



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 9th June 2022 at 7.30pm

1 – Present: Tristan Fraser, vice-chair (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Helen Simpson (HS), Jacqui Morton (JM). Heather Swan (HSw) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Tony Treadwell (TT) and Heather Hadley (HH). 2 members of the public were in attendance.

2 – Declarations of interest: Nothing declared.

3 - Minutes: the minutes of the last parish council (PC) meeting which took place on 11th May 2022, along with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the vice-chair.

4 – Clerk’s Update:

4.1: Website/email issues – due the domain austrey.co.uk having expired and the PC being unable to identify the registrant and renew it, both the website and PC emails have been inaccessible. The clerk has been corresponding with 123.reg and Nominet to try and rectify the problem, currently to no avail. It may be that we have to purchase a different domain name if this can’t be redressed.

4.2: It has been decided, despite the clerk’s advice and that of WALC, that the codes to the defibrillators be placed on the front of the locked boxes for quick access in the event of an emergency. A draft copy of the defibrillator leaflets has been sent to the printers by HSw, we are now awaiting a proof before they are distributed to residents.

4.3: Most of the Jubilee mugs have now been distributed to those that ordered them for children in the village. The few that are left will be sold to make up some of the difference between the grant awarded and the actual cost of the mugs.

4.4: The church clock has recently been chiming out of sync. TT is awaiting contact from Smith of Derby, who are currently closed for the Jubilee.

4.5: The newly refitted play area at Hollybank was officially opened today. Despite a low turn-out for the opening ceremony, the park looks great and is sure to get lots of use.

5 – Open Forum: Ellen Beatty reported that around 450 people attended the Jubilee Street Party. It was a very festive day, well attended and the weather was on our side. The Face Painter was very popular. Thanks to everyone involved. Ellen also suggested Christmas ideas for the village, such as a Scarecrow Festival.

6 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

6.1: Bonfire 2022: a donation will be coming from HMAA to start up the new PC Bonfire Fund, now that the PC are to run it. A date has been set for 5th November and tickets will be on sale in the autumn.

6.2: Neighbourhood Plan: Our consultant is coming to the next meeting to talk to the PC about how to apply for the next round of funding to cover the costs of amending the plan and updating it.

6.3: Playing Fields: TF has led some painting and varnishing work to spruce up the play equipment, and its looking great. The next job is to re-paint the fence. Suggestions for a working party or Community Resolution were put forward, as it will be quite a big job.

6.4: Public Footpath by the Church: Discussions have been had recently about re-establishing the footpath which runs alongside the churchyard. Pete Yates attended the meeting to present his proposal to council members. The Diocese have unofficially agreed with the proposal, but need some further information about the plans, including installing steps along the path.

6.5: Village Maintenance: The green area between Orchard and Newborough Close has become very overgrown and unkempt. The idea of forming a working party to clear and tidy it was suggested. Although the area belongs to NWBC and was planted by them some years ago, they no longer have the budget to maintain it.

7 – Planning: 1 application as per the appendix. Questions were asked about the application for swimming lessons at Charity House. We had been advised that it was rejected but it still shows at 'decision pending' on NWBCs website and is still being used for commercial purposes. At the time of the meeting, there have been no updates on The Homestead or the Gypsy/traveller site.

8 - Correspondence: as per the Appendix.

9 – Financial & insurance matters: 9 payments as per the Appendix. The clerk has received 3 quotes for the annual PC insurance. The quotes were very similar, so all voted in favour of sticking with the current insurers as they are aware of our situation with the defibrillators and bonfire event.

10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: SG would like to run a gala or summer fete next year; item to be added to a future agenda. *TT has arranged some defibrillator training for next month at the village hall. There will be 12 slots available; LT to post on social media. *A councillor asked when the Platinum Jubilee tree is to be planted. LT to ask the village hall committee and then order a commemorative plaque, plus one for the Coronation Oak on Main Road.

11 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 13th July 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.13pm

Signed _____ Date_____

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