

**Minutes of a meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in the Thomas Cranmer Centre on  
Monday 22nd February 2010 at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:**

County Councillor Martin Suthers  
Councillor Jacqui Marshall - RBC  
5 Members of the public

**9.164 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None

**9.165 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for the Open Session

**9.166 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

a) Police had been contacted by a member of the public regarding a number of youths in the waiting room.

b) Allotments – The Parish Council were asked to clarify what plans they have for the allotments. It was explained that new agreements would be issued to all allotments holders with the guidelines for renting an allotment. It was also explained that there was particular attention to the boundary line regarding 2 allotments and that the maintenance of the allotment site was being reviewed, relating to the perimeter hedges, 2 empty overgrown allotments and the parking area. It was suggested by the Parish Council that comments from the allotment holders would be welcome, and would be consulted in due course. The Chair explained that the Parish Council do not own the land but rent it from RBC and therefore also required to follow the guidelines within their tenancy agreement.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

**9.167 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th January 2010 were unanimously Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Barker, Seconded Cllr Auckland.**

**9.168 Matters arising from minutes (for information only)**

None

**9.169 PLANNING**

**Planning Notifications received: For information only**

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**

RBC Decision – **GRANT OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION**

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**

RBC Decision – **REFUSE PERMISSION**

### **Planning Applications received**

After a site meeting the following recommendations were submitted to NCC

**Proposed Development:** Erection of perimeter security fencing and gates

**Location:** Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary School, School Lane, Aslockton

**Applicant:** Corporate Services

Aslockton Parish Council recommendation to Nottinghamshire CC – **OBJECT**

The Chair read out the objection (See Appendix 2), from the Parish Council regarding this planning application. The Clerk also read out responses regarding Rights of Way questions that had been raised. NCC Planning Department confirmed that no Right of Way was going to be lost if the security fence was erected. The Clerk also explained that comments and objections were still welcome by the Planning Department and the submission would not be progressed until all the issues raised had been investigated. NCC Highways also confirmed that Noble Lane is un-adopted.

After a site meeting the following recommendations were submitted to RBC,

#### **09/01891/VAR**

Mrs S Marrow

Dwelling with vehicular access, (application for extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission)

Land South East of Long Acre, Cliffhill Lane, Aslockton

Aslockton Parish Council recommendation to RBC – **NO OBJECTION**

#### **10/00048/FUL**

Mr & Mrs Probert

Single Storey rear extension

1 St Thomas Drive, Aslockton

Aslockton Parish Council recommendation to RBC – **NO OBJECTION**

Cllr Mansfield Barker asked if Rushcliffe Borough Council could be asked what the latest position was regarding the wall at Cranmers Cottage. The Clerk to contact the Planning Department at RBC.

### **9.170 CLERK'S UPDATE, (See Appendix 1): including reports from, Playing Field, TCC and LAG**

#### **Playing Field –**

Cllr Mansfield Barker read through the minutes of the Playing Field Committee meeting. He explained that just under £1000 had been raised in sponsorship towards the expenses for the Gala day.

#### **Thomas Cranmer Centre –**

Cllr David Rowe gave a brief update on the TCC. In the March edition of the Nottinghamshire Today publication there was a feature on the Thomas Cranmer Centre. Cllr Rowe also mentioned that the Bishop of Sherwood had been invited to take the Service at the Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and to dedicate the Thomas Cranmer Centre. A question was raised regarding the setting up of the Management Committee. Cllr Rowe explained that the setting up of the committee had not yet been finalised.

#### **LAG –**

Cllr Norma Broomham explained that at the last meeting the new Chair and Secretary had been elected. It was also mentioned that objection had been raised regarding the regularity of the neighbourhood surveys that needed to be carried out. Representatives had

suggested every 6 months rather than 3 and that this was a local decision and not a Government Directive.  
Information regarding the Lag meeting will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

**ACA –**

Keith Howard – Chair was unable to attend the meeting and gave his apologies; however he had emailed to say that due recent bad weather the ACA had not got anything fresh to report. Mr Howard did mention that there been 'The Stormy Weather Boys' performing at the TCC on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb which was well attended and also 'Those Magnificent Men' were performing on the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**9.171 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**a) Misuse of footpaths –**

The Clerk read out an email from farmer Mr John Breedon regarding the use of the public footpath by horse riders. Mr Breedon explained in his email that he had taken appropriate steps to try and stop it but would be grateful for any help from NCC to help prevent the misuse. It was also suggested that a sign could be put up at the Orston end of the Pathway or put in a stile.

Mr Breedon email also expressed concern regarding dog walkers using the conservation stripes on the boundaries of his field.

Clerk was asked to write to Mr Breedon, acknowledging his concerns.

The Clerk read out a response from NCC regarding signage for the footpath.

