

**Minutes of a meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer
Centre on Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT AT THE MEETING: Cllr's B Crawford (in the Chair), D Sharpe, K Auckland,
M Barker, D Bendall, N Broomham,

In attendance:

Mr Keith Howard – Chair of ACA
3 Members of the public

9.152 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

9.153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J Marshall, Rushcliffe Borough Council
Councillor D Rowe
PCSO Sally Charles

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for the Open Session

9.154 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

a) Keith Howard the Chairman of the ACA had submitted a S137 funding request for the financial year 2010/2011 for consideration at the Precept meeting on the 25th January for the amount of £1300. Mr Howard explained the reasoning behind the proposed projects listed on his application that required funding from the Parish Council, and stated that should the money allocated for a project but was not used in its entirety, it would be returned to APC. Projects listed were: Planting at the new Thomas Cranmer Centre,
Re-planting of Aslockton Gateways and planting of a new box under the Aslockton sign.

Councillors were asked if they had any questions regarding the application and several were raised.

- Planting at TCC - Is it seen that it is for the Parish Council to fund or the Thomas Cranmer Centre?
- Also as it is private land, will it set a precedent to other establishments regarding the funding for planting.
- The planting should come from the TCC and not the ACA.
- Would it be more cost effective to have one insurance rather than separate.
- Should the planter for under the Aslockton sign been on the ACA's list.
- Website, should this be looked after by a resident of Aslockton.
- Gateways – It was thought that the Parish Council had now taken over the role of planting the Gateways as both Abbey Lane and Mill Lane are in hand, there is just Cliff Hill Lane left to do.
- What funds did the ACA hold and were these funds earmarked for any purpose? Mr Howard replied that he didn't know but could find out.
- The question was also raised regarding the independency of the ACA as regards the PC. Mr Howard confirmed that the ACA were independent. The Chair also explained that this matter had been discussed at an informal meeting where it was agreed that the ACA would work on projects on behalf of the Parish Council.

All the above questions will be fully addressed at the Precept meeting on the 25th January along with all other S137 funding applications.

The Chair thanked Mr Howard for his submission. One member of the public mentioned that the Gateway on Mill Lane looks far better in the new position.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

9.155 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December 2009 were unanimously Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record with an amendment to 9.148, to read,

I proposed that the money originally budgeted in 08/09, which now sits in 'reserves', should be used to purchase Christmas decorations. This proposal was not seconded. Proposed Cllr Barker, Seconded Cllr Bendall.

9.156 Matters arising from minutes (for information only)

The Clerk was asked at the previous meeting if it could be clarified why in the accounts there was a split in the earmarked reserves for Playing Field Maintenance at £1500 and Playing Field Improvement at £4500. The Clerk explained that these amounts were an accumulation over 3 years.

The question was raised whether these funds should be kept in there or should they be moved. It was explained that some time ago Whatton PC hadn't made similar reserves and they would be left there until they had. Clerk was asked to find out if the Playing Field reserves were equally matched.

9.157 PLANNING

Planning Notifications received: For information only

There were no Planning Notifications received

Planning Applications received

- a) 09/02085OUT
Mr & Mrs Mackness
Dwelling and Vehicular Access
Land South of Moorends, Chapel Lane, Aslockton
Renewal of existing outline planning permission
Aslockton Parish Council Response - to RBC – DO NOT OBJECT
- b) 09/02129/FUL
Mr & Mrs Park
Two-storey and single storey extension
The Cottage, Chapel Lane, Aslockton
Aslockton Parish Council - Response to RBC - OBJECT

A site meeting was arranged for December 14th to discuss the above plans and the above observations were forwarded onto RBC.

