



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7.30pm

1 – Present: Tony Treadwell (TT), Sam Goldney (SG), Tristan Fraser (TF), Heather Swan (HS), Neil Hayward (NH), Terry Webb (TW), Richard Nield (RN) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). No members of the public attended.

2 – Declarations of interest: TW has submitted a planning application on a property in Austrey. This has not yet been processed by NWBC.

3 - Minutes: the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 8th May 2024 and which included the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

4 – Clerk’s Update:

4.1: The refurbishment of the church clock is complete, and the details/photos have been shared on our website & social media. SG is planning on featuring it in a newsletter.

4.2: The PC has received a Beat Report from PCSO Mollie Thompson ahead of the meeting. This will be available as an appendix to the minutes.

4.3: WALC are looking for PCs who’d like to be involved in engaging and consulting on the Integrated Care System with a view to tackling inequalities in health & social care in the county, especially in rural areas. This will involve holding local information/consultation events. The PC discussed this & decided that whilst it’s a great initiative, other areas of the county would probably benefit more.

5 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

5.1: Neighbourhood Plan: The clerk has started an application for the next round of funding for an NDP grant from localities. *The latest meeting was cancelled but there will be more to report after the next meeting.

5.2: Playing fields: The pitch is cut and playable, and is currently quite dry, whilst the rest of the grounds are quite overgrown.

5.3: Village maintenance: NH has received a report of a tree on Orchard Close, which has grown a lot over the last couple of years and is apparently blocking out light to a resident. It has been reported to NWBC, but as it doesn’t touch any property or cables and isn’t overgrown, we’ve been informed that the council is unlikely to cut it back.

6 - Planning applications made since the last meeting:

a: PAP/2023/0010 - Doug Stables, Orton Lane, Austrey, CV9 3EA (amended plans/description): More surveys and information have been added since the plan was originally submitted and this time an existing building will be repurposed rather than building a new dwelling. The PC discussed the application and decided to object as it is outside of the village settlement boundary and its style isn't in keeping with the village as a whole. It would also be visually quite impactful.

b: Determined:

- **PAP/2024/0144** - The Old Rectory, Church Lane - consent granted for works to trees protected by a TPO.
- **PAP/2021/0707** - Land to the west of Wulfric Avenue (APPEAL) - outline planning permission for development of land for up to 10 dwellings - appeal dismissed.
- **PAP/2024/0168** - Manor Croft, Newton Lane - consent granted for works to trees protected by a TPO.

7 - Financial & insurance matters: 8 payments made, or cheques raised since last meeting:

- Clerk's salary - June
- HMRC PAYE - June
- Smith of Derby - War memorial (clock face) restoration - £3530.52
- Tamworth Scaffolding Company Ltd - Scaffolding for clock restoration - £3876
- T. Treadwell - extra keys for village noticeboards - £50
- Trade Paints UK Ltd - phone box undercoat & paint - £96.97
- L. Treadwell - reimbursement for annual Microsoft subscription - £59.99
- N. Hayward - Orchard expenses reimbursement - £177.70

8 - Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: SG would like to add upcoming events to the agenda as a regular item so that nothing gets missed moving forward. She would also like to produce an information leaflet about the Community Orchard and the Church Clock, to be distributed to residents. *NH has applied for two grants from WCC to be used on the Community Orchard, and the next Big Dig is scheduled for 29th June - all welcome. *HS reported that residents are organising a Remembrance Day tribute and are asking for donations of materials. More details are available on social media, and information leaflets will be distributed to residents soon.

9 - Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10th July 2024.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell June 2024

APPENDIX 1

Austrey Parish Meeting

Reporting period: 08/05/24 – 08/06/24

Officer Completing: PCSO Mollie Thompson

North Warwickshire North SNT

| | Theme | Commentary |
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| Current and Emerging | | X 5 calls to service |
| | Burglary (x1) | - Ride on lawnmower stolen from a locked barn. SNT have increased patrols. |
| | Pol Act (x1) | - Vehicle stopped by SNT. 2 males searched and both found to be in possession of cannabis for personal use. Cannabis was seized by the officer and community resolution proposed for both males. |
| | Sus Circs (x1) | - Report of abandoned vehicle parked on the side of road. SNT checks showed local keeper – no concerns. Vehicle has now moved. |
| | Animal (x1) | - Dog attacked sheep. No witnesses or CCTV available so unsure where dog came from/who it belongs to. |
| | Silent 9s (x1) | - No issues. |
| Summary | | Following multiple recent van break-ins, SNT have been out and about around the village, looking for vans parked up and offering the owners a van security pack. This includes alarms, property marking pens, advice sheets and other useful bits. We will continue to patrol the area as much as possible! |