

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 16 January 2012 at 8pm.

PRESENT: Mr Garry Charnock (Chairman), Mrs Naomi Deynem, Mrs Lisa Allman, Mr David Wilson, Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts, Mr Trevor Scadeng, and Jane Colville.

ALSO PRESENT: 12 Members of the public

115 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr Craven raised concern about the increase of litter on Ashton Lane. Milk bottles were regularly left in the layby opposite Farrall's yard and over 160 have been collected recently.

AGREED: that

The details be forwarded to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Street and Amenities Manager.

116 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Pauline Tilley and Mr Dave Lee.

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ms Lloyd-Watts declared a personal interest in any items relating to Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association which she is a member of.

Mr Charnock declared a personal interest in any item relating to Ashton Hayes Energy Company which he is a director of. He also declared a personal interest in the Planning Application for 15 Affordable Housing in Ashton Hayes.

Mr Trevor Scadeng declared a personal interest in the Planning Application for 15 Affordable Housing.

118 MINUTES

Agreed: That

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2011 be approved as a true record.

119 FINANCE

The following expenditure was approved in January 2012

January	100251	Autela Ltd	Payroll Company for January	£12.00
	100252	Gillian Forgrave	December caretaker - 9hrs	£56.79
	100253	Andrea Thwaite	Clerk Feb salary	£301.38
	100254	J D H Business Services	Internal Audit Charges 2010/11	£322.24
	100255	Ashton Hayes PCC	Churchyard grant 2012/13	£950.00

120 INCOME

The following income was received in January 2012

Playground – Hire of room in October and November = £24.00

Ashworth Time Bank – Hire of room from August – December = £195.00

Thursday Club – Hire of rooms £18.00(Cash)

Cheshire West and Chester Council – Churchyard grant for 2012/13 = £450.00

121 2012/13 BUDGET.

The Parish Council received the 2012/13 budget which was approved as follows:

ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET FOR 2012/13

	Estimated amount req'd for 2011/12	Estimated amount req'd for 12.13
INCOME		

Parish Rooms Income (based on month seven actuals)	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
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<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>£1,200.00</u>	<u>£1,200.00</u>
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EXPENDITURE

EMPLOYEES

Clerk Salary	£3,664.00	£3,500.00
Parish Rooms Caretaker	£908.00	£820.30
	<u>£4,572.00</u>	<u>£4,320.30</u>

ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES

Payroll company	-£144.00	£144.00
Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£220.00
Expenses (stationery, fuel, telephone, internet connection)	£800.00	£950.00
Internal Audit fees	£350.00	£300.00
External Audit Fees	£350.00	£350.00
Parish Council Insurance (including new FIDELITY COVER)	£660.00	£660.00
Around Ashton - production (estimate based on 4 productions per year)	£200.00	£200.00
Donations (approx)	£150.00	£150.00
Grass cutting Recreational field	£1,250.00	£1,250.00
Parish Rooms Expenditure (incl utilities, boiler maintenance)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Memberships	£250.00	£250.00
Churchyard Grant (Parish Council contribution only)	£500.00	£500.00
Misc Expenditure (Special Projects)	£1,500.00	£1,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>£7,210.00</u>	<u>£7,330.00</u>
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Total expenditure (2012.13 estimated)	£11,782.00	£11,650.30
Less income generated (estimated)	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Total amount needed prior to Precept	<u>£10,582.00</u>	<u>£10,450.30</u>

Precept for 2011/12 **£11,976.00**

AGREED: That

The proposed budget for 2012/13 be approved.

122 **PRECEPT 2012/13**

AGREED: That

The Parish Council's Precept for 2012/13 be £11,976.

123 **PLANNING**

The following planning application 11/5490/FUL for a 1 Storey extension was received. Mrs Colville confirmed that neighbours have expressed concerns about being overlooked and loss of light and view. However, the proposal was similar to those extensions in the same locality. Full observations had been submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Mr Charnock advised that Equity Homes would be submitting a planning application for affordable housing in Ashton Lane. No further details were known as this stage but the Parish Council agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss the application once it had been received.

