



## AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm

**1 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Debbie Jenkins (DJ) vice chair, Mick Beeson (MB), Sam Goldney (SG), Tristan Fraser (TF), Anne Wilde (AW), Heather Hadley (HH) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT) plus 4 members of the public.

**2 – Declarations of interest:** AW & MB made declarations as both have work associations with companies affiliated with JLR, who are due to move into the J11 development.

**3 - Minutes:** the minutes of last parish council meeting which took place on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved as a true record & signed by the chair.

**4 – Open Forum:** A hoax email was sent to police re a bomb found on a development site in Austrey. It was reported that there was no bomb! \*The hedge on Newton Lane is overgrown. TT will liaise with NWBC about who owns it. \*It was observed that the village entrances are looking a bit unkempt.

**5 – Presentation by David Rowse –** David didn't attend

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

- **Christmas Event 2019:** This year's light switch on event has been scheduled for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The school choir has been invited and mince pies have been ordered! A tree will be ordered in November.
- **Councillors Grant Fund 2019-20:** The clerk applied for some funding to produce Welcome Packs for families new to the village and we were awarded £500. The PC now need to liaise about content for the packs.  
  
\*The PC also applied for some funding from the Road Safety Grant Scheme to pay for ANPR cameras, but this was declined.
- **HS2:** Austrey Parish Council has hosted 3 drop-in consultations to aid residents with completing responses to the latest consultation, which includes building a permanent maintenance base in Austrey. Around 40 people attended the 3 events, most of whom live in No Mans Heath or Newton Regis. APC's final response has been sent by recorded mail and received by HS2.
- **Neighbourhood Plan review:** AW reported that this is not a static document. The village has grown & moved on and some aspects are now out of date. Anne will head up a sub-committee to update the document.
- **Playing Fields:** A bench has been donated by McDonalds & this has been placed at the fields. Quotes have now been received for replacing the bark at the play area & TF will order it asap.

\*SG has spoken to Discover Outdoors who have confirmed that they still use the site at the playing fields weekly. The lease was never signed, so this will be re-visited & the clerk will send out an invoice for rent due.

- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Members reviewed the areas which they have an interest in or take extra responsibility for. These sub-committees will be updated by the clerk and posted on the website.
- **Village Maintenance:** The village war memorial (the church clock) is regularly losing time or stopping completely and birds are dropping twigs behind the mechanisms, so quotes are being sought for repairs and an annual service of the clock thereafter.

\*The Gardening Club is on the verge of closing its doors due to a lack of committee members so if you can help, please contact them directly or via the parish council.

**8 – Planning:** 1 planning application as per the appendix

\*The boundary/hedge issue on Fairfax Rise was raised again. AW/DJ to chase.

\*DJ reported that Morris homes have reduced the size of the play area on their development & it is now only going to house 3 pieces of equipment. This is not what was in the original plans. Also, an area has been reserved for community/PC parking, so discussions were had about the options which have been presented to the PC.

\*Complaints have been received from residents about the operation times of the development to the rear of Cornfields not being adhered to. TF to visit the site manager & LT to contact Erica Levy.

\*The large development at J11 has been passed despite strong local opposition, including a letter of objection from APC.

**9 - Correspondence:** as per the appendix

**10 – Financial & insurance matters:** 12 payments as per the appendix

**11 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** AW wanted to discuss Silver Sunday and TF mentioned a boot brush for the pavilion.

**12 – Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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