



# AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm

**1 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT), Tristan Fraser, vice-chair (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Heather Swan (HS), Terry Webb (TW), Richard Nield (RN) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Neil Hayward (NH) which were accepted. Terry Webb was not in attendance. No members of the public attended.

**2 – Declarations of interest:** nothing arising.

**3 - Minutes:** the minutes of the last Austrey Parish Council (APC) meeting which took place on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

**4 - Open Forum:** Nothing raised.

**5 – Clerk’s Update:**

**5.1:** NWBC have forwarded a contract for Grounds Maintenance for 2024/25, with a cost of £995.89, with a 2-year fixed price option. As this is a saving of £19 on the current cost, it was agreed to accept this contract for 2 years.

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

**6.1: Austrey Emergency Plan & flooding issues:** NH sent an update in to say that progress has been slow in receiving a response from WCC, largely because Austrey is not a priority, with other areas in the county having suffered worse damage. A former parish councillor is to pass on information he has on water courses and culverts and who is responsible for them.

\*SG & HS attending several briefing sessions on emergency plans and flood response. Creating a flood action plan for the village seems like a worthwhile idea, and the clerk will make a start on compiling one.

**6.2: Neighbourhood Plan:** No meeting has taken place this month.

\*aecom.com/Urban Advisory have been in touch about taking us the Design Codes stage of the plan. We have also registered with Emapsite to help with the revision of the plan.

\*NH has updated the council on the funding bid for a Community Orchard project. APC has been asked for more information, and they will be arranging a site visit soon.

**6.3: Playing fields:** Works will start later this month to replace the lighting at the pavilion. \*The fallen tree at the corner of the allotments has now been

chopped up and removed. Fortunately, the fence it fell on seems to be undamaged. \*A digger is due to attend later this month to tidy up the car parking area and the track to the allotments.

**6.4: Village maintenance:** NH has had a response from WCC saying that the drop kerbs and pavement repairs needed in Austrey are not a priority, referencing demand and harsh weather conditions for the delays. His reply stated that this isn't a vanity project, but a case for safety, diversity and inclusion. SG offered to follow this up if required. \*Regarding the phone box being repainted, we are awaiting quotes to come in for this work.

**6.5: Village speed limits:** There is nothing new to report, but NH has asked that we seek the opinions of residents about introducing a 20MPH speed limit in Austrey and surrounding villages, if other parish councils are in agreement and want this too. SG is to put a poll on social media asking for thoughts on this.

## **7 – Planning:**

**a: No new applications submitted since the last meeting**

**b: PAP/2023/0842** - 12, Mill View Gardens, Austrey, CV9 3FD

Change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian, proposed mobile shelter on skids for ponies and erection of a building for the use of storage, machinery and vehicles. **GRANTED**

## **8 - Correspondence:**

- Bank statement

## **9 – Financial & insurance matters.**

3 payments made or cheques raised since last meeting:

- Clerk's salary - February 2024
- HMRC PAYE – February 2024
- Carl McGrath – Pavilion lighting deposit - £595

**10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** Christmas tree lights/electricity supply to be discussed.

**11 – Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Meeting closed at 8.14pm

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

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