



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall
On Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned When & By Whom</u>
<p>1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES: Present: Vice Chair David Rowse (DR), Mick Beeson (MB), Sam Goldney (SG), Pippa Smith (PS) & Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from T. Treadwell, T. Fraser (TF) and D. Jenkins (DJ). These were accepted by the council. 6 members of the public were in attendance.</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: DR made a declaration as a member of Austrey Residents Association.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, held on 9th January 2019 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
<p>4. PC Dave Tew, PCSO Sarah Fretter & Rural Crime Officer Carol Cotterill were invited to the meeting as it's felt that there has not been much police presence in the village lately. They reported that diesel thefts, drilling storage tanks & number plate thefts are top of the rural crime list currently. They reminded us not to leave items on display in cars and to generally be mindful of our own security. Dangerous & inconsiderate parking in the village are ongoing issues & the council asked for advice in how best to tackle this matter. As police do not have the resources to tackle this issue, it was thought that developing a letter or leaflet to leave on the windscreens of offending vehicles would be the best option.</p>	
<p>5. OPEN FORUM: *One resident raised the issue of there being no disabled access to the Village Hall. Although the village hall is not under the PC's remit, there was much discussion about this matter & how it can be tackled. It was decided that the best way to move it forward was to put an article in the newsletter to gauge village feeling & interest and meet with the Village Hall committee. Most importantly, quotes need to be sought so that we have an idea of how much such work would cost & if any funding is available.</p> <p>* The poor state of some of the footpaths in the village was raised again. This is a constant issue & the PC has raised it with NWBC & WCC on numerous occasions. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts it is not a priority & all we can do is to keep raising the matter. Cllr Dave Parsons had been invited to the meeting to address several issues including this one, but was unable to attend.</p> <p>* Litter has been quite an issue on No Mans Heath Lane recently & one resident has taken on the task of clearing it recently. A large amount was McDonalds litter, so the local franchise was approached & have agreed to provide 6 litter pickers in March to tackle the rubbish further.</p> <p>* Mud on several roads around the village was mentioned again, all caused by traffic working on & delivering to current housing developments. Residents are encouraged to report such issues to NWBC on 01827 715341.</p>	
<p>6. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANPR cameras in Austrey Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology is used to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality at local, regional and national levels. A record of all vehicles passing by a camera is stored, allowing officers' attention to be drawn to offending vehicles whilst allowing law abiding drivers to go about their business unhindered. Unfortunately, the presentation couldn't go ahead tonight so it will be carried forward to next meeting. • HS2: There has been lots of talk HS2 being scrapped recently, but at this point it is just hearsay, nothing official has been reported. DR proposed that we make contact with Shard Pritchard who are a firm of solicitors who specialise in HS2 mitigation. There is no cost attached to requesting representation & should we need to instruct them to act for the PC, related costs can be discussed upon receipt of quotes and voted upon accordingly. MB seconded this action & all voted in agreement. • Playing Fields: HS2 now look certain to be commandeering the playing fields at some point in the future, so securing a new piece of land to be used as Austrey's playing field is back on the agenda. • Village Maintenance: New and replacement dog waste bins have been ordered & should be delivered 	DR asap

and erected within the next few weeks. New, larger litter bins for the playing fields have now been delivered & should be in place shortly. TF is laying some concrete bases for them first.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: One application as per the appendix.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: as per the appendix

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS: 5 payments made as per the appendix.

10. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: MB and PS gave apologies for March's meeting

11. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for 13th March 2019. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chair
Cllr Tony Treadwell

Date

Lynsey Treadwell
Clerk to the Parish Council
04/03/2019