



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Assembly

1. The annual report of the parish council was read by the chair.
2. The clerk received annual reports from 1 village organisation (The village hall).
3. Any additional matters or concerns raised by the parish: Nothing arising.

Ordinary Meeting

1. **Present:** Neil Hayward, chair (TT), Tristan Fraser (TF), Heather Swan (HS), Elaine Horton (EH), Terry Webb (TW), Richard Nield (RN) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Sam Goldney (SG). 1 member of the public attended.
2. **Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda:** nothing arising
3. **Minutes:** the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 12th March 2025, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.
4. **Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:**
 - i. **Neighbourhood Plan:** The reg 14 consultation has been successful. 87 people attended the event and 97 people responded to the questionnaire. Only one person has objected to anything within the plan. The next step is for the NDP committee to meet to review the responses prior to sending them on to NWBC for their formal sign off. It's possible that because there is only one dissenting voice, we may not need to go to a village referendum.
 - ii. **Playing Fields:** Re: replacing some of the CCTV equipment at the playing fields as discussed at a previous, TF proposed a spend of £360 to replace 3 of the cameras and associated wiring which has been damaged by rodents and the elements. This was seconded by HS and voted on unanimously. TF to organise the replacements.
 - iii. **Upcoming Events:** The VE Day Street Party is going ahead on 4th May – see Facebook for details. There will also be a Community Orchard Summer Fete on 5th July. Everyone is welcome to both. The village litter pick held at the end of March was a great success, with around 30 bags of litter being collected.
 - iv. **Village maintenance:** TF has been looking into fixing a drain on Main Road which is either blocked or leaking but is struggling to find a company to take ownership of the problem. *After several appeals to highways to repaint some

of the road markings at various junctions around the village, it has now been actioned.

5. a: New applications:

- **PAP/2025/0081** - Stables at Land South of Flavel Farm, Warton Lane: Retrospective application for change of use of land on an existing Gypsy site, to provide additional capacity. The application seeks permission for two additional static caravans, two additional touring caravans, parking for four additional vehicles with associated hardstanding and infrastructure. The Parish Council will comment on this application, TW to action.

b: Determined: No applications determined since the last meeting.

6. Financial & insurance matters:

a: 5 payments made since the last meeting:

- Clerk's salary - April 2025
- HMRC PAYE & Employer NICs – April 2025 - £197.59
- Lloyds Bank charges - £4.25
- Austrey Village Hall – Room hire - £125
- WALC – Annual Subscription - £574.20

b: No payments received since the last meeting.

- 7. Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** The clerk reported that Discover Outdoors have given notice on their lease of an area of the playing fields, as their lease expires this month.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th May 2025, to include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell - April 2025