



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meetings held via Zoom on
Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm

1: ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL:

1.1- To Elect a Chair for the Coming Year: HH nominated TT and this was seconded by HS. All members voted in favour and TT accepted the position.

1.2 – A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the chair and the clerk.

1.3 – Present: Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Heather Hadley (HH), Tristan Fraser (TF), Helen Simpson (HS), Heather Swan (HSw) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Sam Goldney (SG). 3 members of the public were in attendance.

1.4 – To review the Council’s Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & Asset List: The clerk sent these documents to the council ahead of the meeting for review. It was agreed that they be are current and applicable and all were accepted by the council.

1.5 – To elect a Vice-Chair for the Coming Year: HH nominated TF and this was seconded by TT. All members voted in favour and TF accepted the position.

1.6 – To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21: The Clerk advised that the annual accounts for 2020/21 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.

1.7 – To approve the Accounting Statements 2020/21: The Clerk advised that the accounting statements for 2020/21 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.

2: ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY:

2.1 – The Annual Report from the Chair was read out by TT. This will be available to view on the website shortly.

2.2 – Annual Reports from Village Organisations: The clerk received 2 reports this year, and these were read out at the meeting.

2.3 – Open Forum: Nothing Arising

ORDINARY MEETING:

1 – Declarations of interest: Nothing declared.

2 - Minutes: the minutes of the last parish council meeting which took place on 10th March 2021, were approved as a true record as signed by the chair.

3 – Parish Councillor Vacancy/Co-option: 2 applications were made by interested parties ahead of the meeting. TT nominated Jacqui Morton as she has been attending our meeting for some months and has previous experience of parish councils. HH seconded this motion, no other nominations were made & all councillors voted in favour of Jacqui being co-opted. The chair welcomed her to the council & also thanked the other candidate for his interest.

4 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

4.1 - Defibrillator Update: An amazing £1475 has now been raised against a target of £1600 so that a second defib can be bought for the village. The council now need to decide which defibrillator to purchase.

4.2 - Playing Fields: TF has been seeking quotes for works to the pavilion & these were shared with the council ahead of the meeting. TT proposed a spend of £505 to repaint the exterior and £330 to repair/replace the guttering. HSw seconded this, all voted in favour, so TF will organise the works. *Works to the ditches & drainage have been undertaken, and a new litter bin has been placed in the play area.

4.3 - Speed Awareness: Councillors had doubts about purchasing a Speed Radar Gun given the lack of volunteers for a support group & some professional advice received advising against it, so decided not to vote on this matter at this time.

4.4 - Village Maintenance: Several jobs have been ticked off in the last 6 weeks & a litter pick is scheduled to take place on Sunday. *The poor state of the roads and verges on Norton & Appleby Hill are still major issues which the PC are persisting with. *The church clock continues to lose time & doesn't always chime. The PC is awaiting the decisions on 2 grant applications so that major maintenance work can be undertaken.

5 – Planning: 3 applications as per the appendix.

Members discussed PAP/2021/0144 concerning works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order & agreed that the work is legitimate and necessary. With reference to application PAP/2021/0077, the council will be sending a letter of objection. This is the second application to erect a dwelling on this piece of land and the council feels that there are issues relating to access, highways and footpaths.

6 - Correspondence: as per the appendix

7 – Financial & insurance matters: 12 payments as per the appendix.

10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: TF would like to add voting on a spend for replacement play equipment to the next agenda. HH raised the topic of anonymous posts on the village Facebook page & it was agreed that we trial not sharing posts unless the originator is happy to put their name to it. Additionally, any comments not in the community spirit will be deleted.

11 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14th July 2021. Zoom meetings are not permitted after 6th May and COVID restrictions prevent a face to face meeting before 21st June.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell – Clerk to the Parish Council – 7th May 2021