



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Assembly

- 1-** Tony Treadwell, chair of the Austrey Parish Council (APC) read out his annual report. This will be available to read on the website and social media.
- 2-** Reports received by email or in person from Austrey Village Hall, the Community Coffee & Chat Group, Austrey Belles Club (ABC) and the Four Counties Walking Group.
- 3-** Any additional matters or concerns raised by the parish: Nothing arising.
- 4-** The next Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday 12th April 2023.

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

1– Present: Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Helen Simpson (HS), Jacqui Morton (JM), and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Heather Hadley (HH). Heather Swan (HSw) did not attend. 2 members of the public were in attendance.

2– Declarations of interest: Nothing declared.

3– Minutes: the minutes of the last parish council (PC) meeting which took place on 13th March 2022, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

4– Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

4.1: Great British Spring Clean Report: The event had a great turnout with around 32 volunteers collecting 38 bags of litter, mainly from the outlying lanes around the village. Cakes were enjoyed afterwards at the village hall.

4.2: Neighbourhood Plan: The sub-committee has now received a report and suggestions on how to update and improve Austrey's Neighbourhood Plan. Now we are in a new financial year, we are eligible to apply for another round of funding, this time to action the changes to be made to the plan.

4.3: Playing Fields: After seeking 3 quotes for a new gate for the allotment area, TF has ordered one at a cost of £350 + VAT. To be fitted as soon as possible.

4.4: Village Maintenance: It was reported by JM that the footpath next to the church, off Church Lane is very overgrown, and also strewn with litter. TT to ask HSw about cutting back the overgrowth.

*HS met with the vicar about reinstating the footpath along the side of the churchyard. The next step involves a site visit from the Diocesan Advisory Committee for their input, to take place the first week in May. They decide on such matters have asked two of their members to look at the churchyard and proposals.

*Water and sewage leaks on and around Cinder Lane remain an issue. APC are now trying to escalate the problem as despite numerous reports to STWA, the developers and the council, none will accept liability for resolving the problem. The clerk suggested contact our MP, Craig Tracey. TT to action. He has also contacted Environment Services at WCC.

5 – Planning: 6 new applications as per the appendix. APC intend to object to the following 2:

PAP/2021/0617 – Land 350 metres SW of Warwick View, Appleby Hill: change of use of land for siting of glamping pods & associated facilities inc woodland lodge; and

PAP/2021/0077 - Land 50m North of St Nicholas Church, Church Lane: notification of amended plans for erection of a dwelling

6 - Correspondence: as per the Appendix.

7 – Financial & insurance matters: 6 payments as per the Appendix.

8 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: The clerk has been asked to order a commemorative plaque to place alongside the Queen’s Jubilee Tree which is to be planted outside the Village Hall, as well as one for the Coronation Oak which stands on Main Road. This was agreed some time ago but got put aside due to COVID restrictions.

*HS has secured a Platinum Jubilee Grant for £500. This will be used to purchase commemorative mugs for children in the village under the age of 16. Thanks for given to Ellen Beatty for her help with the grant application. *HS also reported that our bid for funding from the Mercia Park Community Fund was turned down. This would have been used to purchase a new bus shelter.

*The PC discussed producing information cards about the defibrillators in the village, to be distributed to all households. JM is to oversee this project.

9 – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11th May 2022, to include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed _____ Date_____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell April 2022