

Minutes of the Maer & Aston Parish Council
Meeting held at Aston Village Hall on 17th March 2016 at 7.30pm

Cllrs Present M Kelly (Chair), P Betteley, D Lovatt, E Stanier, P Hulme, E Sudlow, P Northcott, Jane Finnemore (NBC), Andrew Mannering

Apologies: D Loades

Declared Items of Interest - None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 21st January 2016 approved, proposed by Cllr Stanier and seconded by Cllr Hulme.

Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Tony Bardell had resigned from the Parish Council. Notices had been displayed for the required time limit with no applications received. Councillors urged to consider options for co-opting. Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Mainwaring who is considering taking on one of the vacancies.

Recycling Presentation

Jane Finnemore explained that the new programme would be starting from 4th July 2016 with recycling waste collected every week. Garden and general waste will be collected alternate weeks. A new style vehicle has been purchased for the in-house collections which will provide better value for money. There may be some change to collection days and a calendar and new boxes will be sent out in June.

General Planning Matters.

- **11/00599/FUL and 11/00601/FUL - Maerfieldgate Farm** – No further information although documents of action being prepared by Legal team. At Parish Forum meeting, despite information that a ne Enforcement Officer had been appointed, it appears that the post is not yet filled. Cllr Northcott agreed to take this further.
- **Naming of Roads** – Awaiting County Council budget and work team.

Planning Policy Review/Neighbourhood Plan

NBC had issued a consultation on the Joint Local Plan which ended on 29th March. Clerk had referred Cllrs to the 97 page document for comment and Clerk had drafted a response including a request to include reference to agriculture, migrants and fracking. It was agreed to send the response and comment on the short time limit involved in considering a full response considering the size of the document.

Leaflets have been delivered to every household in the 3 parishes outlining the Neighbourhood Plan and a display in Whitmore Village Hall on the open day, 12th March, had been well attended. The steering group were also preparing a response to the Joint Local Plan consultation.

Planning Applications received since the last meeting

- **16/00179/FUL - Lunts Farm Aston Market** - Erection of a 3 bay steel framed extension building for agricultural storage purposes. No Objections Proposed Cllr Betteley, Seconded Cllr Stanier.
- **16/00120/FUL – The Old Post Office, Aston Lane, Aston** – Replacement garden room and relocation of heating oil storage tank. No Objections Proposed Cllr Betteley, Seconded Cllr Stanier.

Planning Decisions of Planning Committee

- **15/00972/FUL & 15/00973/LBC 181 Holloway Lane, Aston, Market Drayton** - Rebuilding of stonework to southern gable of barn in matching materials detailing and coursing. Flank walls of barn to be refurbished. Repairs and refurbishment of barn roof timbers. New opening to brickwork in barn west elevation and intersection with farmhouse proposed with full height glazing, timber framed to match farmhouse/end gable of barn. Cllrs had no objections. Application approved.
- **15/0066//FUL – Aston Barns** – Application approved to change from holiday let to permanent let property.

Ongoing Planning Applications - None

Matters Arising

- **Highways Issues/Winter Gritting** - A verbal complaint had been received from a resident in Maer regarding the hedge from the Village Hall towards Beddalls which has not been cut for some time. Agreed that this was the wrong time of year to cut and would try to approach the owners for autumn. Grit stocks remain high due to the higher temperatures over winter.
- **Newcastle Rural Locality Action Group** – A number of meetings with Arriva Bus company have been cancelled by them. Cuts in local authority funding are affecting services but to date no meeting has been arranged. A number of traffic surveys are underway in our area and have been arranged by local developer for proposed development off Meadow Lane. The LAP has agreed to support the proposal to include community buildings in the 4 parishes in the Recycling Reward Scheme. Recycling containers will be available for local community buildings and will therefore be eligible for future funding from the scheme.

- **Community Events** - Aston Village Hall holding a bingo night 20/03/16. Maer, Aston & Chorlton Community Group are holding a free lunch on Sunday 12th June in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday.
- **Rural Runabout** – Project continues to progress well. Modernising and organisation of articles underway.
- **Community Chest** – The road safety campaign project which had been approved in January by the Parish Council had received the £800 payment. Currently awaiting confirmation of this year's grant, guidelines and new application form.
- **HS2** – Engineers and residents were able to 'walk the line' in the Whitmore area last week.
- **County/Borough Councillor's Report** – Concern raised over policing levels in the area as Police Officer for our area is to leave and not be replaced. Only policing to be conducted by PCSOs. Police & Crime Commissioner being pressured to change and back up the rural area where service is deteriorating to cope with budget cuts. Confusion over the funding through NBC for the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been echoed by Loggerheads. A part-time post has been supplied to deal with Neighbourhood Development Plans. Budget is to be set shortly and council tax will increase by 1.99%. It has been agreed to scrap newsletters in an effort to save expenditure. Local elections will be synchronised by 2018 with next elections due on May 5th and purdah to start shortly.
- **Health Service** – Clerk has forwarded relevant emails to Cllrs.

Financial Position of the Parish Council

- **Bank Account Update** –
 - Precept A/C £ 2477.64**
 - Deposit A/C £ 9990.80**
- **Payments** – The following payments were agreed, proposed by Cllr Lovatt and seconded by Cllr Betteley. Clerk's pay/expenses of £195.10, Maer Village Zurich Insurance £697.47, B Adams £90.00 and Aston Village Hall £5.00.

Payee	Bank Account to be drawn on	Cost	VAT	Power	Total value of Cheque
E Sudlow	Precept	195.10	-----	111	195.10
Aston Village Hall	Precept	5.00			5.00
B Adams	Precept	90.00			90.00
Zurich Insurance	Precept	697.47			697.47

Chairman announced that the notice boards are needing regular maintenance and would arrange repairs as necessary.

Declared Items of Business

None

Correspondence received since the last meeting -

- Parish Council Forum meeting – Safeguarding Policy and Counter Terrorism training may become available soon through \NBC
- Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations – An advertisement for a commercial coin had been received but apart from the Community Group lunch the Parish Council are not aware of any celebrations.
- Dog Fouling – Clerk had received a number of complaints in Aston and in response had put up a number of posters issued by the Dog Warden at NBC.

Items of Business for the next meeting – None.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st April at Maer Village Hall 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 10.00pm