



# AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall  
On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned When &amp; By Whom</u>
<p><b>1. <u>PRESENT/APOLOGIES</u>:</b> Tony Treadwell, chair (TT), D. Jenkins (DJ) &amp; D. Rowse (DR) + Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). 4 members of the public were in attendance.</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>:</b> DR made a declaration as a member of the ARA.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b> including the AGM, which was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>OPEN FORUM</u>:</b> Resident Emma Fish has offered to produce the village newsletter for a fee. It won't cost the parish council any more than they are currently paying, in fact there will be a saving on current costs. The alternative, unfortunately, is no newsletter due the low number of councillors at present &amp; time constraints. It was agreed that a quarterly newsletter is not frequent enough as the content is often out of date by the time it is delivered, so bi-monthly was the suggestion. After some discussion, the parish council unanimously voted to give this a trial run with the first edition going out the first week in August.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>DISCUSSIONS &amp; UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barn Dance:</b> Unfortunately, one of the band members has had some ill health recently, so they have been forced to disband. There has been no alternative but to cancel the event.</li> <li>• <b>HS2:</b> There has been no news recently, but it is thought that the most recent route announced is the one that will be used. The best the village can hope for now is to make the mitigation as favourable as possible. This would be a tunnel ideally, but it is very unlikely that we will get one due to the cost implications.</li> <li>• <b>Playing Fields:</b> DR raised the subject of re-locating the Playing Fields as it is possible that we can put a suggestion forward to HS2 ahead of them making a Compulsory Purchase Order on the land. Possible alternative locations for the playing field were tentatively discussed.            *Austrey Archery Group have been given the contact details for Tamworth FC so that they can liaise directly with them regarding usage of the field.            *The swing seat has now been repaired. APC re-visited the replacement of the springer on the playground, but this was dismissed given the cost until we know more about the future of the field.            *Tamworth FC have not paid the electricity bill at the pavilion despite several reminders being sent. DJ to liaise with them on the matter.</li> <li>• <b>Village Maintenance:</b> There have been no responses to the Lengsthman's Scheme advert. A couple of potential candidates were discussed, otherwise the advert will be rerun in the next newsletter.            *The matter of a new noticeboard was raised. As this was something that was discussed in the PC's meeting with Mapelvale, DR is to follow up and arrange a follow up meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Website:</b> LT &amp; DR are to liaise with Anne to get some training on the administration of the website to ensure that its content stays current &amp; up to date.</li> </ul>	<p>DJ asap</p> <p>DR asap</p>
<p><b>6. <u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u>:</b> 2 applications as per the appendix.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>:</b> as per the appendix.</p>	
<p><b>8. <u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u>:</b> 4 payments made as per the appendix.            Re: Parish Council Insurance, Zurich, our current insurers provided a renewal quote of £646.63. The clerk sought 2 other quotes &amp; the council unanimously to change to Came &amp; Co, our previous insurers, who provided a quote of £477.47 for the coming year. This was proposed by DJ &amp; seconded by DR.</p>	

**9. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** A resident has contacted the PC about the overgrown electricity substation on Warton Lane. Clerk to contact them about tidying it up.  
\*The land at the back of 11 Hollybank Estate – the vegetation has been cleared away but nothing has been about the land slippage. TT has already contacted Highways to report this matter & will continue to chase.  
\*DR wanted to express his thanks to David Fish for all of his help in producing a document evidencing the noise which HS2 will generate within the village.

**10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Meeting closed at 8.46 pm**

**Chair**  
**Cllr Diana Davies**      -----

**Date**      -----

**Lynsey Treadwell**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**  
**26/06/2017**