

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 March 2012 at 8pm.

PRESENT: Mrs Pauline Tilley (Chairman), Mrs Naomi Deynem, Mr David Wilson, Ms Georgina Lloyds-Watts and Jane Colville

ALSO PRESENT: 6 members of the public

154 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were 5 members of the public present and the following concerns were raised:

- Speeding in Church Road
 - Public Transport
 - Update on Planning Application for bungalows in Peel Crescent by Chester and District Housing Trust.
- Update on planning application for 15 houses on Ashton Lane

155 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Garry Charnock, Mr Dave Lee, Mr Trevor Scadeng and Mrs Lisa Allman.

156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

157 MINUTES

Agreed: That

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2012 be approved as a true record.

158 FINANCE

The following expenditure was approved in March 2012

12.3.12	100273	A Thwaite	March salary and expenses	£311.30
12.3.12	100274	HMRC	Clerk TAX for March	£71.00
12.3.12	100275	Mrs G Forgrave	Wages for February 13hrs	£82.03
12.3.12	100276	Staples	Stationery	£48.75
12.3.12	100277	Mr Scadeng	Reimbursement of new keys for parish rooms	£10.00
12.3.12	100278	Mrs A Thwaite	Reimbursement of expenses: stamps, and delivery	£29.30

12.3.12	100279	Ashton Hayes Community Shop	Refreshments for away day	£7.14
12.3.12	100280	Ashton Hayes Community Shop	Refreshments for away day	£39.06
12.3.12	100281	Mrs G Forgrave	Expenses for Feb and 30mins time not claimed	£6.64
12.3.12	100282	Cancelled		£0.00
12.3.12	100283	Autela	Payrole for March	£12.00
12.3.12	100284	Mrs J Colville	Reimbursement of wine for free hire of pavilion	£18.88
12.3.12	100285	Ashton Hayes School	Hire of Hall for planning enquiry	£12.00

159 INCOME

The following income was received in March 2012:

DATE	PAY IN NUMBER	RECEIVED FROM	REFERENCE:	TOTAL	RUNNING TOTAL
March	100082	Gardening Club	Donation from Gardening club towards cost of new village flower beds	£100.00	£93,704.11
March	100083	Dr Wolveridge	Donation from Dr Wolveridge towards cost of new village flower beds	£100.00	£93,804.11
March	100084	Scrabble Club	Hire of Parish Rooms	£36.00	£93,840.11
March	100085	Thursday club	Hire of Parish Rooms (Cash)	£15.00	£93,855.11

160 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been refused:

1. 11/05445/FUL – refusal notice for new dwelling at Land at Ashton House.

The following application was received:

2. 12/00541/TPO – Thin out and fell poor specimens, prune overhanging trees and replant with native species. Grange Cottage.

Mrs Deynem agreed to look at this application.

161 AFFORDABLE HOUSING – ASHTON LANE

MEETING SUSPENDED

Councillor Johnson updated the Parish Council on the Planning application for 15 affordable houses in Church Road. She advised that

the Planning Dept thought the application looked of too urban a design and too dense. No objections were received on the application from the Highways department and she advised that it would go to the April's Planning Committee.

MEETING RESUMED.

AGREED:

That a site visit with the Highways Department be arranged and in the meantime Mrs Deynem and Ms Lloyds Watts agreed to write to respond to the highways officers comments.

162 HIGHWAYS

Mrs Tilley raised the issue of the No Parking signs in Booth Avenue that are still there, despite the agreement to have them removed.

AGREED:

Cllr Johnson to speak to Highways department.

163 HORSE FOULING

Following a complaint that the Parish Council had received relating to horse fouling on footpaths around the south end of the village . It was confirmed that the act of riding on a public footpath was illegal.

AGREED:

That Councillor Johnson agreed to speak to highways department about the matter and organise the erection of some signage.

Jane Colville will ensure that the next parish newsletter identifies this as an issue and asks that riders of horses show some respect for others and for the law too when out riding around the parish .

164 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Colville confirmed that two Neighbourhood Plan meetings had taken place and a small co-ordination group had been established. Discussion had centred around how best to engaging the wider community. The group's aspiration was to have an initial draft plan written by Autumn 2012. The group was looking at the plan in a holistic way. Mrs Colville advised that Ashton Hayes one of a relatively few parish councils undertaking work currently on a Neighbourhood Plan . Mr May agreed to draft the communication strategy and deal with any publicity matter. The group had received an interesting and informative presentation from representatives of Tattenhall Parish Council.

Mrs Colville raised the issue of funding for Neighbourhood Plan's production. She asked the Parish Council to consider what finances it could allocate to this project. There may be some funding becoming available through the Council for the production of Neighbourhood Plans and this she was currently exploring with the Council link officer

165 DELAMERE FOREST

The Parish Council were advised that proposals to create a holiday park in Delamere Forest consisting of 78 holidays cabins and a new visitor centre. There is consultation on the proposals until March 2012. The Parish Council raised concern that if the development was to happen, then access, transport, loss of an amenity and an increase in noise, population and litter were all raised to be concerns.

166 CONSULTATION: STANDARDISED SCHOOL YEAR.

The Parish Council received the standardised school year consultation from CWAC. The consultation was informing of the proposal to standardised between Primary and Secondary Schools and to have set school term dates for Easter, despite the varying dates.

AGREED:

The Parish Council had no objections to the consultation.

167 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Clerk advised that the Council had advised that increasing the number of Parish Councillors could be done but it would take some time. They suggested that the Parish Council co-opt some new Members in the short term.

168 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association requested a grant of £2,750 from the Parish Council which would be used as the deposit for the next project on the sports field. The proposals included outdoor gym, perimeter path and a junior swing.

AGREED: The Parish Council agreed to pay the deposit and requested the ASHRA repay it as soon as viably possible.

PROPOSER: Mrs Deynem
SECONDER: Mrs Colville
VOTED FOR: all

Ms Lloyd-Watts abstained from the vote.

Mrs Colville advised of Ashton Hayes' Community Resilience Group. The village had been chosen to work on this so that we might understand how it might cope in a disaster, natural or otherwise.

JUBILEE

Ms Lloyd-Watts advised of the work that was underway to hold a Jubilee Event on 3rd June. Most organisations had committed to be involved. The theme was to bring a picnic to the recreational field and there would be bouncy castles, puppet shows jugglers, choirs, dancers and tea/cake stores. £100 from CWAC had been applied for towards event costs. The event would be self-financing.

RUBBISH

Mr Wilson confirmed that following the Church's Spring Clean, 20 bags of rubbish had been collected from around the village. Report this to CWAC.

EARTH HOUR

Earth hour would be held on 30 March between 8.30pm-9.30pm and all residents would be asked to turn off their lights during this time.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm.