

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 10 September 2012 at 8.30pm.

PRESENT: Mrs Jane Colville (Chairman), Mrs Lisa Allman, Mrs Naomi Deynem and David Wilson.

39 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Garry Charnock, Mrs Pauline Tilley, Mrs Georgina Lloyd-Watts, Mr Dave Lee, and Mr Trevor Scadeng.

40 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

41 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A resident reported a Fiat Panda driving too quickly, overtaking on Church Road.

A resident raised concern about the difficulties of parking outside the supermarket in Kelsall. Clerk to email Kelsall Parish Council regarding these concerns which seem to be being picked up by the Parish Council and acted on though to date with limited success.

A resident raised an issue regarding satellite TV reception and the potential for nearby trees to obstruct this. He had yet to establish if this is the case, whether there is a technical solution that can be offered by the provider and also to discuss the matter with his neighbour. It was agreed that at this stage the resident would pursue these avenues.

Concern was raised over the fact that the flashing lights that had been promised in Church Road had not yet appeared. Clerk reported that the Borough Council had promised the installation of lights in Church Road in 2012/13 but due to funding crisis they had been put back until 2013/14. It was agreed that the Council should be approached and asked for a timescale/ deadline for installation with the point made that this issue is now being raised by the public at every single meeting. The cost of purchasing and installing these items is to be checked and reported to the PC in the meantime

42 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 16 July and 25 July 2012 were approved with the following amendment:

It was a white van that knocked the wing mirror off the local residents car rather than Fiat Panda.

43 EXPENDITURE

The following expenditure was approved for August and September 2012.

100377	Ashton hayes gardening club	planting	£900.00	£10,232.83
100378	AHSAR	FIRE EQUIPMENT	£374.96	£10,607.79
100379	AHSRA		£300.00	£10,907.79
100380	Jackson and Co	fire testings	£45.00	£10,952.79
100381	staples	stationery and ink cartwrig	£91.87	£11,044.66
100382	Andrea thwaite	August and September salary	£622.57	£11,667.23
100383	JDH BUSINESS SERVICES	Internal audit 2011/12	£330.00	£11,997.23
100384	AUTELA LTD	Invoice 3602 + 3528	£213.57	£12,210.80
100385	Ashton Hayes Primary School	Hire of Hall 16 june and Printing costs of house letter	£151.00	£12,361.80
100386	HMRC	TAX CLERK July, August, sept	£211.80	£12,573.60
100387	Andrea Thwaite	Stamps	£0.00	£12,573.60
100388	United Utilities	19 april - 19 July water	£32.73	£12,606.33
100389	Mrs jane Colville	Reimbursement of flowers and photocopying	£38.69	£12,645.02
100390	MRS G FORGRAVE	July 10.3 and august 11.30 plus expenses £112.51	£148.18	£12,793.20

44 INCOME

The following income was received during August and September 2012.

100096	Scrabble Club	4 may - 25 may	£48.00	£12,934.00
Bsc	moulton drama club	hire of hall on 22April -l 1 may	£24.00	£12,958.00
100097	Theatre Club	Hire of hall	£10.00	£12,968.00
100098	timebank	Hire of hall	£327.50	£13,295.50
100099	Ms Collins	Electricial car purchase	£7,000.00	£20,295.50

45 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT 2011/12

The Clerk presented the internal auditors report for 2011/12 and the following was recommended:

- 1 the cash book must include all cheques raised rather than just those that are cashed.
- 2 All receipts must be presented, minuted and supported by invoices
- 3 The Council should ensure that the Charity receipts and payments are accounted for correctly as required by the External Auditors.
- 4 Risk assessment should be annual, formal and the approval of the document minuted

AGREED: that

The Parish Council would implement the recommendations of the internal auditor.

The Clerk would undertake a training course provided by the Internal Auditor to resolve the ongoing issue with Charity Commission's expenditure.

45 ROSE QUEEN EXPENDITURE

AGREED: that

The Parish Council will fund a floral display for this year's Rose Queen celebrations in the Church and that Jane Colville and David Wilson would produce the display.