**b) Parking Issues**

The Clerk read out a letter from the PCC regarding the request from the Parish Council to use the TCC car park for School pick up and drop off times. The PCC replied stating that they would give permission, but they could not guarantee that there would always be spaces available. Heavier use would cause extra wear and tear to the car park itself, resulting in the Parish Council to help with the costs of maintenance. Further discussion took place regarding insurance.

It was also suggested that the Administrators for the Old Greyhound should be contacted to ascertain if they would sell the car park on its own. This was Proposed by Cllr Barker and Seconded by Cllr Auckland.

Another issue was raised regarding parking. A letter had been sent to residents on Cliffhill Lane regarding parking on the pavements, preventing some pedestrians being able to pass safely. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and explain that it is also a problem on Main Street particularly by the Post Office.

**c) Allotments**

It was agreed after discussion that a copy of the Tenancy Agreement would be sent to Councillor's and County Councillor Martin Suthers before the next meeting. Any amendments to the new agreement can then be made before the new year starts.

**d) Approval of Calendar for 2010/11 meeting dates**

The meeting dates for 2010/11 were unanimously approved.

**e) Millennium Fund**

It was explained that the Clerk was waiting for written confirmation regarding a meeting with the Millennium Fund Committee and the Parish Council.

**f) House numbering to help post/deliveries**

Councillor Auckland explained that she had researched what other Councils have done regarding this issue and also explained that some properties already had numbers on Cliffhill Lane and Abbey Lane. Cllr Auckland had also been made aware that Ambulance services use a Satellite Navigation system that identifies the location of the emergency phone call made. This then enables them to pin point an exact location. This would need

further clarification. It was agreed that a reminder would be placed in the Aslockton Voice requesting resident's comments. It was also suggested that house names and numbers should be kept clean.

**g) Dog Bins & Dog Fouling**

Cllr Auckland explained that she had met with a representative from the RBC Streetwise team regarding the re-location of a dog bin on Sewage Lane. RBC expressed that the location was too narrow to carry the dog bags when full in accordance with Health and Safety and that the Bin on Sewage Lane is heavily used. It was suggested that an additional bin would be beneficial on Cliff Hill Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the Land owner.

After the last LAG meeting it was also noted that Dog Fouling in the Aslockton was becoming a problem and it was suggested that the Clerks writes to the Dog Warden requesting more penalty signs

**h) Revision of Financial Regulations**

After discussion there were 3 minor amendments, this would be actioned and approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**i) Revision of Internal Controls**

There were no amendments suggested.

**j) SLCC Training Course**

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should attend the 'Paper chase' course run by SLCC at £95. Clerk explained that she was able to apply for a bursary to help cover the costs.

**k) Charity Status – Formal approval of representatives by Whatton Parish Council.**

It was Proposed by Cllr D Rowe and Seconded by Cllr Barker that Mike Elliott and Gregg Redford would undertake the registration of the Playing Field with the Charity Commission.

**l) Quote for replacement windows for the Waiting Room at Aslockton Station**

The Clerk explained that Nott's County Council had received a quote for the replacement of the windows in the waiting area. The cost was more than expected and Nott's County Council have asked if the Parish Council will help to meet the costs. The Clerk also explained that she had received a quote from a local company which had been submitted to Nott's County Council. County Councillor Suthers offered to speak with the Rail Officer at NCC.

It was also suggested whether it was possible to remove the remaining windows and leave the waiting room without, therefore taking away the potential for more damage and expense. Clerk would investigate.

**9.172 FINANCE**

**a) Accounts Paid: *for information only***

Chq 368	Sercon Building Supplies
Chq 369	Meadow Close Community Centre
Chq 370	St Thomas Church Yard Fund
Chq 371	HM Rev & Customs
Chq 372	A George, Salary M10
Chq 373	Whatton Parish Council
Chq 374	B Crawford P3 Pathway Scheme
DD	RBC Waste Management

**b) Accounts for Payment:**

Chq 376	A George, Salary M11
Chq 375	Room Hire March 09 – January 10

**c) Financial Statement for November**

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

Proposed by Cllr M Barker, Seconded by Cllr D Sharpe

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

Proposed by Cllr D Bendall, Seconded by Cllr M Barker

**d) Precept items for approval**

It was unanimously agreed at the Precept meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January that the precept of £10,002 should be submitted to RBC for approval. This was formally approved, Proposed Cllr M Barker, Seconded Cllr D Sharpe

**S137 Funding requests**

1) **Vitalise** – A donation of £50 was Proposed by Cllr D Shape and Seconded by Cllr N Broomham to be paid from 2009/10 Budget.

2) **Review of Clerks Contract**

The Clerks hours were reviewed and it was agreed that they should increase from 7 to 9 hours per week. Proposed Cllr D Sharpe, Seconded Cllr N Broomham.

