

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 November 2012 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Mr Garry Charnock (Chair), Mrs Pauline Tilley (Vice Chair), Mrs Lisa Allman, Mrs Jane Colville, Mrs N Deynem, Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts and Mr David Wilson.

ALL PRESENT: 4 members of the public.

CLERK: Andrea Thwaite.

76 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Dave Lee and Mr Trevor Scadeng.

77 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the planning application – 2 new dwellings at the Golden Lion Pub:

Mr Garry Charnock
Mrs Naomi Deynem
Mrs Lisa Allman.

Mrs Pauline Tilley declared an interest in the WI Hall as she is a member of Ashton Hayes WI.

Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts declared an interest in the Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association as she is a member of the steering group.

78 MINUTES

AGREED: that

The minutes from the meeting held on 8 October 2012 be approved as a true record.

79 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

80 EXPENDITURE

The following items of expenditure were approved:

| | | | | Chq amount | Running total of spend |
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| 12/11/2012 | 100394 | Autela Ltd | | £0.00 | £13,308.85 |
| | 100395 | Audit Commission | 2011/12 External Audit | £690.00 | £13,998.85 |
| | 100396 | United Utilities | 20 July - 19 october waster and wastewater Parish rooms | £32.39 | £14,031.24 |
| | 100397 | A Thwaite Clerk | November salary | £214.77 | £14,246.01 |
| | 100398 | Gillian Forgrave | Salary october | £104.53 | £14,350.54 |
| | 100399 | Chq cancelled | | £0.00 | £14,350.54 |
| | 100400 | AHSRA | Chq cancelled | £0.00 | £14,350.54 |
| | 100401 | AHSRA | Management of playground and car park | £300.00 | £14,650.54 |
| | 100402 | Gillian Forgrave | Election Honorarium | £50.00 | £14,700.54 |

81 INCOME

The following income was received during the month:

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| Mr Bichard | payment towards electric car | £1,000.00 |
| Cheshire society of Landscape history | Hire of hall | £20.00 |
| Ashton Hayes Theatre club | Hire of hall | £9.00 |
| Cheshire west and Chester council | hire of hall for Election 15.11.12 | £125.00 |
| Scrabble Club | Hire of hall | £60.00 |
| Scrabble Club | Hire of hall | £48.00 |
| Thursday Club | Hire of PC rooms 11 October cash | £18.00 |
| Scrabble club | Hire of PC Rooms 7 Sept - 28 Sept | £48.00 |
| Scrabble club | Hire of PC rooms 5 Oct - 26 October | £48.00 |

82 CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE 2013

AGREED: that

The Chairman's allowance for 2013 be agreed at £225.

NB: Mr Garry Charnock confirmed that he would not draw on the fund this year.

83 PLANNING

The Parish Council received the following planning applications for approval:

2 dwellings at the Golden Lion Pub

Following discussion the Parish Council agreed that it will put in an objection to the planning application for the following reasons:

- Almost all the concerns raised last time still apply and have not been addressed in this new application. Although some small cosmetic changes have been made the several personal and public safety risks identified are as before and have not been tackled. In addition as far as the proposed building was concerned the new application was for a building[s] which will be even higher by a metre than those in the last application. As a result they will be even more intrusive to neighbours and will have even greater negative visual impact as far as the village was concerned . Concerns persist in respect of the potential loss of parking space for the pub and the knock on effect on its future business potential and also for the pressure there will be on the surrounding area for parking spaces. This in turn could seriously affect the shop and its customers who would no longer be able to park so easily close to the shop.

