



# **AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm

**1 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT), Tristan Fraser, vice-chair (TF), Sam Goldney (SG), Helen Simpson (HS), Jacqui Morton (JM). Heather Swan (HSw) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT). Apologies received from Heather Hadley (HH). 1 member of the public was in attendance.

**2 – Declarations of interest:** HS declared an interest in planning application PAP/2022/0206 as the site is her immediate neighbour. She will therefore step back from discussions about this application.

**3 - Minutes:** the minutes of the last parish council (PC) meeting which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, were approved by the council as a true record as signed by the chair.

## **4 – Clerk’s Update:**

**4.1:** The website and emails are now back up and running after a frustrating month due to domain issues. Thanks have been passed to David Mawdesley for his help in achieving this.

**4.2:** Commemorative Jubilee mugs have been delivered to all families who ordered one. There is a small amount left so the clerk will offer these for sale via social media.

**4.3:** The Parish of All Souls very kindly offered us a donation for the equivalent of the VAT which was paid on the repairs to the church clock. Unfortunately, as we are able to reclaim VAT as a parish council, this made us ineligible for the donation, so the cheque has been returned.

**4.4:** CPR/Defib Training: Many thanks to West Leicestershire Community First Responders for coming to the village hall to provide this training. A small donation has been made to the group, and the PC have decided that due its popularity, another session will be booked for September.

**4.5:** Village Gala 2023: SG has had some positive feedback from residents wanting to join in or help with a gala next year. Volunteers will be sought, and a steering committee formed to get some ideas into place. LT to put a post on social media.

**5 – Open Forum:** Nothing arising

## **6 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:**

**6.1: Neighbourhood Plan:** Louise Kirkup from Kirkwells, our Neighbourhood Plan Consultant attended the meeting this evening to talk to members about the next steps in renewing and updating our existing plan. Our options were discussed at length, along with ideas of what we may want our new plan to do and reflect, and any policy changes since the first edition was printed. Our first

actions including bidding for funding and forming a village steering group. LT to post on social media, noticeboards & website asking for interested parties to join.

**6.2: Playing Fields:** TF reported that 2 new litter bins are required in addition to those already there, to combat the litter issues. This is thought to be due to wildlife rather than members of the public. TF will seek quotes.

**6.3 Public Footpath by the Church:** Mr Yates presented his proposal to refurbish the Church footpath to the Council at June's meeting.

The Parish Council thanked Mr Yates for his time spent on his proposal, which had involved input from the PC investigating the feasibility of the plan and which included meetings with the Rector and the sub group of the Church Diocesan Committee (DAC).

After very careful consideration the Parish Council have agreed that in principle they would not object to the proposed refurbishment providing it had all the required approvals in place including from the Church and local authorities, but they will not be involved moving forward. We noted that the proposal would require funding to be identified including the installation of steps, groundworks and maintenance.

As there is already an existing path running through the Church, and mindful of other priorities, the Parish Council have decided that they have taken the proposal as far as they can. However, they are supportive of Mr Yates taking forward his proposal, subject to all of the required approvals. The Parish Council would like to formally record our thanks to Mr Yates.

**6.4: Village Maintenance:** Appleby Hill is to be closed for two periods in August & September to investigate drainage & for earthworks reinforcement. \*HSw has been strimming overgrown footpaths around the village. \*Another community litter pick is to be arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> September. LT to advertise around the village and on social media. \*SG is to ask HH to look into Community Bid Schemes and to identify possible sites around the village where this might apply.

**7 – Planning:** 2 applications as per the appendix. The PC have objected to PAP/2022/0206 mainly due to visibility issues with the exit and lack of detail around the design.

\*Regarding Appeal Ref: APP/R3705/W/20/3253928 - Stables at land south of Flavel Farm, Warton Lane, Austrey, CV9 3EJ, the PC have learned that the appeal is allowed, and planning permission has been granted.

**8 - Correspondence:** as per the Appendix.

**9 – Financial & insurance matters:** 5 payments as per the Appendix.

**10 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** The village bonfire, our annual Christmas event & a Village Gala are all to be added to the next agenda.

**11 – Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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