



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meetings held at Austrey Village Hall on

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.30pm

Part 1: ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL:

- 1 - To Elect a Chair for the Coming Year:** TF nominated TT and this was seconded by SG. All members voted in favour and TT accepted the position.
- 2 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Heather Swan (HSw), Jacqui Morton and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). 5 members of the public were in attendance. There are currently 2 vacancies on the council which can be filled from next month.
- 3 – Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Nothing requested/declared.
- 4 – A Declaration of Acceptance of Office** was signed by the chair and the clerk.
- 5 – To elect a Vice-Chair for the Coming Year:** SG nominated TF and this was seconded by HS. All members voted in favour and TF accepted the position.
- 6 – To receive a report on the capital assets and liabilities vested in the council:** The clerk had emailed the list of assets to members ahead of the meeting (we have no liabilities). All in agreement with the list but decided that we need to get the playing fields valued and added.
- 7 – To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23:** The Clerk advised that the annual accounts for 2022/23 had been completed and checked by the internal auditor. The accounts were agreed and the Annual Governance Statement was completed, signed and dated by the Chairman.
- 8 – To approve the Accounting Statements 2022/23:** The Clerk advised that the accounting statements for 2022/23 had been completed and checked by the internal auditor. The accounts were agreed, and the Accounting Statements were completed, signed and dated by the Chairman.
- 9 – To agree to review the Council’s Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** the council agreed to adopt the above for another year, but they can be amended at any time if required.

Part 2: ORDINARY MEETING:

- 1 – Record of members present:** as at Annual Meeting noted above.
- 2 - Declarations of interest:** Nothing declared.
- 3 - Minutes:** the minutes of the last parish council meeting which took place on 12th April 2023, were approved as a true record as signed by the chair.
- 4 – Open Forum:** Nothing arising

5 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

5.1 – Austrey & Newton Regis Summer Fair: The event is confirmed to take place on Saturday 15th July.

5.2 – Grant request from Austrey PTA: The group has requested some funding to the value of £626. TF proposed that we provide £500. This was seconded by SG & all members voted in favour of the grant. The money will be used to pay for First Responders to attend, and for advertising banners & posters.

5.3 - Neighbourhood Plan (NDP): A successful public consultation event was held on 7th May and was well attended. The questionnaire is now live on the website, and the clerk will continue to promote it on social media. Answers and feedback will be collated & published for the public in the future. The village now has a very supportive steering committee aiding the review.

5.4 - Playing Fields: The land is very wet at present and the grass needs mowing. There is a village charity football match being held there in June so TF would like to get the pitch in shape by them.

5.5 – Village Hall WIFI is being installed later this year. And the village hall would like a regular contribution from the PC to help fund the monthly fees. After seeking advice from WALC it was agreed by members that the PC should not commit to a regular monthly payment, and that ultimately the cost should be built in to the cost of room hire for users of the hall. It was agreed that we can help out with a grant for a portion of the first year's costs. A grant can then be considered year on year. The clerk has actually applied for a WCC councillors grant today to help with costs so we will await the outcome of this first.

5.6 - Village Maintenance: The culvert recently discovered on Appleby Hill needs clearing of soil and possibly a concrete surround to stop it collapsing. TT to contact WCC highways.

6 – Planning: 2 new applications as per the appendix

*PAP/2023/0154 – Land southwest of the Headlands, Warton Lane – the Parish Council will be objecting to this application for a variety of reasons as per the Neighbourhood Plan.

7 - Correspondence: as per the appendix

8 – Financial & insurance matters: 7 payments as per the appendix.

9 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: Councillors would like to add clearing ditches at the playing field, the refurbishment of the clock face, the NDP, a grant for wifi at the village hall and voting on the two councillor vacancies.

10 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14th June 2023

Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell – Clerk to the Parish Council – 17th May 2023