Variation of Planning Condition re: Agricultural Traffic - Peel Hall Lane

The Chairman advised that the following planning application had been submitted but the Parish Council had not been consulted. Concern was raised regarding this application for the following reasons:

- Farm traffic has been breaching the planning condition for 7 years, despite residents and the Parish Council requesting them not to.
- Tractor drivers sometimes drive these large agricultural vehicles without due care and attention down Peel Hall Lane, often having to mount the pavement to avoid oncoming or parked cars.
- Peel Hall Lane is as a consequence frequently covered in mud.
- It has become dangerous to walk on the public footpath from Peel Hall Lane to Peel Hall Farm, especially approaching what is a blind bend as the agricultural vehicles can be driven too fast down it.
- The Parish Council is considering suggesting in its response that seeking compensation might be made to residents for what has essentially been a persistent breach of the condition.

AGREED: that

The Parish Council agreed that it would object to the above application for the above reasons.

84 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL'S DRAFT LOCAL PLAN PROPOSED POLICY DIRECTIONS

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Planning Coordinating Group had prepared a response on the proposed directions which are part of the Councils Local Plan and she had circulated them around the Parish

Council members . She summarised this response, stressing that the Council was aiming to finalise and consult on the Local Plan at around the same time as we finalise and consult on our Neighbourhood Plan.

AGREED: that

The Clerk to forward this response to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Spatial Planning Team. Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Coordinating Group involved in putting this response together were thanked for their contribution

85 HIGHWAYS

The following highway matters were raised:

The School flashing light on Church Road was out of order

House droppings reported again on the footpath between Ashton Hayes and Mouldsworth.

Concern was raised over the speed indicator that was promised by CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL for Church Road that has yet to be installed.

AGREED: that

The Clerk report the out of order Flashing light to CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

The Clerk to report the horse droppings on the footpath and request be made for a sign to be erected saying no riding horses on pavements or grass verges.

The Clerk again to chase up a response from CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL regarding the speed indicator for Church Road.

The Clerk to arrange a site meeting with a Highways Officer

86 NEW WASTE COLLECTION

The following concerns and complaints were received:

- Bins are not being emptied fully, there is often rubbish left in residents bins
- Rubbish blows out of refuse vehicles and clutters up the roads
- Rubbish is being left in the hedges/roads after the collection
- Shredded paper left in the roads
- Some residents are clearing up the roads outside their houses but the majority aren't and the village looks a mess after collection day
- Collections are late and not on the day that they are scheduled for
- Refuse boxes are broken and get smashed easily by Operatives

- Bins are left in middle of the road and can cause dangers for drivers
- Refuse trucks wont drive down West End and residents have been asked to take their bins to the end of the road, the majority of them are elderly

AGRRED: that

The clerk report the above to the Council.

87 REVIEW OF THE PARISH'S COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Mr Garry Charnock advised that a review of the parishes' community building had commenced. Discussions centred on various options for the future and the buildings.

MEETING SUSPENDED

Representatives from Ashton Hayes WI addressed the Parish Council. They advised that there currently were 20 members and whilst they would welcome new active members they didn't want people joining for the sake of it. Discussions centred on the condition of the WI Hall and its viability from a financial viewpoint and given the age of the building and some inherent problems regarding its structure and foundations etc. The WI group at an extraordinary meeting had decided to continue as they were for another 6 months and then review matters .In the meantime the facility and orgnaisation was losing money.

It was noted that this facility was part of the review of meeting halls and places in the village being led by the one of the Task groups of Neighbourhood Planning Coordinating Group at the request of the Parish Council.

MEETING RESUMED

Garry Charnock referenced some of the funding options available for new community halls and if those some of the options that may be available to Ashton Hayes including at its most basic and at the very least an effective all in one centralised booking scheme. In the New Year the Neighbourhood Planning Coordinating Group will be convening a Stakeholder Meeting at which the current situation which exists in respect of this issue will be shared. All present will be invited to consider a range of options and to share any further ones that are worth exploring in order to enhance the quality and viability for the future of meeting places in the village.

88 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION – 15 NOVEMBER

The Clerk advised that the Parish Rooms would be used for the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner Elections. The Caretaker would be on duty from 6am – 10pm and would be reimbursed an honorarium of £50 for her duties.

