



# **AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm

**1 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Helen Simpson (HS), Heather Swan (Hsw), Jacqui Moton (JM) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). No members of the public were in attendance. Apologies received from Heather Hadley (HH),

**2 – Declarations of interest:** Nothing declared.

**3 – Minutes:** the minutes of the last parish council meeting which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021, were approved as a true record as signed by the chair.

**4 – Open Forum:** Nothing arising

**5 – Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:**

**5.1 – Bus Shelter on Warton Lane:** Replacing the bus shelter and base is proving more expensive than expected (circa £10k). Additionally, NWBC has advised that planning permission will be needed. The PC are going to go away and do more research, and this item will be re-visited at the next meeting.

**5.2 – Christmas 2021:** Members agreed to order the same trees as last year, with the possibility of an additional 2 depending upon cost. LT to check what was paid last year and report back. Happily, we will be able to hold our annual Light Switch On event again this year – a date has been set for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Selection boxes will be donated to all school children at Austrey Primary again, and the school will be asked about the choir joining us again to sing carols around the tree. SG & TF to research the hire of a pony or reindeer.

**5.3 – Playing Fields:** The pavilion has now been repainted voluntarily by a resident and is looking great. PC to formally thank him. \*Tamworth FC's lease expires this month. TF to meet with the manager to discuss renewal.

**5.4 – Village Maintenance:** The ditch at Fairfax remains overgrown/full as no agency will take ownership of it and have it cleared. The PC are concerned that it may be a flood risk over the winter. Members asked if the PC could just clear it, but this would set a precedent of the PC paying for village maintenance works not under our jurisdiction or within our budget.

**6 – Planning:** 1 application as per the appendix, relating to The Homestead, looking to dismantle the barn and erect 2 new dwellings. The PC is concerned with how long this has been dragging on, so TT will speak to Cllr Humphreys about it. HH has offered to write an objection letter.

\*Regarding updating the Neighbourhood Plan, SG has been researching consultants to help with this task. Work commitments mean that councillors do not have the time required to undertake this task. This is to be an ongoing agenda item.

**7 - Correspondence:** as per the appendix.

**8 – Financial & insurance matters:** 4 payments as per the appendix.

**9 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** This year's bonfire event will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. More details nearer the time.

**10 – Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell – Clerk to the Parish Council – September 2021