



# **AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm

## **Annual Parish Assembly**

- 1-** Tony Treadwell, chair of the Austrey Parish Council (APC) read out his annual report.
- 2-** Reports received by email or in person from Austrey Village Hall, The WI, Hazel Meadows Allotment Association & Austrey Bonfire.
- 3-** Any additional matters or concerns raised by the parish: The chair of Newton Regis School's PTA passed on the details of a joint Summer Fair with Austrey School. It will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at the playing fields & will include rides, games and stalls.  
\*The planning appeal for swimming lessons was discussed in the public forum, as was the Homestead and the 12-month time limit given to the developers by NWBC for the latest application/changes to be done.

## **Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

**1 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Heather Swan (HSw) and Jacqui Morton (JM). Apologies received from parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Helen Simpson has handed in her resignation to the Chair. The Chair thanked Helen for her hard work during her time on the Parish Council. 2 members of the public were in attendance.

**2 – Declarations of interest:** Nothing declared.

**3 – Minutes:** the minutes of the last parish council (PC) meeting which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.

### **4 – Clerk's Updates:**

**4.1:** The annual accounts balance and have now been passed on to the internal auditor for inspection.

**4.2:** APC have been awarded another grant, this time from NWBC for £500, to be used in celebration of the King's Coronation.

### **5: Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:**

**5.1: Coronation Celebrations** – We are still waiting for the celebration coins to be delivered. Upon confirmation of the order, we can start to distribute them to children in the village. The Face Painter has been booked by HS & the road closure has been requested. Only one villager has come forward with an idea for games or entertainment & LT is organising a window display competition. LT to purchase prizes & SG to purchase some bunting using the grant money received.

**5.2: Local Elections:** The Parish Council elections were uncontested meaning that all 5 current councillors who put forward their nominations will again be accepted onto the Parish Council. 2 casual vacancies will be available, and Co-option can begin after May's Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

**5.3: Neighbourhood Plan:** Updating the Neighbourhood Plan continues as the steering committee make gradual progress. A Call for Sites will probably be the next stage. A multi-agency meeting is scheduled for later this month.

**5.4: Playing Fields:** There are no issues at the playing field. The costs of a new playground were discussed, along with the fees involved in hiring a consultant to help seek funds to pay for new equipment. There are no guarantees that the Parish Council will be successful in any bid, so it may be that the clerk or a potential new councillor looks for suitable funding opportunities instead.

**5.5: Village Maintenance:** At the last meeting, TF raised the matter of NWBC fixing grounds maintenance costs for 3 years. LT checked and the amount invoiced for 2022-23 is actually down £1.16 on last year's costs.

**6 – Planning:** 5 new applications as per the appendix. APC intend to object to the following 2 appeals: PAP/2021/0077 - Land 50m west of St Nichola Church, Church Lane Austrey – Erection of a dwelling and PAP/2023/0117 – Charity House, 89-91 Main Road, Austrey - Variation of condition no: 4 of planning permission PAUSAV/0602/96/FAP (PAP/1996/3856) dated 14/08/1996 relating to use of swimming pool limited to clients covered under The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and specifically with reference to section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

**7 - Correspondence:** as per the Appendix.

**8 – Financial & insurance matters:** 5 payments as per the Appendix.

**8 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** Austrey & Newton Regis Summer Fair is to be added to the next agenda. SG & TT would like to add the matter of Broadband to the next agenda, but the clerk needs to find out the viability of the Parish Council paying for it and any related costs involved. LT to discuss with WALC.

**9 – Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, to include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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