



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall
On Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned When & By Whom</u>
<p>1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES: Present: Tony Treadwell - chair (TT), David Rowse (DR), Mick Beeson (MB), Debbie Jenkins (DJ), Sam Goldney (SG) and Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). 7 members of the public were in attendance. Apologies received from Tristan Fraser (TF) & Pippa Smith (PS) which were accepted by the council.</p> <p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: DR made a declaration as a member of the ARA.</p> <p>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, including the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 9th May 2018 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p> <p>4. NOMINATIONS & VOTING ON CO-OPTING NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: Austrey Parish Council currently has a full membership of 7 councillors so there are currently no vacancies.</p> <p>5. OPEN FORUM: Nothing arising.</p> <p>6. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naming of new developments in the village: The PC would like the village to become involved in choosing names for new housing developments; names which have meaning & historical relevance. NWBC is open to suggestions, so an article will be placed in the newsletter & on the website asking for suggestions and reasons for the choice. These will then be presented to NWBC. Playing Fields: As discussed at previous meetings, MB has suggested ordering warning notices to place by the pond. A spend of £50 was proposed by TT & MB seconded this. All members were in agreement so the motion is carried. MB to order the signs. *DR has been corresponding with HS2 about relocating the playing field now that a suitable alternative plot has been identified, but getting commitment on a timescale or monies involved has not been fruitful. It is reported that there are several other interested parties. The PC feels that producing a business plan is a priority which needs addressing asap, with a view to presenting it to the village & NWBC, who have indicated that an interest free loan is a possibility. Therefore, the sub-committee will meet early next week to make a start. Flyers and updates in the newsletter will provide more information to residents if the proposal looks feasible. *It is thought that as HS2 has had access to the field & allotments several more times since their initial survey, more monies should be forthcoming to the Parish Council. DR is looking into this. Royal Wedding Street Party: The village event was well attended and a very enjoyable day. At May's meeting, a £100 donation was requested to fund the face painter who provided her services to the public free of charge. MB proposed this retrospective donation & this was seconded by DJ. All in agreement, so the motion was carried & the clerk will arrange a donation of £100 to the street party committee. Training & Meetings: MB & SG attended a new councillors training event earlier in the month which they both found very valuable. SG raised the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and whether the clerk ought to work towards this qualification. LT to look into it in more detail & report back to the council. Village Maintenance: As PS is not in attendance tonight, the clerk will ask her to forward her research about where best to place the planned new grit bins, so that these can be greenlit by NWBC, ordered and put in place before winter. <p>7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 3 new applications since the last meeting, as per the appendix. With reference to the development as Crisps Farm, the PC thought it worthwhile asking WCC & the developers if the road can be refurbished/strengthened before works start so that it can support the extra traffic which will undoubtedly use it when building begins. Additionally, the public consultation on this application is open until 5th July, so DJ would like to put this on the noticeboard.</p>	<p>MB asap</p> <p>LT asap</p> <p>PS asap</p> <p>TT/DJ asap</p>

8. CORRESPONDENCE: as per the appendix. This included a letter from someone interested in buying the plot of land currently for sale in the village off Windmill Lane, and developing a petting zoo there. The PC had a few initial concerns which they would like to address, and would like to seek views from residents, so the matter will be added to July's agenda for further discussion, once members have had chance to read all of the information provided.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS: 9 payments made as per the appendix.

The clerk has been seeking out quotes as our annual insurance is due for renewal. 2 companies were unable to provide cover due to the bonfire night/fireworks element, but 3 quotes were received & copied to members ahead of the meeting. The most favourable quote was through our current brokers, Came & Company & involved a three year agreement. Given the increasing premiums over the last 3 years, the council thought it prudent to enter into such a deal. This was voted on unanimously by all members so the motion is carried.

*The Annual Governance & Accountability return has been audited internally & passed to members to view. SG proposed that the statement is accepted, DR seconded this & so the chair signed them off. Clerk to forward to the external auditors.

LT asap

10. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

*It is expected that an appeal will be launched re the planning application for a Gypsy site, so it was requested that this be added to the next agenda, as was the idea of starting a 'Villager of the Year' competition for residents who go the extra mile for their village.

*Alan Passey sent his apologies as due to illness he has not been able to tend to the wildflower area this year. Several comments were received as to how nice it looks anyway. LT has also asked Alan to resume filling the planters with water now that they have been replanted. Many thanks to Jane for overseeing this.

*The overgrown verges around the village were raised, along with the 'green space' between Newborough and Orchard Close, which is looking very unkempt. We know from past experience that budget constraints at NWBC mean that they are not mowed as often as they were in previous years. The PC thought that we should re-advertise for a Lengthsman and it could be one of their regular jobs around the village.

*Several complaints have been raised about people parking cars and vans around the village with 2 wheels on the pavements, making access difficult for pedestrians, prams & wheelchair users. In places it is quite dangerous as views are restricted. The PC will put an article in the next newsletter about this issue.

*This Saturday sees the annual Charity Village Football Match at the playing fields, followed by an auction at the pub.

TT asap

11. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for 11th July 2018. There will be no meeting in August.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chair
Cllr Tony Treadwell

Date

Lynsey Treadwell
Clerk to the Parish Council
20/06/2018