

Minutes of the Maer & Aston Parish Council
Meeting held on Zoom 18th May 2020 at 11.30am

Present: M Kelly (Chair), R Chatburn, Pat Stanier, A Mainwaring, G Chatburn, D Lovatt, L Chesterton, G Hutton, P Northcott, E Sudlow, (member of the public – G Robinson – planning only)

Apologies: None

Declared Items of Interest - None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 18th February 2020 approved, proposed Cllr R Chatburn and seconded by Cllr Stanier.

Planning Policy Review/Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Development Plan – Chairman thanked the Steering Group for their input in the Plum Park application. The NDP has been used extensively in local planning applications although concern has been expressed that NBC Planning Officers are not paying sufficient regard to this work.

Planning Applications received since the last meeting

- **20/00302/FUL – 1 Plum Park, Maer – 2 storey extension** – It was agreed to write objecting to this application on the basis that it contravenes DC1 and DC2 of NDP. Detrimental visual impact on edge of Conservation Area and property is ‘Gateway’ property. Agreed to request input from Conservation Officer. Cllrs had concerns on lack of dimensions on plans, elevations would seriously affect neighbour’s rights to light and privacy and building would not look in keeping with neighbouring properties. Concern that due to Covid 19 restrictions, yellow notices have not alerted nearby residents and to request extension to consultation period.
- **20/00306/FUL – Sidway Hall, Summerhouse in walled garden** – Cllrs had no objections to this proposal.

Decisions of Planning Committee:

- **20/00058/FUL – 1 Maer Mews, Haddon Lane, Maer** - Remove existing timber windows and replace with Heritage PVC-u. **Application Permitted**
- **20/00043/REM – Ambleside Lodge, Aston** - Access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for an agricultural workers dwelling. **Application Permitted**
- **20/00087/COUNOT – Unit N, Slaters Craft Village** – change of use to a gym. **Application Permitted**
- **19/00991/CPO, N09/05/250M - Environment Act 1995 – Periodic Review of mining sites; Trentham (Lordsley) Quarry** – Planning Approvals IDO/N/7 and N.15458. Application pursuant to paragraph 5 of schedule 14 for postponement of review date. **Approved**

On-going applications and current developments

- **Land off Sandy Lane, Baldwins Gate** – Proposal to build 66 properties. A consultation meeting with the potential developers and Councillors on Tuesday 21st

January. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will be tested in fighting this potential application. Whitmore Parish Council inviting developers to a future meeting. To date no full application has been made.

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Financial Position of the Parish Council

- **Bank Account Update** – (Updated following the meeting)

Precept A/C £ 4,052.22

Deposit A/C £ 9,875.66

Payments/Donations – Clerk's pay/expenses of £529.85 (3 months). Cropper Grounds £180.00, Proposed Cllr G Chatburn, Seconeded Cllr Mainwaring.

| Payee | Bank Account to be drawn on | Cost | VAT | Power | Total value of Cheque |
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| E Sudlow | Precept | 529.85 | ----- | 111 | 529.85 |
| Cropper Grounds Maintenance | Precept | 180.00 | | | 180.00 |

Items of Business/Correspondence.

- **Notice Boards** – It was agreed that all 4 notice boards need some remedial treatment but in particular the notice board in Aston which may need replacing. Quotes to be arranged.
- **Borough/County Council Update** – Cllr Northcott reported that work continues despite lockdown and no work has been missed. A change to planning procedure is expected in the future would ensure that planning application would be validated as a 'sound' application before consultation and should improve the planning process.
- **To report for information only the items of Correspondence received since the last meeting not covered in agenda:-**
- **Highways** – Road Closure 16-19 June 2020 through Maer village with diversion using Haddon Lane. Operation undertaken by Openreach and appears to be work planned for March which did not take place due to Covid 19 lockdown. Cllr Northcott reported that during the lockdown period opportunity to repair pot holes had been extensive.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 18th June 2020 on Zoom at 12 noon
Meeting ended at 1.30pm