

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday 8 October 2012 at 8.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Mrs Pauline Tilley (Chairman), Mrs Jane Colville, Mrs Naomi Deynem, Mr Dave Lee, Ms Georgina Lloyd Watts, and Mr David Wilson.

ALL PRESENT: Councillor Eleanor Johnson and 3 members of the public.

CLERK: Andrea Thwaite.

55 APOLOGIES

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

56 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

57 MINUTES

AGREED: that

The minutes from the meeting held on 10 September 2012 be approved as a true record.

58 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The following comments were received from members of public:

WI Hall – concern was raised over sustainability of Ashton Hayes’s WI. Comments were raised about its low membership and the general condition of the WI Hall both now and into the future.

Mrs Jane Colville advised that the Parish Council and neighbourhood Planning Group had commenced a full review of all village meeting places. The review was in its infancy and facts and figures were currently being sought from the various village facilities owners/ managers .Once this information has been collated a meeting of all the representatives will be held and all the issues identified and options and opportunities discussed .this meeting will it is hoped be held in November or December. The concerns raised at the meeting would be fed into the review.

59 EXPENDITURE

The following expenditure was approved:

10-Oct	100391	MRS G FORGRAVE	September Salary and expenses	£100.88	£12,894.08
	100392	Mrs A Thwaite	Salary for October	£264.77	£13,158.85

	100393	Ashton Hayes Primary School	Printing costs for newsletter	£150.00	£13,308.85
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## 60 INCOME

The following income was received during October:

- Mr Bichard (standing order) Leaf Electric Car £1,000
- Chester Society for Landscape History Hire of Parish Rooms £12.00 chq
- Scrabble Club Hire of Parish Rooms August (15hrs) £60.00 chq
- Scrabble club Hire of Parish Rooms July (12hrs) £48.00 chq
- Ashton Hayes theatre Club Hire of Hall on 20 June £9.00 chq
- Cheshire West and chester Council – Hire of Parish Rooms on Election 15 November £125.00

## 61 Planning

The recent planning application for 2 new dwellings at the Golden Lion Pub had been withdrawn by the applicant.

## 62 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Clerk confirmed the speed indicator devices for Ashton Hayes were in the Borough Council's 2013/14 budget. Councillor Eleanor Johnson advised she was prepared to fund the cost of one speed indicator device this year in order to see some positive action if the Council are unable to commit to installing these devices during this year .

## 63 ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Parish Council were informed that the following had been installed at the recreation field and all were proving to be popular with local people of all ages:

- outdoor gym equipment
- CCTV cameras,
- a junior swing
- patio out from the Pavilion

The association had also purchased a marquee. Three new benches and a new wooden trail had been ordered and would be installed shortly.

## 64 ACRE DATA FOR ASHTON HAYES

Mrs Jane Colville advised that the recent ACRE's statics about older people living in this part of rural Cheshire West and hospital admittance and also low take up of flu vaccination had been worrying. Cheshire West and Chester Council had submitted a grant application to fund a new project called "Snow

Angels". If Ashton Hayes was successful in obtaining this grant Timebank seem to be the appropriate local body to administer it. The result of whether the grant application had been successful should be known on 31/10/12 and it would then require some speedy action to get the project organised in advance of the winter weather .

AGREED: that

Ashton Hayes Community Resilience Group as the initiators of this project will be overseeing it if the funding bid is successful. The Parish Council will lend their support to it as a venture .

Proposed: Georgina Lloyd-Watts

Seconder: David Wilson

Vote: all in favour

## 65 SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS CONSULTATION

Mrs Pauline Tilley and Mrs Jane Colville advised that Cheshire West and Chester Council had been consulting with all of its key stakeholders on a series of proposed changes to services for Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). The review contained proposals to develop SEN services locally rather than sending children with SEN to other specialist schools. More outreach services would be needed if this initiative was to be successful. Funding availability was clearly a key issue and this can be seen in the local school .

The Parish Council agreed that in order to educate children with SENs locally, adequate funding was required. Ms Lloyd Watts advised that the funding for increased playtime supervision was also crucial.

AGREED: that

Mrs Jane Colville to respond to the SEN consultation on behalf of the Parish Council including the comments and concerns raised.

