

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** 3 members of the public

#### **169 IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Mr Gerard Rhodes, Network Development Manager attended the Parish Council meeting to advise it of the different options that were available on how best to improve public transport. He advised of the different public transport services that were currently serving Ashton Hayes. Mr Rhodes stated that the Parish Council needed to find out what the needs of its community was rather than its aspirations. The Council was working with its partners regarding Community Vehicle Sharing options such as: Ambulance Services, Community Transport and Social Care Transport pooling their resources and sharing their vehicles and a result offering communities with additional transport options.

Discussions centred on: utilities the school bus in alternative ways; why weren't residents using the electric car; enhancing the shuttle service that serviced the village and services offered by Cheshire Community Action Plan for improving public transport.

Mr Rhodes concluded by advising that the Parish Council needed to determine what the needs of its community were; what were the real problems associated with public transport and what services were currently available to residents.

AGREED: that

Mr Rhodes be thanked for his presentation and details of his informative presentation to be fed into the Neighbourhood process.

#### **170 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Mrs Kate Harrison advised the Parish Council that the Golden Lion had been sold and that a new Land Lord was now in place. However she advised that the Parish Council should still register the pub under the Community Right to buy element of the Localism Act. Following discussed centred on the usage of the pub, she agreed to take the results from the recent survey about how the residents would like the pub to be run to the new Landlord.

## 171 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Trevor Scadeng and Councillor Eleanor Johnson.

## 171 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 172 MINUTES

### Agreed: That

The minutes of the meeting held on March 2012 be approved as a true record with the following amendment:

Mr Trevor Scadeng was in attendance at the meeting.

## 173 FINANCE

The following expenditure was approved in April 2012

chq no	payee	description	TOTAL AMOUNT	RUNNING TOTAL
100286	ASHRA	REFUND FROM MANAGEMENT FEES	£2,750.00	£2,750.00
100287	UNITIED UTILITIES	SURFACE WATER 1.4 - 31.3	£53.00	£2,803.00
100288	AUTELA LTD	YEAR END SHEETS	£24.00	£2,827.00
100289	MRS G FORGRAVE	WAGES MARCH	£106.11	£2,933.11
100290	MRS A THWAITE	SALARY APRIL	£259.11	£3,192.22

## 174 INCOME

The following income was received in March 2012:

paying in no	payee	description	total	running total
basc	Cheshire West and Chester	Precept 2012/13	£11,977.00	£11,977.00
100087	ASHRA	refund from management fees	£600.00	£12,577.00
100088	Scrabble Club	Hire of hall Feb	£48.00	£12,625.00
100089	Thursday Club (Cash)	Hire of Hall 12 April	£18.00	£12,643.00
100090	Theatre club	17 Jan - 28 Feb. Rehearsals	£84.00	£12,727.00
100091	Scrabble Club	March hire of hall	£60.00	£12,787.00

## 175 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RECEIVED

2 Whitegate lane – rear extension. The Clerk advised that the Planning application that had been received was sent to the parish Council in error. The application should have been a Land Certificate Notice.

**176 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASHTON LANE**

The Clerk advised that no decision had yet been made on the planning application for 15 affordable housing in Ashton Lane and it was not on the April Planning Committee's schedule for consideration. Councillor Johnson was trying to arrange a meeting with Equity Homes to discuss the Parish Council's and the local residents' concerns.

**177 HIGHWAYS**

Pot holes were reported at Church Road (outside the Nursery) and in Booth Avenue.

AGREED: that

the Clerk to report them to the Highways Department.

**177 ASHTON HAYES – STREET CLEANSING**

Prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting, Parish Councillors met informally with Mike Solari from Cheshire West and Chester Council. Following concerns received regarding the current cleanliness of the village, the Parish Councillors questioned Mr Solari on the Council's current cleansing regime, standards and how come if the village was being cleaned by them ever second week, Volunteers from the Church had collected 20 black bin bags full of rubbish. Mr Solari agreed that more attention to detail was required and that he would arrange for staff to walk through the village as part of their rotas and look for rubbish rather than driving. Ashton Hayes receives a fortnightly cleanse to its residential area, main road and pavements and Mr Solari agreed that this would be reviewed in light of the current state of the village. He also stated that the Council benefited from local intelligence regarding hot spot areas and any such should be reported directly to the Council. He advised that the schedule for Ashton Hayes Parish Council would be revised and the Parish Council would be consulted on any amendments.

**178 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Mrs Jane Colville updated the Parish Council on progress made to date with the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan. She advised that a survey

of the villages needs would be undertaken shortly and terms of reference for the steering group would be circulated. Mrs Colville raised concerns over funding of the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. No clarity from the Council over funding has been received and to date the Parish Council had not allocated any resources to it. Following discussions relating to the difference between a Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed to include what the difference was on the survey.

AGREED: that

Mrs Colville be thanked for her efforts on getting the Neighbourhood Plan off the ground.

### **179 GOING CARBON NETURAL PROJECT UPDATE**

- £47,000 grant had been awarded to undertake a study on how to make old building efficient.
- What benefits has the village seen as a result of the going carbon neutral project. As part of the LEAF project run by AHCE a New Economics Foundation study has been commissioned to examine how to quantify the social benefits associated with our project.
- PV Panels now installed on the school roof and it was now receiving free energy as a result.

### **180 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk advised that the Police had undertaken an enforcement campaign recently. A speeding enforcement was undertaken on a weekly basis by the Police in Church lane and Station lane Mouldsworth. A team of Special constables also did a speed enforcement day on a Saturday. 75 people were caught speeding in one sitting at Mouldsworth, 2 were doing 53mph and 58mph and will be in court to explain why (both are local residents). All of which had travelled through Ashton Hayes to get to where the enforcement campaign was being undertaken.

The question of when the promised speed indicator device would be installed was raised and the Clerk agreed to follow this matter up.

### **181 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Mrs Alman advised the Parish Council on where the arrangements were up to with the Jubilee celebrations. Volunteers would be needed to help on the day and discussions centred on collecting equipment. The day would consist of a picnic from 12.30pm with the official opening of the track at 1pm.

Help and entertainment would be organised by the various different village organisations and societies during the day.

Following a proposed put to the Parish Council , regarding the village purchasing a Giant as part of the Midsummer watch parade, t was agreed that it did not want to as expensive and with minimum return for the resources.

**182 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussions centred on what newsletters were circulated to residents of the village and whether they could be combined.

Now that the Vicarage was for sale, the village Toddler group needed a new place to meet. The Parish Council agreed in principle to allow them to use the Parish Rooms for a small annual donation on a Thursday for one and half hours per week, term time only.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10PM

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