9.158 CLERK'S UPDATE, (See Appendix 1): including reports from, Playing Field

Playing Field – Details sent through from Gregg Redford – Chair of the Playing Field Committee:

The Committee has resolved to contract with Thomas Long to remove the 'old' play surfaces (from the old climbing frame and swing areas), the old swings and use the surplus soil from the area next to the Cottage (southern boundary) to fill in the areas

where the play surfaces have been removed. Additionally, the southern boundary will be cleared of surplus soil and rubbish. As the play surface material is considered a 'contaminated material', it will have to be tipped at a certified site which is included in the cost (£75 per ton with a minimum of 3 tons – i.e. £225). The total cost is in the area of £800 which the playing field will meet out of its' current resources.

Charity Status – Following your meeting, Whatton PC resolved to authorise Mike and myself to undertake the necessary work to realise the both Parish Councils obligation to register the Playing Field Trust with the Charity Commission. As we will be acting on behalf of both Parish Councils you may wish to formally approve fact. By way of information, Myself, Barbara Harris and Ray Dawson are Whatton PC's representatives on the Trustee Joint Sub-Committee.

It was agreed by APC that approval for the above will be put on the agenda for the Parish Council Meeting on the 22nd February.

9.159 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) Footpath Claim – The Chair explained that it had been felt necessary to put this item on the agenda after a recent incident of verbal abuse against the landowner of the footpath in question. Aslockton Parish Council needed to make it clear that they would have great difficulty in supporting future applications where there had been unacceptable conduct towards other parties involved. After a full discussion took place regarding the content of the abuse, it was claimed that the incident bore no relation to the footpath claim itself and was regarding the damage that had caused to the highway verge.

b) Parking Issues

The Chair explained that he had been to see the Head Teacher at Archbishop Cranmer School to discuss the parking issues. The Governors were going to write to the Planning Department regarding the car park at the old Greyhound.

After a brief discussion regarding the Old Greyhound car park it was decided that a letter should be sent to the Planning Department making it clear that when they consider any application for this site, that consideration should be given to the needs of the village regarding the car park.

The Clerk also explained that a letter had been written to the PCC requesting permission for the use of the TCC car park for school pick up and drop off times. The letter will be discussed at their next meeting on the 25th January.

Enquiries have also been made with the Building Better Communities Department to find out if funding is available for the compulsory purchase of land. This needs further investigation.

c) Allotments

It was confirmed that a site meeting would be held at the allotment site with the Surveyor from RBC regarding the boundaries of 2 allotments. Whilst on site it was also agreed that it would be agreed what other improvements/maintenance are required so that sufficient funding can be allocated at the Precept meeting.

d) Community Emergency Plan

A document had been received from Nott's County Council regarding the need for an emergency plan for the village in case of e.g flooding, power cuts, fires etc. It was agreed that this should be in-place and Cllr Crawford and the Clerk would complete the document.

e) Millennium Fund

As a result of a letter printed in the latest edition of the Aslockton Voice the question was raised if the Parish Council should get involved in order to help clarify who is on the committee, what funds had been raised and what the funds are going to be used for.

The Chairman suspended standing orders

Mr Harper explained the Project Manager had been Mrs Susan Rowe and that Mrs Harper had been the Secretary. He also explained that the committee was defunct at present but thought they would be willing to start up again. He was asked if he knew how much money was in the fund, he thought around £2300 but Cllr Auckland confirmed that in a letter published in the Aslockton Voice it had said £3500.

Standing orders were re-instated.

Cllr Barker proposed that the Parish Council should invite the Millennium Committee members to an informal meeting to discuss what future plans they may have and to offer any assistance if needed. Clerk was asked to write a letter.

f) House numbering to help post/deliveries

The Clerk explained that no comments had been sent through regarding the suggestion of house numbering to help with deliveries and post. Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding the cost of running a Ballot.

g) Removal of two Ash Trees on boundary of playing field.

The Clerk explained that the Bungalow next to the playing field boundary has been assessed by the insurers regarding damage thought to be caused by the two Ash trees growing on the boundary of the playing field. The Insurers confirmed that the damage had been caused by the trees and advised the urgent removal of them. The Parish Clerk for Whatton Parish Council, Mike Elliott obtained quotes for the removal and accepted a quote for £400+vat. Aslockton Parish Council were requested to pay half (£200) towards the costs as co-owners of the Playing Field. This was agreed.

