

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 10 December 2012 at 8.00pm.

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

ALL PRESENT: Councillor Eleanor Johnson and 2 members of the public.

CLERK: Andrea Thwaite.

103 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Lisa Allman.

104 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest:

Mr Garry Charnock – Ashton Hayes Community Energy Company
Mr Dave Lee – Peel Hall Lane Planning application
Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts – Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association.

105 MINUTES

AGREED: that

The minutes from the meeting held on 12 November 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Minute ref: 97 Ashton and not London and University Chester and not college.

106 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A member of the public raised concern that the speed indicator device that Cheshire West and Chester Council had agreed to install in the village, still had not materialised and whether Ashton Hayes' device had been deferred to the detriment of another village's?

Councillor Eleanor Johnson confirmed that she was still prepared to contribute to the cost of a speed indicator should this be necessary .

AGREED: that

The Clerk to contact Highways Department to enquire about the Speed Indicator Device and arrange a site meeting to discuss this and any other highway matters.

A member of the public raised concern that the graffiti on the village hall painted by a young person in the village was still present.

AGREED: that

The Clerk to pursue this matter.

A member of the public raised concern over current flooding in Andrew's Wood.

AGREED; that

Mrs Naomi Deynem to investigate this matter and make necessary recommendations as required.

107 FINANCE

The following expenditure was approved during the meeting:

100403	HMRC	TAX FOR CLERK	£171.60	£12,122.14
100404	AUTELA LTD	Payrole	£59.97	£12,182.11
100405	Gillian Forgrave	November salary	£91.91	£12,274.02
100406	Mrs A Thwaite	December	£301.58	£12,575.60
100407	cancelled		£99.49	£12,675.09
100408	Gardening Club	Flowers	£0.00	£12,675.09

108 INCOME

The following income was received during December:

Scrabble Club	Hire of Hall 2 Nov - 30 Nov	£60.00	£22,993.50
Scrabble club	Hire of hall 7 Dec, 21 December	£36.00	£23,029.50
CSHL	Hire of Hall 20 November CASH)	£6.00	£23,035.50

109 EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR 2012/13

The Clerk presented the Parish Council with a financial statement showing expenditure and income to date for the current financial year.

AGREED: that

The financial statement be noted.

110 BUDGET 2013/14

The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2013/14 and discussions centred on contingency funds, precept, the impact that the special expenses would have on next year's budget and income generation. The Clerk confirmed that she had still not received Cheshire West and Chester Council's precept figures for 2013/14 so was unable to produce any proposed precept amounts.

AGREED: that

The Clerk to chase up 2013/14 precept figures and present them to January 2013's meeting.

111 PLANNING

The Clerk advised that the planning application to remove the condition relating to agricultural vehicles at Peel Hall Lane had been withdrawn. This followed the Council clarification that the condition itself was not relevant given the point where the agricultural vehicles in question are turning off Peel Hall Lane. It was agreed to include an explanation as to why it was had been withdrawn in the next edition of Around Ashton Hayes. The Clerk requested photographic evidence of any mud on the roads or traffic using Peel Hall Lane as this will be useful should the problems encountered this year recur .

The Chairman advised that the planning application for the Golden Lion Pub would be considered at the January 2013 Planning Committee. The Highways and Conservation Officers had made no objections to the application. Mrs Jane Colville, Mr David Wilson and the Clerk agreed to attend the Planning Committee to speak on the item on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised that the planning appeal for affordable housing in Ashton Lane was still pending. Councillor Eleanor Johnson advised that she believed that Equity Home's funding for the scheme expired in May 2013.

112 HIGHWAYS

Pot holes were reported in Duck Lane and Pentre Lane.

Local cars parked in West End were reported as an issue as on occasions they had prevented the Waste Collection vehicles from access it and collecting the waste.

Horse fouling on pavements was reported again. It was agreed to forward the email from Dog Warden Officer onto Highways Team for information and further advice.

A street light in Peel Hall Lane was reported as being out. The Clerk requested that she receive the number of any street light that was out in the future as this made reporting it easier for her.

Delamere Road – it was reported that some of the recent heavy rain had remained and frozen on the road near the Fisheries, Delamere Road. The Clerk to forward this information onto the Highways Team.

113 2013 MEETING DATES

The Parish Council approved the following meeting dates:

14 January 2013

11 February 2013
11 March 2013
8 April 2013
13 May 2013
10 June 2013
8 July 2013
9 September 2013
14 October 2013
11 November 2013
9 December 2013

114 DRAFT ASHTON HAYES HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY

Mrs Jane Colville advised that she had reviewed the housing allocation policy for the Council [CWAC] and done so on behalf of the Parish Council and summarised the main issues contained in that response. Mrs Colville has submitted the response to the Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

115 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Jane Colville advised that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing well and that the individual Task Groups were now working separately on the different task areas .

116 SNOW ANGELS

Mrs Jane Colville provided an update on the Snow Angels initiative. She advised that Ashton Hayes Snow Angels initiative was progressing well and that 30+ residents had volunteered to help. She added that some young people had also volunteered. However, referrals from resident who may benefit from the initiative and wish to register for the service have been slow to come through .

117 ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts advised that the new woodland trail at the recreational field had been installed and the association had recently won the most improved Queen Elizabeth II field award as presented by Fields in Trust. A Christmas Fundraising Ball had been held in the Village Hall and had proved successful with over 90 residents attending.

118 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a report of a development in a field outside the village which it was being suggested might be a helicopter pad. The Clerk will report this to the Planning Enforcement Team for them to make enquiries and report back.

No smoking signs for recreational field – Ms Georgina Lloyd-Watts requested that Ashton Hayes receives and install a no smoking sign[s] at the recreational field.

119 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERED URGENT

Mr Garry Charnock advised that due to his involvement with other initiatives in the village that he would be standing down from his position as Chairman of Ashton Hayes Parish Council as from January 2013. He confirmed that prior to and at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 14 January 2013 nominations for a replacement Chairman for the period of January to May 2013 would be requested.

120 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next scheduled Parish Council meeting was Monday 14 January 2013 at 8pm.

Meeting finished at 9pm.

Signed

Date