



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm

1 – Present: Tony Treadwell (TT), Tristan Fraser, vice-chair (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Heather Swan (HSw), Jacqui Morton (JM) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Helen Simpson (HS). 2 members of the public were in attendance.

2 – Declarations of interest: nothing arising.

3 - Minutes: the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 14th December 2022, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

4 – Clerk’s Update:

4.1: Austrey Residents Association (ARA) have now folded & they have shared the remaining bank balance between 3 village groups, inc a £200 donation to APC. We have supported them with grants in the past.

4.2: Although we agreed a grant of £268 for Austrey Village Hall (AVH) to purchase new fridge/freezers, HS managed to secure a £268 Community Support Grant from WCC. This has been paid to us this week and forwarded on to the AVH committee.

4.3: As it is less than 6 months until the local elections, NWBC have advised us that we don’t need to co-opt to fill the current vacancy.

4.4: The clerk is to undertake some refresher training later this month ahead of the forthcoming local elections in May as it’s been 4 years since the last one!

5 – Open Forum: A resident has made suggestions on how to celebrate the King’s Coronation, suggesting a date of Sunday 5th May 2023. This could be a village street party or a gala at the playing fields. SG to put a post on Facebook asking for thoughts and, more importantly, volunteers.

6 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

6.1: Bus Shelter: TF has asked for a new quote for the wooden bus shelter we looked at 18 months ago so we can re-visit the possibility of replacing the current shelter. It is expected to be around £13k, which is a large increase of around 20% from the 2021 quote. Some funding would almost certainly be needed for this project.

6.2: Neighbourhood Plan: SH has had several volunteers to help form a steering committee to move the project forwards. Next steps in updating the plan include a ‘Call for Sites’ and a technical assessment.

6.3: Playing Fields:

6.4: Village Maintenance: The raised ironworks on Norton Hill is still an outstanding issue.

6.5: Youth Club grant application: The PC have received an application for a £600 grant, but unfortunately, the application didn't specify what the money was for. We were advised that they have already received a large grant from NWBC. For these reasons, the council decided not to award a grant at this time.

7 – Planning: 1 application as per the appendix, which is an appeal against the planning decision for swimming lessons at Charity House. Members decided that we should send the original objection to the inspectorate. LT to action.

8 - Correspondence: as per the Appendix.

9 – Financial & insurance matters: 5 payments as per the appendix.

10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:

11 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8th February 2023.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

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