9.160 FINANCE

a) Accounts Paid: *for information only*

Chq	366	A George Wage M9
Chq	367	SLCC Annual Subscription

b) Accounts for payment:

Nil

c) Financial Statement for November

The accounts for November were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr D Bendall, Seconded by Cllr N Broomham

\$137 funding request – St Thomas Church, Church Yard Fund

Following the last meeting the Clerk contacted Mr Jones the Treasurer of the Churchyard Fund to find out more detail regarding the amount of funding required. The Clerk explained that the funding required for the maintenance of

the hedges and the removal of dead trees could be double their normal funding therefore £250. The Clerk also explained that the S137 had not been raised for this years' allocation which the Clerk had overlooked and had been funded another project, however it was agreed that the Church Yard Fund should still receive their annual grant of £125.

9.161 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chair had nothing to report.

Cllr Barker asked if he restored the old village bench whether it could be sited along footpath 5 by the river. This was considered to be a pleasant location, and Clerk was asked to write to the land owner and the Environment Agency for their permission.

9.162 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from RBC informing possible attendee's that the start time had changed from 7.00pm to 8.00pm due to the weather conditions.

An S137 funding application form had been received from the Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary School for consideration at the Precept meeting on Monday 25th Jan.

9.163 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd February 2010 at 7.30pm, in the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

There being no further business to report, the meeting was declared closed at 8.55pm

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CLERK'S UPDATE -

9.158A FOR SALE – OLD GREYHOUND PUB

ACTION:

The Old Greyhound Pub has also gone on the market on behalf of the Administrators with King Sturge. A copy of the particulars has been sent to all Councillors for information and King Sturge will keep us informed of any developments.

A reply has been received from the Mazars, the Administrators regarding the use of the Car park during the sale. This has been declined by the Insurers stating that the land needs to be fenced off at all times for Insurance purposes.

FURTHER ACTION:

Mazars have been approached by APC to remove the Old Greyhound Sign on the front of building which has been reported to be very old and may be a safety hazard.

9.158B TRAIN STATION

ACTION:

Security measures have recently been damaged and Anna Hawkins is investigating this and one of the windows has recently been boarded up, this is also been investigated.

FURTHER ACTION:

The Clerk met with Jim Bamford (NCC), Karl Nevitt and Andrew Mathers(EMT) to discuss the tidying up around the station, particularly the land next to the empty building. Andrew Mathers agreed to obtain quotes to resurface this area and also to have safety glass fitted to the waiting area. Jim Bamford offered on behalf of NCC to help with the costs if the quotes were acceptable.

9.158C DOGS BINS

ACTION:

Check with Streetwise if there is a restriction on the distance that the bins can be situated for collection purposes, if one were to be re-located.

FURTHER ACTION:

Spoke to Bob Alderton, he will liaise with Cllr Auckland regarding the re-location of the dog bin.

9.158D GLASS RECYCLING

ACTION:

Rushcliffe Borough Council is still investigating the possibility of a recycling site around Aslockton/ Whatton area.

FURTHER ACTION:

Phil Barker from RBC met with Councillor's in Nov to visit sites around the village to see if there were any potentially suitable sites for glass recycling.

9.158F BUS SHELTER CLIFFHILL LANE

ACTION:

Clerk made enquiries regarding the previous request for a Bus Shelter on Cliff Hill Lane.

FURTHER ACTION:

Nottinghamshire County Council will be installing a Bus Shelter on Cliff Hill Lane in February 2010.

9.159F HORSE RIDING ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS TOWARDS ORSTON

ACTION:

Clerk wrote to land owners regarding Horse Riding that continues from their land onto a public footpath which is causing damage to the footpath

FURTHER ACTION:

One landowner has put up a sign to request riders not to continue onto the public footpath.

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