

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ASFORDBY PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT

Councillors: R De Burle (Chairman)

P Lamb, D Anderson, S Boyden, K De Burle, C Summerland, B Attwood, M Boyden, J Cousen  
Parish Clerk

134/Co/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Pryce

135/Co/16 **Disclosures of Interests**

Cllr R De Burle declared an interest in matters relating to Melton Borough Council, Cllr Summerland declared an interest in matters relating to Parish Grounds Maintenance Contracts

136/Co/16 **Chairmans Report**

- The Parish Clerk had resigned, her last working day would be 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record

138/Co/16 **Public Forum**

1. There is a track across a field which is accessed from Glendon Close play area which has been used for many years by walkers, it has recently been blocked by Jelsons, does the Parish Council have any intentions of registering it as an official footpath with the County Council?

2. It states on the Agenda that if there is an issue raised with the Borough Council a response can be expected within 7 – 10 days, this is not being met. It is taking between 6 – 8 weeks for a response from the Borough Council, the County Council have still not responded

3. There is a disparity in the amount of affordable housing Asfordby has had when compared with Waltham & Bottesford since 2011. Asfordby has had 191, Long Clawson has had 160, Bottesford has had 117 & Waltham has had 40. 200 places have now got Neighbourhood Plans and plans that plan for house building have on average allowed for 10% more housebuilding than is allocated in their local plan. The Government have announced there will be new regulations coming into force in April regarding infrastructure. The Councillors have to ensure that Asfordby doesn't take on more than its fair share of affordable housing

4. The Housing Needs Assessment Questionnaire has been sent to all households in the Parish, some of the questions appear to be ambiguous and there is a concern held by some that there may be ulterior motives behind some of the questions.

## Responses

1. Jelson had erected the fencing to conduct archaeological trench digging and the closure would only be temporary. The Parish Clerk is to contact Ellen Senior at LCC to ask how a footpath may be added to the Definitive Map

2. Noted

3. There is a 20% increase in population nationally. Asfordby's Neighbourhood Plan has allowed for 275 new properties within the whole of the Parish up to 2035. Waltham is facing applications for 400 new houses in the near future.

Cllr R Cousen entered the meeting at 6.40pm

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## Committee Reports

- Parish Hall

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were noted

- Cemetery & Allotments

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were noted

- Recreation & Risk Management

The minutes of the meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were noted. 8 x 1.5m planters were to be located within the Parish, they would be tended to by members of Friends of Asfordby Gardens & Wildlife. The locations of 'Dogs to be kept under control' signs for Jubilee Park were to be decided shortly. 4 new bins were urgently required in the Parish. It was unknown when the 106 monies would be received to fund the Outdoor Gym equipment, but if the Parish Council applied for a grant to install the equipment there would be a possibility the 106 funding would be lost as the wording was usually quite specific. When the Christmas Light Switch on event is held there is the possibility of injury due to the close location to the road so there are plans to fence the area. The excess payment for the replacement of the bus shelter on Station Lane has been approved.

- Finance

The minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 were noted. The Recreation Committee have requested that £6,000 is moved from the Adult wellbeing (4420/300) budget to the Repairs & Maintenance (4350/300) budget. It was proposed by Cllr R De Burle, seconded by Cllr R Cousen and **agreed**.

- Planning

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were noted. The Committee had decided to object to the planning application 16/00907/OUT for the following reasons: It was not in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan, the play area needed to be larger and better equipped, the access for the play area needed to be off Crompton Road for child safety reasons, the entrance to the estate should be off the roundabout rather than Main Street for safety reasons.

- Events

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 were noted.

- Financial Matters

The monthly list of expenditure had been circulated to Councillors and questions were invited. There were the following queries & responses: What were the clothes rail &

hangers for? For event attendees to put their coats on in the absence of coat hooks, on wheels to enable storage when not in use. What were bin tags? Pre-paid tags that indicated the 1100L bins at the Parish hall & Cemetery should be emptied. Was the disposal of the Christmas Tree included in the invoice for the supply? No, it wasn't. What was the powder coated angle for? It was a cosmetic addition to the fire shutter in the refreshment room. What were M8 protection covers? They were covers for the protruding parts of bolts to ensure people didn't injure themselves accidentally. What was the bookings & allotments annual f? It was the fee for the software.

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

- LCC – Review of Traffic Sensitive Streets – No Response to be given
- LCC – Draft Highway Asset Management Policy – No response to be given
- LCC – Draft Highway Asset Management Strategy – No response to be given
- LRALC – Strategic Plan 2017/2020 – No response to be given
- Frisby Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk to respond indicating support for the neighbourhood Plan
- LCC – Change of Use Unit E St Bartholomews Way – Planning Meeting to be held on 23.2.17 to discuss application in greater detail

141/Co/16 **Revision to Committees Membership**

It was proposed by Cllr Lamb and seconded by Cllr Summerland and **agreed** that Cllr Lamb joined the Recreation & Risk management, the Cemetery & Allotments and the Parish hall committees.

Cllr r De Burle resigned from the Recreation & Risk Management Committee

142/Co/16 **Application to Divert Footpath G62(part)**

It was proposed by Cllr Summerland, seconded by Cllr R De Burle & **agreed** that the Parish council would express support for the diversion.

143/Co/16 **Speed Indicating Device Monthly Report**

The highest speeds entering the village from the Valley end are recorded between 1.30pm – 2.30pm regularly. The Clerk is to inform the police.

144/Co/16 **Committee Hall Bookings**

It was queried why a Committee of the Parish Council should pay for the use of the Parish Hall as all events would be to benefit the local community. After prolonged discussion regarding the Events Committee, protocols and recent correspondence from the Chairman, it was proposed by Cllr Summerland, seconded by Cllr K De Burle and **agreed** that committees could pay for the hire after the event had taken place.

145/Co/16 **Financial Regulations**

It was proposed by Cllr R De Burle, seconded by Cllr J Cousen and **agreed** to change the Financial Regulations as proposed once the amount was revised to £500.00

146/Co/16 **Standing Orders**

It was proposed by Cllr R Cousen, seconded by Cllr Summerland and **agreed** to change the Standing Orders as proposed

147/Co/16 **Subscriptions**

It was proposed by Cllr R De Burle, seconded by Cllr R Cousen and **agreed** to renew the subscription of £5.00 to the Leicestershire Footpath Association

148/Co/16 **Matters of Report**

- Stilton Striders had advised that there was to be a road race and Welby Lane, Asfordby Hill was to be closed between 10.28 and 10.33 to allow the race to start and racers to disperse
- Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust wished to have permission to use Jubilee Park for evening cricket coaching as they had last year, but for 20 weeks commencing on 25.4.17. It was proposed by Cllr R De Burle, seconded by Cllr R Cousen and **agreed** to give permission
- The Resilience Partnership were offering the chance to attend a Community Resilience Workshop in Melton, Cllr Lamb volunteered to attend, Clerk to book the place
- A letter had been received from a resident in Hazlewood Crescent regarding the damage to the verges in that area by vehicles parking. The Clerk had already reported the issue to LCC and was awaiting a response.

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

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Meeting closed at 9.20pm