



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held at Austrey Village Hall
On Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actioned When & By Whom</u>
<p>1. PRESENT/APOLOGIES: Present: Tony Treadwell - chair (TT), Mick Beeson (MB), David Rowse (DR) Tristan Fraser (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Debbie Jenkins (DJ), Pippa Smith (PS) & Parish Clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). No apologies. 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 12th December 2018 were approved by the council as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
<p>4. OPEN FORUM: A comment was received about how nice and clean the road signs in the village are looking. This is due to a young villager undertaking some work as part of a Duke of Edinburgh scheme. *The appeal was heard today for the Gypsy site planning application. Councillors reported that it was well attended and that a site visit was held. It is thought that news of the decision will be imminent.</p>	
<p>5. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES ON RECENT OR REGULAR ITEMS:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019-20: DR proposed that the precept for the coming financial year should remain at this year's level (£15000) plus inflation. SG seconded this, and all voted in agreement. Clerk to reply to NWBC with this information. It was also decided that a finance sub-committee meeting be held to discuss and finalise the budget and any significant spends in the next financial year.• Heart of the Village Award: Austrey Parish Council has long since recognised that one village resident regularly goes the extra mile for her community and after discussions at several meetings throughout 2018, it was decided unanimously that Ellen Beaty's efforts be formally recognised. The chair presented her with some wine and a bronze plaque, to be placed in a suitable place within the village.• HS2: No new developments to report, but the possibility of the village getting legal representation was discussed to see if that route would have any more impact. We currently don't get responses to most of the enquiries directed to HS2.• Playing Fields: Our new litter bins are being delivered next week. TF is going to lay some concrete bases to place them on before they are installed.• Village Maintenance: Some new street furniture is required around the village, so after researching and seeking quotes, TF proposed a spend of £750. This was seconded by MB & voted upon unanimously by the PC. This will buy 3 new dog waste bins (2 to be placed in areas of need and one to replace a damaged bin); 2 new convex safety mirrors & 2 new parking signs for the playing fields. *Muddy roads and queuing trucks were again mentioned, caused by current housing developments in the village. This has been reported several times but the PC urged villagers affected by these issue to report the matter to NWBC/WCC. *The PC has been sent photos of areas around the village deemed to have overgrown hedges restricting use of the footpaths, or tree growth covering up street lighting. The PC didn't agree that they were obtrusive on the whole, but will arrange to get one tree cut back to allow maximum street lighting on Main Road.	
<p>6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: One application as per the appendix. This was discussed in depth by the PC as we were sent email notification of the application followed by an immediate recall of the email. DJ is to raise a query about this application with NWBC and find out more about its status.</p>	DJ asap
<p>7. CORRESPONDENCE: as per the appendix</p>	
<p>8. FINANCIAL MATTERS: 5 payments made as per the appendix.</p>	

9. COUNCILLOR'S MATTERS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: It was suggested that the PC invite our local Police Officer to a meeting to discuss ways of working together and how best to approach some village issues, such as inconsiderate parking. Clerk to arrange a date for a forthcoming meeting.
 *It was suggested that to help combat parking on Main Road around the current housing development at The Homestead, contractors park on the Baptist Church car park for the duration. TF is to talk to both parties to see if a mutually beneficial arrangement can be reached.
 *It was reported that 4 gates along public footpaths in the village are in need of maintenance, mainly around the church & Bishop's Field. TT is to look into who is responsible for their upkeep & report back.

LT asap

TT by next meeting

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for 13th February 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm

Chair
Cllr Tony Treadwell -----

Date -----

Lynsey Treadwell
Clerk to the Parish Council
25/01/2019