



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom on
Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7.30pm

1 – Present: Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Heather Hadley (HH), Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Helen Simpson (HS), Heather Swan (HSw) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Mick Beeson was absent. 3 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 9th December 2020, were approved as a true record as signed by the chair.

4 – Open Forum: Nothing arising

5 – Clerk’s Update: 2 new benches for the playing fields have been ordered but due to stock issues they won’t be delivered until w/c 29th March. *The clerk has applied for a grant from Mercia Park Community Fund for monies to purchase a replacement bus shelter. * Replacement defib pads have been ordered & are due tomorrow. The clerk has been asked to make some signs about how to use the defib to put around the village.

6 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

6.1 - Dog Waste: TT reported that there isn’t a Dog warden at NWBC any more, so offenders should be reported to Public Health. This can be done online. * A new, larger bin is now in place on Bishop’s Field & HSw continues to spray offending waste left on pavements. An extra bin on Cinder Lane was discussed. TF has a spare one that he will look to erect there.

6.2 - Donation Request: Beeline Community Transport have contacted the PC as they do annually, asking about the possibility of a donation to help keep the service running. As Austrey residents do use this service to get to medical appointments, SG proposed a £300 donation. This was seconded by TF and all voted in agreement.

6.3 - Funding Update: HS attended a free funding webinar last month & picked up some tips on how to write applications and where to look for funding. *TT has had notification from the War Memorial Trust that his pre-grant application has been green-lit so we can go ahead and apply for funding to replace the auto-winding mechanisms.

6.4 - Playing Fields: TF reported that all of the bark has now been laid on the play area & that the equipment has been well used since the weather began to improve. He is still seeking quotes to re-paint the exterior of the pavilion. LT to ask on Facebook.

6.5 – Speed Awareness: Councillors have expressed an interest in setting up a village Speed Aware Group to make drivers aware of the speed at which they drive through Austrey. We have been offered the required equipment to buy at a vastly discounted price but would need to arrange a team of volunteers as a first step. SG is to establish the group and we will re-visit the matter at April’s meeting.

6.6 - Village Maintenance: Norton Hill has had some temporary repairs on the Warks end of the road, but the Leics end is still in a terrible state of disrepair. This, along with the state of Appleby Hill, is to be discussed by TT tomorrow in a meeting with Winvic & two other Parish Councils. *2 village footpaths are currently inaccessible for different reasons. There is also a path which is frequently used by walkers which isn't actually a public right of way. HSw is to write an article for our social media.

7 – Planning: 2 applications as per the appendix.

8 - Correspondence: as per the appendix

9 – Financial & insurance matters: 7 payments as per the appendix.

10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: HSw shared details of a litter picking app which may be of use to residents. LT to share on social media. She also discussed the idea of a crowd funding scheme to purchase a second defibrillator for the village. LT to check the viability of doing this with WALC. SG would like the Neighbourhood Plan to go on the next agenda.

11 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14th April 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed _____ Date_____