



# AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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

**3 - Minutes:** the minutes of the last parish council meeting which took place on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021, were approved as a true record as signed by the chair.

**4 – Open Forum:** Nothing arising

**5 – Clerk’s Update:** Both new defibrillators are now in the Chair’s possession and are due to be installed within the next month.

## **6 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:**

**6.1 – Arts Festival bank account:** The PC holds a second account which hasn’t been used for around 6 years, since the last Arts Festival was held. TT proposed we close it and transfer the funds (£1690.77) to our current account. HSw seconded this and all agreed in favour. A use for the balance was discussed and it was thought that it can go towards a replacement bus shelter or repairing the church clock.

**6.2 – Neighbourhood Plan:** Nothing to report at this time. HH & SG to meet and look at updating the plan, and may involve a consultant to help with this process.

**6.3 - Playing Fields:** The new piece of play equipment has been delivered & TF is to install it at the weekend.

**6.3 – Public Footpath behind St. Nicholas Close:** The current owners of Charity House are looking to re-route the public footpath that runs between the property & St. Nicholas Close and in fact, a part of it has already been moved. There has been some public opposition and complaints to both the Parish Council & WCC. HSw is to investigate and speak to the owners about this matter.

**6.4 – Village Maintenance:** The PC has been approached by a resident offering to paint the bus shelter, but the PC instead discussed replacing it as it is now over 20 years old. This matter is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. \*The Chair has asked the clerk to produce a general letter regarding overgrown hedges, trees etc which can be given to residents if appropriate. This is following a few complaints about overhanging foliage, and footpaths becoming restricted due to excessive growth.

**7 – Planning:** 1 application as per the appendix.

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

**9 – Financial & insurance matters:** 6 payments as per the appendix.

**10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** SG suggested that Christmas arrangements be placed on September's agenda.

**11 – Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

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

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