



# **AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm

**1: Present:** Tony Treadwell, chair (TT), Tristan Fraser (TF), Heather Swan (HS), Sam Goldney (SG), Neil Hayward (NH), Richard Nield (RN) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Terry Webb (TW). 1 member of the public attended.

**2: Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda:** nothing arising.

**3: Minutes:** the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

**4: Open Forum:** Colin who runs the local Neighbourhood Watch (NW) group was in attendance to discuss renewing support for the group in the village. He also asked about Community Speedwatch in the village. NH explained that we've looked at this in depth within the last 12 months but we had no interest from residents, and are not eligible for help from Borough or County as there is no evidence to back up a need for such things as rumble strips or LED speed signs. APC will of course support any endeavours led by NW.

## **5: Clerk's Update**

5.1: PC Redman has sent a beat report, and it has been a quiet month for crime in Austrey.

5.2: Unfortunately, the defib in the telephone box needed to be used recently and is out of action whilst we await delivery of replacement pads.

## **6: Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:**

- i. **Christmas 2024:** This year's event is due to take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Eon has energised the electricity supply to the site, so we can now safely light the tree. The school & nursery have been informed, and the sleigh & band have been booked. The lights will be switched on at 6pm.
- ii. **Church Clock:** NH has been looking into funding options to cover the cost of repairing the clock. He has completed 2 pre-applications and is awaiting responses. A 'Go Fund Me' appeal was discussed, as was match funding.
- iii. **Neighbourhood Plan:** NWBC will meet with APC to give preliminary feedback on the plan, followed by an open day to discuss the plan with residents, ahead of a formal consultation.
- iv. **Playing fields:** TF has received 2 quotes for bark to replace the current layer on the play area. He has also looked into using rubber which may prove cheaper, but last longer. TF proposed a spend of £2800. This was seconded by HS and

everyone voted in agreement. TF to follow up and advise members of the best option.

- v. **Upcoming events:** The village has been busy raising funds for Remembrance Day commemorations and making memorabilia to display at the stone cross and on main Road. \*A litter pick has been planned for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-12pm.
- vi. **Village maintenance:** TT advised us that there is nothing to report re updates on hedge cutting in the village, and repainting white lines at various junctions. He is still chasing NWBC.

### **7a: New Planning Applications:**

- **PAP/2024/0432** - Still Meadow, Newton Lane – no issue with this application.
- **PAP/2023/0154** - Land south west of the Headlands, Warton Lane – the main change to this application is the reduction in planned houses from 9 to 5. APC's main concerns remain the same – access to the site on the precarious bend on Warton lane, and issues of drainage and flooding in the same area. LT to confirm that our position remains the same on this application in that we object to it.

### **7b: Determined since the last meeting:**

- **PAP/2024/0267** - 81, Main Road, Austrey CV9 3EG - granted

### **8: Financial & insurance matters:**

a: Payments made since the last meeting:

- Clerk's salary - October 2024
- HMRC PAYE – October 2024
- Neil Hayward - Community Orchard Expenses - £97.99
- Richard Machin - Litter picking Q3 - £70
- Tony Treadwell – Office expenses - £24.99
- Austrey Village Hall – Room Hire (APC) - £50
- Austrey Village Hall (NDP) - £50
- Gallagher Insurance – APC annual insurance - £785.98
- Neil Hayward - Community Orchard Expenses - £287.69
- First Rescue Training & Supplies – replacement defib pads for phone box - £63.54

b: Payments received:

- NWBC – Precept, second half - £7230
- HMRC – VAT refund claim - £1477.16

**9: Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** SG mentioned the possibility of opening a savings account for any excess funds to sit in so that we can gain some interest. LT to investigate.

**10: Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell October 2024