



# AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall  
On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned</u> <u>When &amp;</u> <u>By Whom</u>
<p>1. <b><u>PRESENT</u></b>: Tony Treadwell - Chair – (TT), David Rowse (DR), Deb Jenkins (DJ) &amp; Sam Goldney (SG) &amp; Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Pippa Smith (PS), Mick Beeson (MB), Tristan Fraser (TF). 7 members of the public were also in attendance.</p> <p>2. <b><u>ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL</u></b> was read out by the chair, Tony Treadwell summarising the last 12 months of parish news and events.</p> <p>3. <b><u>COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW) Presentation by Ali Adnan</u></b>: CSW is co-ordinated by NW Police but is run by local volunteers, with a minimum requirement of 6 volunteers. Most kit &amp; training, apart from the laser is provided by the police &amp; there are certain stipulations. Much discussion followed about how the scheme would work in Austrey. Shuttington is thought to be launching the scheme, so the clerk is to contact their PC to discuss sharing laser equipment. The next step is to talk to locals about volunteering for the roles.</p> <p>4. <b><u>ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS</u></b>: Thanks to The WI &amp; Reverend Banks who provided us with a summary/update. These were read out by the council.</p> <p>5. <b><u>ANY MATTERS OF INTEREST RAISED BY THE PARISH</u></b>: PC Dave Tew provided an overview of rural crime in Warwickshire &amp; was pleased to report that crime has been very low in the village of late. Again, he advised not leave things on show in your car, to leave lights on at home and use security timers, and he said that drugs are quite a problem in &amp; around Polesworth. *Security in the village is to be added to the next agenda. *Dog waste is still not routinely being picked up around the village, and the poor state of the path on Warton Lane was raised again. County Cllr Parsons responded by saying that it is on the 5-year plan, but due to budget cuts it is not a priority. He will also look into what funding is available to purchase new village gateway signs at the village entrances.</p>	
<b>Meeting closed at 8.20pm, immediately followed by the ordinary council meeting:</b>	
<p>1. <b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>: DR made a declaration of interest as a member of ARA.</p> <p>2. <b><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b> held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p> <p>3. <b><u>OPEN FORUM</u></b>: A bundle of speed watch stickers to be stuck onto refuse bins has been delivered to the Chair. These are to be distributed to houses on the main roads along with the next village newsletter. Hopefully, they will raise awareness &amp; encourage drivers to watch their speed.</p> <p>4. <b><u>DISCUSSIONS &amp; UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS</u></b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HS2</b>: A site visit is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.</li><li>• <b>Playing Fields</b>: the new, bigger litter bins are now in place. Many thanks to TF for doing this. *The Archery Group have advised the PC that they have given notice to leave the playing fields. Tamworth FC have advised that this is because they are not prepared to pay anything towards to the upkeep of the pitch.</li></ul>	

- **Village Maintenance:** Residents are encouraged to take pride in our village, especially when it comes to litter. Besides not littering in the first place, the PC would like to encourage residents to 'See it, pick it, bin it' and together we can keep on top of littering. TT is to ask Richard to report back on where he litter-picks so that we can monitor the worst areas in and around the village. Clerk has been asked to order 12 high vis vests and litter grabbers for residents to use, and with a view to organising regular litter picking sessions.

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** no applications since the last meeting.

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

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:** 4 payments made this month, as per appendix.

**10. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

\*Meadowview Homes have emailed the clerk asking if there are any sponsorship opportunities in the village or if there are any projects that they can fund. LT to invite them to the next meeting, and in the meantime, ask how much they are looking to spend on funding so that we can provide suitable suggestions.

\*The clerk has received a funding request from Mrs Moger at Austrey School, for a new project. This is to be emailed to councillors ahead of April's meeting and added to the agenda.

\*DJ is seeking quotes for gardening works around the village

\*The red telephone box desperately needs repainting, so a resident who is working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award is to be approached, otherwise we will be seeking quotes for the work to be done.

**11. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and AGM** scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Meeting closed at 8.54pm**

**Chair**  
**Cllr Tony Treadwell**

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**Date**

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