46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council had received the following planning applications:

Golden Lion Pub – erection of 2 new houses. It was noted that a response had been made on behalf of the Parish Council, though there was a concern that it had not been received formally. The Clerk to speak to the Planning department.

Bishopswood, West End, replacement sun lounge (Revised Plan)

Woodside Farm Brines Brow Lane Ashton Hayes Chester - Extension of time to implement planning permission 09/11070/ful for Conversion of barn buildings into two dwellings and extension of existing farmhouse [Jane agreed to look at this one]

The Parish Council received notification of a planning appeal relating to :

15 Affordable Houses, Ashton Lane.

Agreed: that

The Parish Council to ensure that all their comments to date had been forwarded to the Appeal process. No-one at the meeting were in a position to identify any additional evidence or information to set before the appeal.

The Parish Council received notification of the following planning applications that had been approved:

24 Peel Hall Lane – approval of front dormer

7 Peel Hall Lane – approval of rear and side extension

Peel Crescent – approval of the erection of 2 new dormer bungalows

Bishopswood, West End. Replacement sun lounge.

47 HIGHWAYS

Concern was raised over incidents of local tractors driving through the village leaving mud on road and pavements and not clearing it away quickly enough

MEETING SUSPENDED.

Incidents of mud on Peel Hall Lane were also reported .

MEETING RESUMED.

48 ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

MEETING SUSPENDED.

Andrew Garman updated the Parish Council on AHSRA developments . He advised that the paving and patio area have been installed along with the outdoor gym equipment. Concern was raised about the use of the equipment by young children and it was agreed to install a sign discouraging this. Naomi Deynem also referred to the fact that the gym equipment was being well used by adults who at times couldn't access it as it was being used by children [over 7 years]...Andrew Garman agreed to discuss the matter with the AHSRA Committee to see how this might be addressed.

MEETING RESUMED

49 SALE OF ELECTRIC CAR

Mrs Colville advised that an offer of £17,000 had been received for the sale of the car and that the money would be paid in instalments by the purchaser to the Parish Council. The first instalment would be £7,000 and £1,000 thereafter for a 10 month period .This money will need to be spent on items which increase the sustainability of the village and the PC will look to the Carbon Neutral Group to make recommendations about this in due course .

PROPOSED: Mrs Deynen
SECONDER: Mrs Allman
Vote: all in favour.

50 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Mrs Colville advised that a Working Group in the village is being set up , led by Garry Charnock created to review the community buildings and the first meeting will take place in October.

51 GOING CARBON NETURAL PROJECT

Concern was expressed about the state of the Going Carbon Neutral Project's Notice Board opposite the Nursery. It was reported that the Notice Boards are in a dilapidated condition and has information on it which is now well out of date.

AGRRED: That

to raise this matter with the group to see what action might be taken to improve both the safety aspect and the content

52 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Colville advised that the next meeting was scheduled for the day after the Parish Council meeting. It is now anticipated that the plan will be finalised in early 2014. Before the plan was finalised a village referendum would be required.

53 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Wilson questioned whether the village had registered its community buildings under the Localism Act. It was proposed that Kate Harrison be invited to advise the Parish Council of the latest information regarding this section of the Act at their next meeting .

Mrs Deynem advised that the owners of the house who accommodate the Cheshire Railings opposite the pub, have requested assistance from the Parish Council towards the railings much needed maintenance. The owners have now proposed that they will provide the labour but are looking to the Parish Council to bear the cost of the paint. It was agreed that this proposal should be accepted though the PC should approach the Council to see whether the costs of the materials could be met by them .

Concern has been raised over the amount of dog fouling in Andrew's Wood and it was proposed that another bin was needed on the main road on the approach into the village .The Council will be approached asking for this to happen .

Reports of overhanging hedges in Peel Hall Lane were received and it was agreed to include a general request in the next Newsletter asking residents to cut back their hedges.

It was reported that the footpath behind the Chapel was overgrown and impassable. It was also reported that the width of the footpath was narrower than 1 metre and Mrs Deynem agreed to measure and confirm this .

Mrs Allman advised the shop AGM would be held on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

54 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 8 October at 8pm