



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7.30pm

1: Present: Neil Hayward, chair (TT), Tristan Fraser (TF), Heather Swan (HS), Terry Webb (TW), Richard Nield (RN) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Sam Goldney (SG). 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 13th November 2024, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

4: Co-option of a new member: We had one application for the vacancy from Elaine Horton, who has been a key member of the NDP review committee. NH proposed Elaine for the position and this was seconded by TW. The council voted upon this unanimously and the chair welcomed Elaine to the council.

5: Open Forum: Nothing arising

6: Clerk's Update:

6.1: PC Redman has advised us that he is being moved to another area in the new year. The clerk thanked him on behalf of the PC for keeping us updated with village beat reports, for attending meetings and for his presence in the village.

7: Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

- i. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Elaine talked the council through the findings of the NDP review, along with the next steps. A 6-week consultation will follow, which will include another public event, and this will all be widely publicised. The PC voted unanimously to accept the draft and proceed with the review.
- ii. **Playing fields:** Other than being very wet, there is nothing to report re the playing fields
- iii. **Upcoming events:** The litter pick was postponed but it expected that one will now be held in the spring. The 80th anniversary of VJ Day will take place in August, so APC will liaise with residents about ways to mark this event.
- iv. **Village maintenance:** TF reported on the state of various hedges around the village as he tries to ensure that they are all cut back before the 1st march deadline. The white lines that we have asked be repainted around at various junctions has still not been actioned by highways. TF also cleared a couple of trees which fell during the recent storm, and which blocked roads in the village. The PC thanked his for his quick actions.

8a: New Planning Applications:

- **PAP/2024/0508** - Doug Stables – the original application has already been passed; this is for changes to various conditions of the application.

8b: No applications determined since the last meeting

9: Financial & insurance matters:

a: 8 payments made since the last meeting:

- Clerk’s salary - December 2024
- HMRC PAYE – December 2024
- L Treadwell – back pay from 2024/25 pay award - £220.50
- S Goldney – Adobe Acrobat Pro - £238.75
- Kirkwell’s Ltd – NDP consultancy fees - £1944
- ICO – Data protection fee - £35
- Friezeland Christmas Trees - £588
- DG Business Machines Ltd - £290 – printing of Community Orchard & village newsletters

b: Payments received:

- Tamworth FC – Grounds rent 2024-25 - £200

10: Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: The precept will need to be agreed at the next meeting, and NH would like to add discussions about the church clock and the village planters.

*TW wanted to state how well the Christmas lights event went. There are some sweets left, which will be distributed at the Christmas Eve carol singing.

11: Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Meeting closed at 8.09pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell December 2024