



AUSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Austrey Village Hall on
Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30pm

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

2 – Declarations of interest: nothing declared

3 – Minutes: the minutes of last parish council meeting which took place on 11th September 2019 were approved as a true record & signed by the chair.

4 – Open Forum: The issue of cars not giving way at the junction of Main Road & Norton Hill was raised after a near miss was witness earlier today. Historically, it is a bad junction where visibility is poor, so TT will contact highways about additional signage and repainting the white lines.

5 - Discussions & updates on recent or regular items:

- **Church Clock:** Cheshire Clocks has been out to inspect the clock mechanisms as the clock regularly stops. The winder isn't working properly & the mechanism fitted 5 years ago isn't fit for purpose. They will do a report on their findings & quote for repairs and an annual maintenance package.
- **HS2:** There is nothing new to report locally, but a financial review is currently underway due the massive overspend forecast.
- **Neighbourhood Plan review:** The sub-committee has made a start on updating the plan and will be meeting to discuss it soon.
- **Playing Fields:** TF has been weeding the play area ahead of new bark being delivered ready for its 3 yearly refurb.
- **Village Maintenance:** There has been some interest in the Lengthsmen scheme within the village, so TT will liaise with interested parties ASAP.
*It was reported that the hedges opposite Cornfields have been cut back and are looking very tidy. The hedges on Appleby Hill are looking rather overgrown & landowners have been approached about getting them cut. *A new grit bin is required for Church Lane, opposite the pub as the current wooden one is rotten. LT to order.
*The PC are to order their own dog fowling spray paint template for village pavements, to see if that helps to reduce incidences of it not being cleared up. TF/LT to source and get prices.

6 – Planning: 1 application as per the appendix

7 - Correspondence: as per the appendix

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

*WALC has advised the PC of new pay scales which took effect in April 2019 – back pay has been awarded this month.

9 – Councillors matters & items for the next agenda: Traffic for the housing developments in the village are ruining verges, leaving lots of mud on the road & parking on the roads, not on site. *The green space between Orchard Close & Newborough Close is looking overgrown & untidy. LT to contact NWBC. *A tree on the alleyway between Orchard Close & Warton Lane needs some attention. SG to report to NWBC.

10 –Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 13th November 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed _____ Date_____

Produced by Lynsey Treadwell – Clerk to the Parish Council – 1st November 2019