



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall
On Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.30pm

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned</u> <u>When &</u> <u>By Whom</u>
<p>1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES: Present: Diana Davies - chair (DD), Tony Treadwell - vice chair (TT), Anne Wilde (AW), & Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Dave. Jenkins (DJJ), D. Jenkins (DJ) & D. Rowse (DR). 1 member of the public was in attendance.</p> <p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: AW made a declaration as a member of the ARA.</p> <p>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, held on 14th December 2016 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p> <p>4. OPEN FORUM: Nothing arising</p> <p>5. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2: A report from DR was read out in his absence & the open day on 28th January was discussed. Leaflets containing all of the details will be distributed next week. *There are lots of events being held locally, the details of which will be on our website later this week. There is also a new HS2 action group website run by volunteers for local villages including Austrey: http://www.mapahs2action.org.uk/ • Lengthsman's Scheme: The PC has decided to advertise for a lengthsman offering 8 hours work per week on a self-employed basis, to attend to village maintenance issues within Austrey. DD proposed this motion, AW seconded it. All in agreement so motion carried. • Neighbourhood Plan: the examiner's queries have been answered & the PC is awaiting his final report. The next stage will be a village referendum. • Playing Fields: Two pieces of play equipment are damaged. The clerk has sought quotes for replacement parts & emailed these to councillors ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that the 'Springy' will not be replaced at this time, given that a new top will cost in excess of £1000 & the future of the playing fields are in question re HS2. A new seat will be ordered for the swing. TT proposed a budget of £100 & DD seconded this. All agreed, so clerk to order a new seat, once we know what size is needed. • Public Footpaths: The PC is still receiving complaints about some of the public footpaths not being clear. Additionally, 2 written and several verbal complaints have been received about Church Lane, specifically around Yew Tree Cottage, and the attempted determent of the public using this pedestrian right of way. The PC will once again liaise with WCC about the issues. • Village Maintenance: A new chevron sign has been ordered to replace the damaged one on Warton Lane. *The PC has finally received a response from WCC about the landslip situation on Appleby Hill. There is still no indication as to when work will be undertaken, but TT is to continue chasing it. *The planters will need to be re-planted for spring. TT to organise. *A complaint has been received about the hedges on Newton Lane being overgrown. There was some discussion about who usually cuts them back. <p>6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There have been no new planning applications this month. *Several complaints have been received about the height of a newly erected wall on Warton Lane. NWBC have been contacted for advice & they are to arrange a site visit & report back. *Craig Tracey has received all documentation on the 4 appeals which has been granted before he passes it on to the housing minister. He is reviewing it & has already noticed some out of date being legislation being quoted. *The new development at Hollybank Farm is to be called Walton Court.</p>	<p>LT by next meeting</p> <p>LT asap</p> <p>TT to chase</p>

7. CORRESPONDENCE: as per the appendix

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS: 4 payments made as per the appendix.

9. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: The clerk would like to discuss replacing at least one of the PC noticeboards – to be put on February's agenda.

*The domain for the new website needs to be paid for. AW to organise.

*DD would like to add the possibility of funding a model of HS2 on next month's agenda, as well as a commemorative plaque for the Coronation Tree.

*The PC was awarded 400 saplings recently. Discover Outdoors have had half of them to plant, clerk to approach the Allotments Association to see if they could make use of any.

*TT is to research doing another defib first aid course. Clerk to pass on the details of our local first responder.

*AW would like to see the website on the agenda monthly from February 2017, and is still awaiting transparency info from the clerk to put on the website. This needs to be done by July.

*The Emergency Plan also needs to go on February's agenda to be finalised.

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for 8th February 2017.

Meeting closed at 8.29 pm

Chair
Cllr Diana Davies

Date

Lynsey Treadwell
Clerk to the Parish Council
19/01/2017