



# AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm

**1 – Present:** Tony Treadwell (TT) chair, Debbie Jenkins (DJ) vice chair, Mick Beeson (MB), Sam Goldney (SG), Anne Wilde (AW), Heather Hadley (HH) and parish clerk Lynsey Treadwell (LT) plus 2 members of the public. Apologies received from Tristan Fraser (TF).

**2 – Declarations of interest:** nothing declared

**3 – Minutes:** the minutes of last parish council meeting which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were approved as a true record & signed by the chair.

**4 – Open Forum:** Bonfire night was well attended – perhaps not quite as busy due to the wet weather. \*Lots of spring bulbs, bequeathed to the village by the late Sheila Broadhurst, have been planted around the village by a team of volunteers. We look forward to seeing them bloom next year. \*Steph Wagstaff, community development officer at NWBC attended this evening's meeting to tell us about funding opportunities which would help the village. Providing disabled access to the village hall is a priority, so she will liaise with the village hall committee on this matter.

**Kevin Pearson from Morris Homes** attended the meeting at the PC's request so that issue with the Crisps Farm development could be reported. This includes plant turning up outside hours agreed on the planning regulations (6.15am and 7.15pm), a very noisy generator running 24 hours a day, the state of local lanes and verges as a result of the number of lorries coming & going and contractors parking on nearby roads rather than on site, amongst other things. APC also asked why the size of the planned play area on the development has been drastically reduced. Kevin promised to address all of the issues raised and communication is ongoing.

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

- **Church Clock:** No decision has been reached on how to move forward with fixing the clock, given that the quote is in excess of £4000. LT & TT have completed applications for funding, although this is not a quick process.
- **HS2:** There is nothing new to report locally; the financial review has been postponed until after the general election in December.
- **Neighbourhood Plan review:** AW has reviewed the current plan & thinks it worth waiting until the new developments are all finished & sold to get a better picture of village as a whole. The PC does need to be seen to be reviewing it as the village changes.
- **Playing Fields:** TF has finished weeding the play area and SG has started to lay the new bark. A new rotary arm has been fitted to a piece of play equipment & other replacement parts have been ordered. \*MB has arranged to walk around the grounds with Tamworth FC to discuss maintenance issues with them, as per their lease. \*Discover Outdoors have failed to pay any rent or to make contact with APC, so members requested that LT send them an eviction notice. \*APC has instructed a pest control company to work on Austrey Playing Field as there is currently a pest problem there.
- **Village Maintenance:** Appleby Hill has flooded a couple of times of late. NWBC has been contacted & the drains are due to be jetted shortly. \*The green space between

Orchard Close & Newborough Close has been weeded & tidied up & is looking much better. \*Jane & Gordon have confirmed that they will continue to maintain the Planters & APC is very grateful for their continued hard work. \*A lot of the trees on the Bishops Cleeve green area are either dead or dying. SG is looking to buy some new trees to plant there & is currently seeking quotes.

**6 – Planning:** 1 application as per the appendix

**7 - Correspondence:** as per the appendix

**8 – Financial & insurance matters:** 8 payments as per the appendix

**9 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda:** This year’s Christmas Light switch on event is being held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The bonfire committee has donated 12 bottles of mulled wine to the event. The tree has been chosen & mine pies are being baked or donated by residents. \*A generator has been installed on the area of land on Warton Lane owned by travellers. This is illegal (against the terms of the injunction). MB has taken photos and NWBC have been informed. \*Re the boundary dispute at Paget Rise, APC has still had no response from Erica Levy at planning. AW to chase.

**10 –Next meeting scheduled for** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**11- Clerk’s Performance Review** carried forward to December’s meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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