## 66 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

### MEETING SUSPENDED

Councillor Eleanor Johnson advised that responses to the Council's Community Governance review consultation had now been received. She advised that additional questionnaires following the decisions made at this meeting would be circulated in due course. The review was considering parish boundaries and which Hamlets should come within which Parish. Additional information would be available for and following the next Gowy Community Forum scheduled for 30 October 2012.

## 67 CODE OF CONDUCT

Further the special meeting held on 25 June 2012, the Clerk advised that the Parish Council had adopted the new national code of Conduct for Parish Councils with a proviso that it would adopt Cheshire West and Chester Council when it confirmed and adopted their own . She continued by advising that CWAC had in fact now adopted a new code of Conduct so the Parish Council were now to follow suit and re-adopt the new Code of Conduct.

AGREED: that

The Parish Council adopt Cheshire West and Chester Council's new Code of Conduct

Proposer: Mrs Jane Colville

Seconder: Ms Georgina Lloyds Watts

Vote: all in favour.

## 68 LOCALISM – RIGHT TO BUY / BUILD/BID/ CHALLENGE

Discussion centred on the Localism Act 'right to bid provision' and what ,if any community assets the Parish Council or another community organisation may wish to register and how they would do this in practical terms . There are still some unclear areas about the provision and the powers it bestows on the organisation registering the space or building

AGREED: that

Jane Colville to undertake some further research on all this via 'Locality' ,an organisation set up to support local organisations with this activity and to report back to the next meeting .

## 69 RECYCLING SCHEME

The Clerk advised that concern had been raised over the practicalities of the new recycling scheme for the Parish Rooms. The Caretaker had purchased new bins and would trial the new scheme.

## 70 PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS – REVIEW

Mr David Wilson had undertaken a review of the Parish Council's Assets in line with the Internal Auditor's recommendations. The following was advised:

Fixed Assets

	<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>	<b>External Equipment</b>	<b>Furniture</b>	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
Depreciation period	No life	10 years	5 years	3 years	
	£	£	£	£	£
Grit bins		£364.00			£364

Printer				£123.75	£123.75
Notice Boards		£147.00			£147.
Parish Rooms furniture			£1,500.00		£1,500
Parish Rooms	£170,000				£170,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£170,000</b>	<b>£511.00</b>	<b>£1,500.00</b>	<b>£123.75</b>	<b>£172,134.75</b>
Annual depreciation	-	£51.10	£300.00	£41.25	
To be charged in P & L account until individual assets fully depreciated or written off					£392.35
Assets to be written off :					
				£	
Playground equipment			£4,530.00		
EV management hire system for electric car			£5,136.00		
Electric car		£19,000.00			
Sale proceeds		£17,000.00			
				£2,000	
Loss on disposal of assets to be written off in P & L account				£11,666	

\*\*In addition on balance sheet the Parish Council need to show the £10,000 debt owed by car purchaser diminished monthly as it is paid off.

Discussions centred on the value of the Parish Council's assets, the timescales/lifetimes for the values and whether the Parish Council would be exempt from tax if it sold off any of its assets.

AGREED: that

The Clerk to enquiry whether the Parish Council would be exempt from TAX if the Parish Council sold off any of its Assets.

## 71 CHESHIRE RAILINGS – CHURCH ROAD

The Clerk advised that Cheshire West and Chester Council would contribute towards the maintenance of the Cheshire Railings in Church Road. Mrs Deynem advised that the paint would costs approximately £16 per ¾ litre. An estimate for the whole job was required. Once the cost of the work and the paint was received then the Parish Council would agree how much it would contribute towards the work.

AGREED: that

The Parish Council to agree its contribution towards the maintenance costs once it was presented with all the costs and was clear what contribution the Council .

#### 72 CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

No update for the meeting was available.

#### 73 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Colville updated the Parish Council on progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan:

The Steering Group would continue to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Plan but Task Groups had now formed for the next stage of planning . these groups are focussing on the following:

- Environment
- Housing
- Business and Employment
- Facilities / Amenities and Social Welfare
- Transport and Infrastructure

#### 74 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Footpath behind the Chapel – a new fence in the field behind the Chapel had been erected and as a result had made the footpath quite narrow.

AGREED: that the Clerk to write to the Cheshire Footpath society about the issues and what action might be taken to remedy this.

#### 75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 November at 8.00 pm.