Mr Charnock expressed that the Parish Council would be producing a Neighbourhood Plan and affordable houses within the parish would be considered during this process.

Concerns were received by Parish Councillors and members of the public relating to: access, density, affordability of houses, the fact that the pavement is only one side of the road and the green belt.

AGREED: That

The Parish Council hold an open morning on Saturday 4 February 2012 at 11am in Ashton Hayes Primary School.

Equity Homes to be invited to attend the meeting.

124 HIGHWAYS

Mr Charnock advised that reports of heavy vehicular traffic was trying to access Grange Road on a regular basis. The no through road sign had been removed and since then a large amount of delivery transit vans and larger lorries had tried to travel down Grange Road some caused damaged.

The Parish Council were advised that reports had been received that trees had been cut down in the Woodland area on Grange Road. After telephone conversations with the Council's Tree Officers confirmation was received confirming that agreement had been granted to thin some of the trees in line with the Natural Plan.

AGREED: That

The Clerk to follow up Cheshire West and Chester Council on the matters that were raised and agreed that the site visit on 21 December 2011.

125 KISSING GATES

Eleanor Johnson advised the Parish Council to contact Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding its request for Kissing Gates.

126 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Clerk read out an email from Chris Hindle regarding public transport serving the village. Mr Hindle confirmed that unfortunately there were no additional resources to extend the current service but alternative options for transport such as a shuttle bus might be an option if affordable.

It was agreed to invite Steve Williams, Integrated Transport Manager to the March meeting and the Clerk to write to neighbouring Parishes to understand their needs and what support to the project could they offer.

AGREED: That

The Clerk to write to Manley, Alvanley and Mouldsworth Parish Councils to enquire about their public transport needs.

Invite Steve Williams to March 2012 meeting.

127 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk advised that CWAC was undertaking a community governance review and that all Parish Councils were being consulted on with regard to their governance arrangements.

AGREED: That

The Clerk complete and return the questions.

128 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF DOUBLE TAXATION

Cheshire West and Chester Council are currently reviewing parts of the borough where double taxation is an issued.

AGREED: That

Ms Georgina Lloyd Watts and Mr David Wilson to review the documents and send to the Council the Parish Councils comments.

129 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following discussions relating to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that the Parish Council hold an informal Away Day on Saturday 11 February. It was agreed to invite a Council Officer to talk them through Neighbourhood Plans.

AGREED: that

The Clerk invite a Council Officer to attend the away day to discuss Neighbourhood Plans.

130 LOCAL COUNCIL SEMINAR 1 MARCH 2012

AGREED: that

David Wilson, Jane Colville and Andrea Thwaite to attend and report back to the Parish Council.

131 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL UPDATE

Mr Charnock advised that he would obtain two valuations for the Electric Car with a view to selling it. He also advised that the Going Carbon Neutral Project had been selected by DECC for funding under its LEAF programme. £42k had been awarded.

132 JUBILEE MUGS

Following discussions relating to Councillor Johnson's offer of Jubilee Mugs for each house hold, 50 residents to date had come forward to purchase them. It was therefore suggested that Ashton Hayes Primary School should be offered the opportunity of a mug for each child.

AGREED: that

The Clerk to contact the school and ask them whether they wished to purchase a jubilee mug for each child.

133 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Naomi Deynem reported a Street light being out opposite Foxhunter Close.

Councillor Eleanor Johnson confirmed that she had awarded £400 from her member Budget allocation to Ashton Hayes' flower bed project. The grant would help cover the cost of installing the new sand stone beds. Trevor Scadeng confirmed that he had spoken with Highways Authority and they were happy with the proposals for the construction of a new stone village flowerbed.

Scottish Power are undertaking a needs assessment for power in the village. The survey included an assessment of what impact the residents and villages solar panels had had.

Jane Colville confirmed that the last edition of Around Ashton Hayes seemed to have been well received.

134 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 February 2012. 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.