



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall
On Thursday 12th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned When & By Whom</u>
<p>1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES: Present: Tony Treadwell - chair (TT), Debbie Jenkins (DJ), Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Mick Beeson (MB) & Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). 10 members of the public were in attendance. Apologies received from David Rowse (DR) & Pippa Smith (PS).</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, held on 11th July 2018 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
<p>4. OPEN FORUM: This section began with a presentation by HS2 representatives. They talked through Phase 2 Working draft Environmental Statement & Equality Impact Assessment. This report will include beneficial & adverse effects on the environment, local changes & measures to monitor any adverse effects on the environment and effects on the community.</p> <p>*The chairman of Austrey Archery Group asked the PC to consider how much space they need legally to shoot safely. MB has this information. Clerk asked by the council to write to the Archery Group to once again clarify that Tamworth FC are the leaseholders & they pay rent, so any communications need to go through them. The PC asked that this item be put on the next agenda.</p>	
<p>5. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Preparations: It has been agreed that this year's light switch on event will be held on 1st December. Clerk to contact NWBC about closing the road for the duration. A budget for expenses will be agreed at the next meeting. • HS2: already covered • Playing Fields: It has been noted that the litter bins at the playing fields are too small for purpose & are often overflowing, so TF will source alternatives & a budget will be discussed at the next meeting. • Village Maintenance: Two grit bins are to be ordered but the PC still needs to decide where to place them. A budget was agreed earlier in the year but the PC decided not to wait any longer as winter is fast approaching. *TT is to meet with Cllr Dave Parsons re village welcome signs & has also been making enquiries about a Lengthsman again as there are some jobs in the village which require attention, such as painting the phone box and cleaning street signs. *Community payback scheme has cleared an area of hedge/footpath along Newton Lane and have made a great job. The PC is to enquire if they are able to do more. • Villager of the Year: It was suggested that another name was used so as not to set an expectation that this is an annual award, so 'Heart of the Village' was agreed upon as a way to acknowledge & celebrate residents who go the extra mile for the village. A plaque is to be ordered to put on a village planter and once the fate of the playing field is known, a tree will also be planted. 	<p>TF by next meeting</p> <p>LT asap</p>
<p>6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 5 new applications since the last meeting, as per the appendix.</p> <p>*An appeal has been lodged for the Gypsy site on Warton Lane. Comments need to be in by 17th October.</p> <p>*DJ met with Maplevale & Highways re the narrowness of Newton Lane & the road was found to be 200mm too narrow. However, Maplevale have refused to widen it and WCC won't enforce it. Instead, they have been asked to tidy up & scrape an area of hedgerow so that it gives the illusion of being the correct width.</p> <p>*The PC have not yet received any suggestions for road names for upcoming developments, so the PC is to put some forward instead.</p>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE: as per the appendix

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS: 7 payments made as per the appendix.

9. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: The PC has had complaints about a van parking on the bend of Newton Lane off Cornfields & causing an obstruction. The PC has spoken to the resident & may send an official letter if it continues.

*The Organic Internet Company is a company based in Austrey & they have been in touch about helping with the village website. The clerk is to arrange a meeting with them and the sub-committee.

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for 10th October 2018.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chair
Cllr Tony Treadwell -----

Date -----

Lynsey Treadwell
Clerk to the Parish Council
03/10/2018

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