



# AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall  
On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned When &amp; By Whom</u>
<p><b>1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES:</b> Present: Tony Treadwell - chair (TT), David Rowse (DR), Mick Beeson (MB) &amp; Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). 5 members of the public were in attendance. Apologies received from Debbie Jenkins (DJ) which were accepted by the council.</p>	
<p><b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> DR made a declaration as a member of the ARA.</p>	
<p><b>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING,</b> held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
<p><b>4. NOMINATIONS &amp; VOTING ON CO-OPTING NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:</b> 2 potential new members – Tristan Fraser (TF) &amp; Pippa Smith (PS) - came forward &amp; spoke about why they want to join Austrey PC. MB proposed Tristan &amp; DR seconded this. All in agreement. TT proposed Pippa. This was seconded by MB &amp; agreed by all. The council welcomed the two new members to the PC.</p>	
<p><b>5. OPEN FORUM:</b> Nothing arising</p>	
<p><b>6. DISCUSSIONS &amp; UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning Application PAP/2017/0519:</b> This planning application was refused on several points, but it was pointed out that the applicant can appeal the decision if they choose to. It was suggested that an independent survey of the site be carried out &amp; forwarded to the planning department. TT proposed a spend of £700. This was seconded by MB. All in agreement so the motion was carried.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Playing Fields:</b> DR reported on HS2 matters &amp; updates, and he has been advised that the land access fee due from HS2 should be received by APC imminently. Representatives from HS2 will attend our next public meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March &amp; possibly subsequent meeting. Members of the public are also welcome to attend. DR also reported that although he sought quotes, a valuation of the land is probably not needed at present. It was difficult to pinpoint an estimated cost regardless; an hourly rate was mentioned by most. It was decided to wait &amp; see what HS2 says at the next meeting before going ahead. *Drainage on the field is currently very poor. Due to the recent wet weather the whole field is currently waterlogged. Site visits have been organised by drainage experts &amp; 3 quotations for drainage works will follow. It is not currently useable to its full capacity. APC also discussed applying for a £3000 grant for remedial work on the playing fields. In addition, the pond is level full so the PC discussed the depth of the pond, legal requirements &amp; the need for a life ring on the edge. Clerk to discuss with our insurance company. *A meeting was held between the PC &amp; Discover Outdoors &amp; a draft lease was passed round. MB is to look at the lease and into the laws re responsibility &amp; accidents on the area that they use. *There was an incident of fly-tipping at the fields last week. Although it was caught on CCTV, the camera was unable to make out the number plate of the vehicle responsible. Therefore, HMA are to upgrade &amp; install a system that will enable such details to be picked up clearly.</li> </ul>	<p>LT asap</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Village Maintenance:</b> The PC is keen to get some more grit bins around the village &amp; has asked the clerk to get some quotes so that this can be discussed further at the next meeting. PS is to research where the bins might be best placed to serve residents. *It was reported that the direction signs on the corner of Warton lane &amp; Newton Lane need repairing, having been damaged by the wind. TT to report it to WCC. Additionally, the footpath from the bend to the playing fields is overgrown &amp; needs to work. *The church clock had a service in January as it had stopped working. It now seems to be chiming again!</li> </ul>	<p>LT/PS asap</p>

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** 1 new application since the last meeting, as per the appendix.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** as per the appendix

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:** 4 payments made as per the appendix.

**10. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** Residents have asked if CCTV would help curb the increased crime rates seen recently in Austrey. The PC discussed this, but given the large area of coverage, monthly fees, scope etc, it was decided that it would be too costly a venture for the PC to set up and maintain.

The PC expressed their thanks to Martin for his help with the village website, even though he no longer resides in Austrey. Clerk to email & pass these thanks on.

LT asap

**11. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Meeting closed at 8.31 pm**

**Chair**  
Cllr Tony Treadwell

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**Date**

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**Lynsey Treadwell**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**  
**27/02/2018**