



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm

1 – Present: Tony Treadwell (TT), Tristan Fraser, vice-chair (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Heather Swan (HSw), Helen Simpson (HS) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Jacqui Morton (JM). SG arrived at 7.45pm. 3 members of the public were in attendance.

2 – Declarations of interest: HS declared an interest in a current planning application, should it arise, as it is that of an immediate neighbour.

3 - Minutes: the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 8th February 2023, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

4 – Clerk’s Update:

4.1: A resident has proposed certain parts of Austrey (land and properties) which they consider to be Assets of Community Values (AVCs). These were forwarded to the PC for consideration. SG will raise it for discussion at the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee meeting.

4.2: FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) is now available in certain parts of the village. Residents can check their upgrade status by clicking on the link on the recent Facebook post.

4.3: LT attended a Teams meeting held by NWBC about the upcoming local elections. They have also provided us with some costings – between £450 & £1771 depending upon whether it is contested or not.

5 – Open Forum: re planning application PAP/2023/0006, the applicant/land-owner came in to discuss his application as there have been concerns raised by councillors and neighbours.

6 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

6.1: Church Clock: TT wanted to revisit refurbishing the church clock. As replacing the bus shelter isn’t viable in the next financial year, we will have enough in the budget for this action. The quote remains the same as it was 3 years ago when we last sought quotes (circa £5000). The PC decided to go with Smith of Derby, who did the recent repairs to the auto-winding. This was proposed by HSw and seconded by HS, with all voting in favour. Motion carried.

6.2: Community Litter Pick: This is to take place on 11th March and NWBC will be lending us litter picking equipment. SG would like to order some signage for the village gateways saying, ‘please take your litter home with you’. TF will

organise this. Staff from the nearby McDonalds franchise will be joining us on the litter pick.

6.3: Coronation Celebrations: Respondents have voted overwhelmingly for a street party again to celebrate the King's Coronation. This will be held on Sunday 7th May and a road closure has been applied for. HSw has booked a face painter to attend & a road closure application has been submitted. LT to put a post on Facebook asking for volunteers to run events or competitions to add to the fun. The PC would like to order some celebration coins to give to children in the village to mark the occasion. NWBC are offering small grants to help celebrate the occasion, so HS will apply for one to use towards the costs of the event.

6.4: Neighbourhood Plan: The initial steering committee meeting has taken place, and this will be a monthly occurrence. A grant of £3540 has been awarded to the PC. This has been used to pay for consultation fees related to updating the plan.

6.5: Playing Fields: TT has been looking into funding for a new play area. A meeting is pending with a consultant who may be able to help us secure some funding to replace the current equipment.

6.6: Village Maintenance: The PC has received a complaint about the state of the footpaths around Newborough & Orchard Close. They have not been maintained or repaired for quite some time. The email was forwarded to highways at WCC as this is not in our remit.

7 – Planning: No applications since the last meeting. PAP/2023/0206 – 81 Main Road, application for 1 dwelling has been approved by NWBC.

8 - Correspondence: as per the Appendix.

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

10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: Nothing new arising.

11 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th April 2023.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell March 2023