

ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Monday 8 September 2014 at 7.15pm. The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes

Chairman: Cllr. Jane Colville
Present: Averaging 20 Electors

1. APOLOGIES.

Reverend David Lamb, Matt Hover [School]

2. VILLAGE FORUM

An open invitation for all Local Clubs & Organisations to give an Update on their Activities. The following gave brief and interesting presentations. Those delivered in writing before or after the meeting are appended to this record.

Ashton Hayes Carbon Neutral Company – David Wilson
Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreational Association – Mike Powers
Ashton Hayes Community Café – Jane Colville
Ashton & Mouldsworth Community Shop – Lisa Allman
Ashton Hayes Village Hall – Peter Johnston
Ashton Hayes Scouts – Alan Reay
Ashton & District Gardening Club – Trevor Scadeng
Ashton Hayes Football & Cricket Club – Robert Lewis¹
Ashton Hayes Woman's Institute – Liz Heidenreich²
Opal Services – Jane Colville
Ashworth Timebank – Mary Jones³
Snow Angels – Jane Colville
Community Land Trust – Jane Colville
Neighbourhood Development Plan – Jane Colville

The Meeting Closed at 8.06pm.

Chairman

Dated.....

1 - Football Report

The Football Club is now into its 4th season on the new ground – we still have two teams -1st team [CDDL] aged 16-34 and the Vets [Veterans] who are over 35-55. We have one committee covering both.

The VETS team seems to fit in well with the age profile in the village – there are 10 players who live in Ashton or Mouldsworth – two each from Alvanley, Manley, Kelsall, Duddon, and a few from Frodsham or Helsby, So quite local. The Vets play–in “friendlies” not in a league. Friendlies means competitive but not for points. Vets help more with fund raising activities so important part of the club.

The 1st team –we have about 28 players at the moment – Ashton & Mouldsworth 5, other local villages 5, and 20 from Chester, Frodsham or Ellesmere Port. So a bit further afield. There are 4-5 youngsters in Ashton o’ 16 signed for Kelsall Reserves so **there is something to work on.** Loyalty to Ashton doesn’t count for much but some have concluded they are more suited to Kelsall Reserves who are in a lower division.

In the Chester Sat league there are 42 teams and only 5 from villages [ie Kelsall 2, Christleton 2 and Ashton 1]. Not so long ago there were teams from Tarvin, Barrow, Duddon, Guilden Sutton, Norley, Bunbury, Waverton etc. but these villages no longer can get teams to play in the Saturday league.

The 1st team play in a league with 9 Chester teams, and one each from Wallasey, Pensby, Bromboro, Neston and Hooton so quite a lot of travelling.

In addition to matches, there is training on a Thursday night at 6-30pm –and village youngsters join in. When the clocks go back training is on John Walkers “field of dreams” where there are lights.

Finally;

Results so far –

Vets..... played 3 – 2 drawn and 1 narrow loss to the 1st team –final practice match.

1st team.....played 7- won 2, lost 3 drawn 1.....Won 4-1 on Saturday away to

Chester Nomads in the Chester Challenge Cup. Hopefully we are on an upward trend.

Overall it’s gone quite well over the past three seasons but the main focus is to get more locals involved.

Cricket report

- No cricket this year or last. In March we put up 20 notices asking for players, in key points in Ashton and surrounding villages for cricketers and we got one reply.[this is after 2 years of measures to find players.]
- In May, we had an AGM and decided that maybe the cricket ground had served its purpose after 110 years, and maybe should be sold.
- In August, we received a land valuation by Wright Manley.
- We are having a committee meeting soon to decide the next step.
- If we do sell there will be covenants in the unlikely event of development.
- AHCC is a CASC, therefore proceeds would go to a charity
- There may be a clause to allow cricket if there was another village cricket club formed in the village within a certain period.

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2 - WI.

The WI has been going for 90 years and it was with much regret that we had to close the WI Hall earlier this year.

We have 20 members with half of the membership being over 70. One of our members joined in 1962 and 4 other members joined in the 70’s. We are run by a committee and also meet monthly; we have to have a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month mainly at the Parish Rooms. Notices are put up outside the Village Shop and the WI Hall, letting people know what is happening. All ladies are welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

This year we have had talks on Lives of Families on Narrow Boats, the House of Colour, the Clutter Fairy and Day Dream Dolls. We have also been out to the Carries Inn in July. In November Liz Weston organises an annual trip to Boundary Mill, with ladies from Tarvin usually joining us and we have a Hot Pot Supper for our AGM, also in November.

We have a darts team; a lady represents us at Scrabble and some ladies who play bowls. We also have an entry each year in the Cheshire Show where we have to demonstrate 4 crafts to a theme, this year’s theme being seasons

3 - Ash-worth Time Bank

As some of you will know, Ash-worth time bank was set up in 2002 with the help of a grant from the Countryside Agency. It was the first Time Bank to be set up in the North West with the aim of providing vital services in a rural

community. Members offer their time and skills as and when they are able to and they themselves can call on other people to help when they need it. Help is often of a practical nature, such as giving lifts, but the real value of timebanking is that it brings communities together. Timebanking is a unique form of volunteering which everyone can get involved in. Grants from many other agencies, including the Big Lottery. Have enabled the Time Bank to expand into 14 other villages and at the same time to branch out to include many other activities.

Therapy Days Social Groups Activity Groups Events PACS Etc..

Job exchanges – variety of exchanges shown in chart form

Many jobs go unrecorded simply because our volunteers are so willing to help others out that they don't actually think of it as doing a job.

New opportunities. Since April this year, we have been working with the Community Shop to provide an assisted shopping service on a weekly basis. Time Bank volunteers telephone a list of people who normally find it difficult to shop themselves. We then arrange for any shopping they require to be delivered to them the next day.

We are excited about the opportunities the new community café offers for bringing people together and will be offering lifts to members so they can meet up at the café. Members that are unable to attend other social groups have the opportunity to meet up with others at this fully accessible venue.

Grants have been received from – Lottery, Lloyds Bank & Cheshire West & Chester Council.
There are 300+ members, 150 are active.