AGREED: that

The Parish Council agreed to pay the Caretaker £50.00 honorarium for her duties on Election Day. The Clerk to raise a cheque for the Caretaker for £50.00

89 SNOW ANGELS

Jane Colville advised the Parish Council that Cheshire West and Chester Council had received an allocation from the Government Winter Warmth funding stream. One of the projects the Council are funding from this is the proposed Ashton Hayes Snow Angels scheme. Ashworth Timebank would be the co-ordinating body with a group of volunteers registered to help. A list of residents who might benefit from the Snow Angel project would be devised in conjunction with the local GP and asking people to refer themselves too. Jane Colville thought that this was good news for the village and would enable the those who were particularly vulnerable during bad weather to manage and stay safe.

90 UPDATE FROM MID CHESHIRE FOOTPATH SOCIETY REGARDING THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN CHURCH ROAD AND DUCK LANE

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the response she had received from the Cheshire Footpath society regarding the footpath between Church Road and Duck Lane. Discussions centred on the installation of a kissing gate.

91 GOWY COMMUNITY FORUM HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2012.

No update available for the meeting

92 REVIEW BULLETIN AND WHETHER ANY OF THE PARISH'S INITIATIVES COULD BENEFIT FROM ANY OF THE FUNDS

AGREED: that

Garry Charnock to review the funds available and circulate them to appropriate organisations that could benefit from any of the funds.

93 CHESHIRE RAILINGS IN CHURCH ROAD.

The Clerk advised that the Council had agreed to contribute towards the maintenance of the Cheshire Railings in Church road. Mrs Naomi Deynem to co-ordinate an estimate for the painting/material required and report back to the Parish Council.

94 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the forthcoming key dates for the Council's Community Governance Review:

1. The next questionnaire will be out for with households Nov/Dec/Jan
2. To go to Committee February 2013
3. Final Committee March 2013
4. Full Council April 2013.

95 HOUSING ALLOCATION

AGREED: that

Mrs Jane Colville agreed that she would review the draft Housing Allocation policy on behalf of the Parish Council and respond to the Council as appropriately.

96 COUNCIL'S MEMBERS BRIEFING" SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY" AND "SMOKE-FREE PLAYAREAS

AGREED: that

Garry Charnock to review the briefings on Sustainability and Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts to review the smoke free play area.

97 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

Mr Garry Charnock advised that he would be attending a meeting in London on Saturday at the London School of Economics about options for the adoption of Ashton Hayes for 15 years. University College Chester had commenced a new Sustainability Degree on that back of Ashton Hayes' successes.

98 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Jane Colville advised that 7 Task Groups had now been established to take the plan forward to the next stage. The Task Groups would be considering issues such as: housing, the environment , transports, and facilities and amenities over the coming months. She reinforced that the production of the neighbourhood Plan would take until 2014 to complete.

The Parish Council thanked Jane Colville and the other members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Task Groups for all their hard work and contributions in producing the Neighbourhood Plan.

99 COMMUNITY SHOP

Mrs Lisa Allman advised that the Community Shop AGM was held in September 2012 and this was the fourth year of trading. The Community Shop had made a slight profit this year. The rising costs of electricity costs had impacted quite heavily on the shops profit. On 24 November the shop would hold it Christmas open morning.

100 ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

MEETING SUSPENDED

Mr Mike Powers advised the Parish Council that the recreational field was well used along with all the equipment. The income had increased during the year although more was needed to help balance the books. The annual fundraising Christmas Dance would be held on 8 December.

MEETING RESUMED.

101 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Naomi Deynem expressed concern about the number of nights that fireworks had been let off around Bonfire Night and the impact on pets and animals Whilst there was a sympathy for her view there was a strong feeling that it would be very difficult to try to control the timings of people's firework parties and displays . It was suggested that closer to the time next year there be a piece put in Around Ashton about the concerns and asking for people to be considerate of others over this .

102 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 December 2012.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm