

# **AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall On Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.30pm

## <u>Item</u>

- Actioned When & By Whom
- 1. <u>TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR:</u> DR nominated TT and this was seconded by TF, All in agreement so TT accepted the position of Chair for the coming year.
- 2. <u>TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR:</u> TT nominated DR and this was seconded by MB. All in agreement so the motion was carried.
- **3.** <u>PRESENT</u>: Tony Treadwell Chair (TT), David Rowse (DR), Deb Jenkins (DJ), Mick Beeson (MB), Tristan Fraser (TF), Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT) + 10 members of the public. Apologies received from Pippa Smith (PS) which were accepted by the council.
- **4. <u>DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</u>** signed by TT & witnessed by the clerk.
- 5. <u>STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGLUATIONS AND ASSET LIST</u> were emailed to councillors ahead of the meeting for review. it was agreed unanimously that no changes are required currently, so they will all be accepted for the next 12 months.
- 6. NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL scheduled for Wednesday 8th May 2019.

### Meeting closed at 7.45pm, immediately followed by the ordinary council meeting:

- 1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES: as above.
- 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**: DR made a declaration of interest as a member of ARA.
- 3. <u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and which included the Annual Parish Meeting, were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.
- **4. <u>NOMINATIONS AND VOTING:</u>** A potential new member came forward to express and interest in joining Austrey Parish Council. Sam Goldney was then nominated by MB and this was seconded by TF. All voted in favour so Sam was welcomed to the Parish Council by the chair.
- **5. OPEN FORUM:** Ellen Beatty approached the council for a donation of £100 toward the Royal Wedding Street Party, to fund a Face Painter. All members were in agreement, so clerk to arrange payment asap. \*It was noted that the website needs updating to reflect, amongst a few other small points, the recent change in councillors and their roles and responsibilities.

#### 6. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:

Beeline Community Transport is a member of Warwickshire Voluntary Transport & they have approached APC with a donation request. The organisation helps people who live in the Borough with transport to and from hospitals, doctors, dentists etc. The PC has made donations on 2 previous occasions. MB proposed a donation of £200 & this was seconded by DJ, all agreed so the motion was carried. The PC stated that they would like to know how many Austrey residents have used the service in the last year though. Clerk to ask.

LT by next meeting

• **HS2:** DR gave an overview of where we are with HS2 & reiterated that keeping disruption and noise to a minimum is now our priority.

<ul> <li>Playing Fields: An alternative area for a playing field &amp; pavilion has been identified within the village on a plot of agricultural land which is currently for sale. HS2 have been contacted to see if it is viable &amp; some preliminary discussions have been held with NWBC.</li> </ul>	
• Village Maintenance: During the very wintery weather earlier this year, the PC identified that there is a lack of grit bins in and around the village. TT proposed a spend of £500 to purchase 4 new bins. This was seconded by MB & agreed upon unanimously. PS is to recommend ideal placing for them, and this would need to be agreed by NWBC.  *The question was raised of whether the grass verges would be reinstated once the current housing developments are completed. DR & TT to put this to Maplevale at the next meeting. The PC also discussed whether the new kerb stones on Newton Lane have encroached onto the carriageway, making it narrower that it already was. Two cars could barely pass each other before, so the safety aspect of a narrower road is a concern. Chair to contact NWBC.  *The matter of dog fouling & more signage around the village is to be carried forward to the next meeting when PS is back.	TT asap
7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 3 applications as per the appendix.  Re application PAP/2018/0253, the address is incorrectly stated as being Manor Croft, Newton Lane. The resident of this address attended the meeting to point this out & to raise his objections. It is also believed that there are errors with the boundaries & the layout of trees on the plans. Chair to discuss with NWBC.  *Planning application PAP/2018/0255 related to a fruit tree with a TPO attached to it. Reportedly, it was in poor condition and was removed from the area of development before permission was granted.	TT asap
8. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> : as per the appendix.  The PC also received an email concerning light pollution. One of the street lights on a new housing development in the village stays on all night, rather than going off between midnight and 5am in keeping with the rest of the village. Chair to bring it up with other matters when he contacts NWBC.	TT asap
9. <u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u> : 2 payments made this month, as per appendix. *Additionally, new pay scales have been agreed by NALC, taking effect form 1 <sup>st</sup> April, so this equals a pay increase of 32p per hour for the clerk.	
<ul> <li>10. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS &amp; ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: MB has researched warning/information to be placed by the pond at the playing field. £50 will be sufficient to purchase 2, so this will be added to the next agenda.</li> <li>*The Leader Grant application for money for drainage work at the playing field has been completed and sent off.</li> <li>*The PC revisited the need to get the Playing Fields valued, so three quotes will be sought &amp; reported back at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
11. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018.	
Meeting closed at 8.45pm	
Chair Clir Tony Treadwell	
Date	
Lynsey Treadwell Clerk to the Parish Council 15/05/2018	