matters: 4 payments as per the appendix.

11 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: nothing arising

12 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Meeting closed at 8.04pm

Signed _____ Date _____

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