**9.173 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that he had contacted the Drainage Board regarding a strong smell coming from the Dyke. He was waiting for a response.

**9.174 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter of thanks had been received from the Meadow Close Community Centre for the donation towards a new Bingo Machine. A discussion took place regarding the letter. The Clerk was asked to write to the Community Centre to clarify that the money that had been donated by members of the club to pay for the bingo machine were reimbursed now that the funding had been received from the Parish Council. It was important that it was clear that the funding was used for the purpose of the request.

**9.175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 29th March 2010 at 7.30pm, in the Thomas Cranmer Centre.

There being no further business to report, the meeting was declared closed at 9.55pm

**ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22nd FEBRUARY 2010**  
**CLERK'S UPDATE -**

**9.170A 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. RBC advised that because the building is listed it can be taken, repaired and re-stated without needing permission, however if it was taken down permanently then permission would be required.

**9.170B - GLASS RECYCLING**

**ACTION:**

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

**FURTHER ACTION:**

Phil Barker is waiting for correspondence from the Crown Estate regarding a piece of land by Whatton Prison.

**9.170C - BUS SHELTER CLIFFHILL LANE**

**ACTION:**

The Bus shelter on Cliff Hill Lane was installed on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**9.170D - ASLOCKTON GATEWAY SIGNS**

The Aslockton name plates have now been fixed to the Gateways.

**9.170E - EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Work had started on a emergency plan showing the different areas that needed to be address in the eventuality of an emergency. This is an on-going project.

**9.170F - THE OLD VILLAGE BENCH**

The Environment Agency has given permission for the old village bench once restored to be sited on the flood bank along the river Smite. The landowner would be approached for his permission.

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**ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL**

*The Parish Council object to the planning application for 2.4m high security fencing and gates around part of the school site, as shown on Drwg. no. G391-1499-292.*

**REASONS:**

*A large part of Aslockton is a Conservation Area, and indeed the line of some of the fencing in the application is part of the boundary of the said Conservation Area and we feel the application must be viewed in that context. The Design and Appearance of the fencing is inappropriate for a rural setting, whether it falls in or outside the designated conservation area. We feel that it will create a detrimental visual intrusion when viewed from several locations around the site. The proposed height is a particular issue at 2.4m (8 feet), even a reduction to 1.8m would be visually intrusive. We believe the double road gate, flanked by a pair of pedestrian gates, all 2.4m high, on School Lane will look appalling.*

*We feel the application would have a detrimental affect on the general amenity of the area, particularly for the neighbours at the two site entrances, namely those at 2 School Lane (not No. 4 as stated on Applicant's Design Statement) and Glenfarg, at the rear entrance onto Noble Lane, in both instances the proposal becomes part of their boundary fences. The visual appearance looking down School Lane from Abbey Lane and also around the entrance at Noble Lane would be totally inappropriate for a rural setting with all the adjoining properties being within the conservation area.*

*The Parish Council are concerned that the locked gates will have a detrimental affect on the enjoyment of School Lane by the occupiers of the other properties. The gates are intended to be closed and locked and are on the boundary of the school property, which will inevitably mean a delivery vehicle, or indeed any vehicle legitimately wishing to gain access will have to stop on the road outside Nos. 1, 2 and 3 School Lane to organise the unlocking procedure. If it was felt necessary to have such an arrangement the gates should be moved a reasonable distance into the site to keep the road free for the residents. This arrangement would be a requirement of the Highways Authority in most other circumstances. A similar scenario would apply at the Noble Lane entrance.*

*A final planning concern is that of root disturbance, to whole line of trees and hedging, where it is intended to reinforce the hedge boundary to the North and West of the school playing field. Unless the line of fencing is some distance from the hedge line there will inevitably be major disturbance to the root systems, inevitably leading to large sections of dead or at least badly damaged boundary hedging. If there is enough distance to minimise the root damage then the maintenance of the gap in the hedge bottom will lead to an unsightly mess, and further loss of amenity.*

*The reasons for enhanced security, stated on the application, are said to be to deter future arson attacks and to stop people congregating around the school at evenings and weekends. The Parish Council would like to point out that at no time since the current gates were installed, many years ago, have they EVER been locked. Since the shed was burned, nearly a year ago and particularly since syringes were said to be found, you would now expect the gates to have always been locked at the vulnerable times. The gates, in fact, are often not even closed. The week end before last the gates were left open on School Lane all weekend. On the subject of a regular Police presence, we are unable to find any neighbours who have seen this recently, but when there has been a spate of the alarm going off - the neighbour who often rang the police, in the middle of the night, was told that they (the police) were not concerned and would not investigate unless a crime was definitely taking place, because the school had systems for dealing with false alarms. We wonder what systems might be in place to manage the proposed locked gates for out-of-school-hour activities, or should emergency services, e.g. fire brigade need access to the site.*

7 FEBRUARY 2010

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