

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ASFORDBY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT

Councillors: J Pryce (Vice-Chairman)

B Attwood, D Anderson, S Boyden, J Cousen, R Cousen, K De Burle

Parish Clerk

80/Co/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr R De Burle, Cllr Summerland

81/Co/16 **Disclosures of Interests**

None

82/Co/16 **Chairmans Report**

- LCC would be clearing the blocked drains by the end of October
- LCC had added the painting of the handrail between Bradgate Lane and Whitlock Way onto the works list and it would be completed in due course
- Severn Trent had investigated the flooding issues at Mill Lane and had discovered a heavily silted pipe, this had now been cleared and would be monitored in the future. Residents were to be advised that future flooding incidences should be reported to the 24 hour Operational Customer Care Team on 0800 783 4444
- The Environment Agency have confirmed that they still carry out planned maintenance operations on the Asfordby Flood Relief Channel, the programme can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme>
- The posts for the speed indicating devices had been installed, the signs themselves could now be installed.

83/Co/16 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th September 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record

84/Co/16 **Co-options**

There were no persons present that wished to fill the vacant seats on the Parish Council.

85/Co/16 **Public Forum**

1. What was being done about the mould on the tables under the stage
- 2 A complaint that the window glass in the doors between the hall and toilets was very clean and this had resulted in a person colliding with the window, this had been reported to the Parish Clerk
3. When will the goal post get installed in Jubilee Park?
4. Complaint regarding the banner on the barrier near the mini roundabout at Bradgate Lane and out of date signs on the roundabout and lamp posts

5. Will the 7 – 10 days response time be applied to complaints made to the Parish? There has not yet been a response regarding the BT building or the tarmac in the layby?
6. A resident attended the Community Forum in Melton and was the only resident from any village to attend apart from Councillors, all other attendees were Melton residents. He had asked questions regarding Section 106 agreements. He had a letter that he wished the Parish Council to submit to Melton Borough Council
7. A resident had been informed that Jelson wanted to build an additional 44 houses on top of the planning applications already submitted, was anyone on the Parish Council aware of this?
8. A representative from Asfordby Arts, Garden Produce & Crafts Show thanked the Parish Council for its contribution to the event and asked whether the Parish Council would be able to continue to store the trestle tables in the event of the show being held at different premises.
9. The drains on Main Street were full of weeds, concerns of flooding, could the Parish Council request that LCC weedspray as they have in previous years?
10. 2 very noisy bikes came onto Main Street from Riverside Walk, they seemed to be in the company of a blue car, could this be reported to the police for action as the exhausts were very noisy
11. County Councillor Orson informed the Parish Council that the Electoral Boundaries were changing in November following the review carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, the name of the division containing the Parish of Asfordby was changing to Melton Wolds and would contain approx. 700 more voters than previously.

Responses

1. This is answered in the Committee Report Section of the meeting
2. The Parish Clerk was to feedback to the Parish Hall Committee
3. Cllr Attwood would move this project forward with the Recreation Committee
4. Arrangements would be made for their removal where possible or they would be reported to Melton Borough Council
5. The Parish Council were still awaiting responses to the 2 queries and would chase the organisations responsible again.
6. The Clerk would send the letter to the Borough Council
7. The Parish Council had not been informed and none of the individual Councillors knew of this application.
8. The Chair of the Parish Hall Committee saw no reason why the arrangement couldn't continue
9. Cllr Attwood reported that he had seen LCC weedspraying a fortnight ago, on a Sunday
10. Parish Clerk to report this to a PCSO
11. Noted

86/Co/16

Committee Reports

- Parish Hall

Minutes of the meetings on 2nd September, 16th September, 7th October & 17th

October 2016 were noted. The vent size was to be increased to try to resolve the issues under the stage, leaving the doors open would also be trialled. Trials of floor cleaning machines had been taking place. It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr R Cousen and **agreed** that the Parish Hall Committee could take Sarah Slimm Interiors to the small claims court to reclaim the monies paid for the provision of curtains in the hall.

- Cemetery & Allotments

No meetings had been held and there was nothing to report.

- Recreation & Risk Management

The minutes of the meeting on 22nd September were noted. The far gate on the Jubilee Park play area was scheduled for repair as it was closing too quickly. The dog hooks had been installed on the fencing and quotes for signage had been received. The old Reading Room wall was to be repaired and consideration to be given regarding rebuilding the rest of the wall. There had been a report of some problem trees on the boundary of a property on Cowmans Close. The plumbing was due to be disconnected in the pavilion. A quote had been received for the removal of a tree near to the pavilion.

- Finance

£2,000 had been set aside for the rebuilding of the wall at Riverside Walk. Staff contracts were now in place, unfortunately the RFO had rejected the contract so the position was currently vacant.

- Planning

No meetings had been held. Busy preparing the Parish Council representation for the relevant Melton Borough Council Planning meeting.

- Events

Minutes of 6th October were noted. The committee had purchased an A-board for future events. The committee were currently assisting in the production and delivery of a leaflet to residents outlining events organised in the Parish around Christmas time

- Financial Matters

The monthly list of expenditure had been circulated to Councillors and questions were invited. There was a query regarding the radiator repair, it was explained that a thermostatic valve had stopped working on one of the radiators in the office.

87/Co/16 **Planning Applications & Consultations**

There were no new applications or consultations

88/Co/16 **Phone & Broadband**

The Clerk explained some of the current difficulties with the broadband and the impact it was having on the work within the office. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr R Cousen, seconded by Cllr Pryce and **agreed** that the broadband provision should be moved to the current supplier of the phone service and upgraded to fibre

89/Co/16 **External Audit Report**

The report was noted. The Clerk explained that in future the approval of the Annual

Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements would be recorded under 2 separate minute references to ensure it was absolutely clear that the Councillors had approved the Annual Governance Statement prior to the Accounting Statements. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was displayed in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015 on the Parish Noticeboard on Main Street.

90/Co/16 **Matters of Report**

- The Asfordby Parish Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to Melton Borough Council, the next stage was a six week consultation after which the plan would be subject to independent examination.
- The new website was available, a resident and Councillor commented that they had only been able to see an unadopted website still, they were informed that they needed to make sure that they were accessing the website via www.asfordbypc.org.uk
- An email had been received informing the Parish Council of the success of the Asfordby Arts, Garden Produce & Crafts Show, results, raffle prize winners and photographs would be appearing on their website www.asfordbyshow.com shortly
- A letter had been received from Kathy Edwards thanking the Parish Council for the use of the garden at Riverside Walk to raise money for CLIC Sargent, they had raised £380.00

91/Co/16 **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 17th November 2016

Meeting closed at 7.40pm