

# MINUTES OF THE ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

## PRESENT

Cllr Jane Colville – Chairman

Cllr Barbara Craven

Cllr Lisa Allman

Cllr Naomi Deynem

Cllr Dave Lee

Cllr David Rounthwaite

Cllr Garry Charnock

Cllr David Wilson

Cllr Eleanor Johnson (CWAC)

Members of the public: 5

Clerk: Kirsty Lowe

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Davenport – Family Commitments

Cllr Richard Kinsey – Family Commitments

Cllr Trevor Scadeng - Away

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

Resolved unanimously that the minutes, as circulated, of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct and true record.

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Prior to this meeting at 7.15pm the Chairman, Councillors and Clerk had held a surgery, an opportunity for members of the public to raise any matters of concern.

The following concerns were noted:

- The footpath/pavement past the Village Hall is very slippery with compacted leaves and recent rainfall causing a slip hazard: Councillor Johnson will report this to the Council
- Seismic Surveys – Clarification was sought on information that has been published on the Parish Council website from Ineos. A sharing of information about the future process requirements was provided .

Ongoing and appropriate action will be taken in respect of the above matters

Feedback was also given on matters raised at the last meeting

- The condition of the footpath between West End and Peel Crescent has improved although it is unclear whether this was done by a resident or by the Council as a result of it being reported.
- The guttering on the property at the end of Peel Hall Crescent [9 Peel Hall Crescent] is still emptying onto the footpath and could make the footpath unsafe if it continues, Councillor Johnson will make sure this is reported to the Council.
- The clerk will approach the appropriate department at the Council to request an assessment of the need for lighting along Ashton Lane on the approach to the barrier

outside the pavilion

- Cllr Charnock and Peter Wolveridge have successfully fitted new lighting on the footpath to Mouldsworth and received positive feedback.
- The Chairperson and the clerk will collaborate to write to the Bretheren Church who are now in possession of the chapel regarding parking on the pavement.
- SID Training arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> January will need to be postponed until at least two volunteers are available to undertake training, the clerk will investigate dates.

#### 5. ACCOUNTS

Resolved unanimously that the cash book to 31<sup>st</sup> December be accepted as circulated. Cllr Rounthwaite queried whether the sum of money, £400 for the Community Land Trust had yet been received from Cllr Johnson's member's budget and the clerk reported that up until the latest bank statement it had not been received and she will follow up with Sarah Dobbins at CWAC.

#### 6. PLANNING.

The Council accepted the planning register to date.

It was noted that three new planning applications had been submitted since the last meeting and feedback had been given in respect of Unit 3 The Barns, 15/04828/FUL.

15/05033/FUL Ashton House Nursery – This will be discussed at the February meeting  
15/05083/FUL Berwyn, Ashton Lane – Cllr Craven and Cllr Wilson will visit the applicant and report back

15/05096/FUL The Cottage, Church Road – Cllr Deynem and Cllr Lee will visit the applicant and report back

An appeal has been lodged at Peel Hall Park, at the present time no action from the Parish Council is necessary.

#### 7. PRECEPT

It was resolved unanimously that the precept be held at the same rate as 2015/2016 £30.33 per eligible household, giving a total amount, inclusive of the CWAC grant, of £13737.20 for precept income for the 2016/2017 year.

#### 8. TRANSPARENCY CODE FUNDING

It was resolved unanimously that the clerk proceed with an application for funding to cover the cost of a computer and printer to meet the requirements of the transparency code implementation .

#### 9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Colville gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, a flier advertising the six week consultation is included with this edition of "Around Ashton" the Consultation period lasts until 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Cllr Colville reported that a further £1000 had been granted from an application to Locality.

#### 10. WI HALL AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Cllr Rounthwaite gave an update on progress from the last meeting and stressed that the WI site was only suitable for development as a rural exception site for affordable housing and could not be developed outside of that remit.

Cllr Johnson agreed to investigate the progress on S106 funding

The meeting was opened to allow Kate Harrison to update on the Community Land Trust progress. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January a Scoping Day will be taking place from 11.30am at the Parish Room, all welcome to attend.

Cllr Charnock reported that there will be a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Carbon Neutral initiative on 28<sup>th</sup> January and that the future of this vision will be driven to an extent by the Neighbourhood Plan and the Community Land Trust. It was also put on record that in 10 years the Carbon Neutral work has not used any Parish Council money.

**11. SEISMIC SURVEY**

Cllr Johnson updated on an investigatory visit to a site near Warrington. It was thought that the results of tests in the Ashton area would not be available until April at the earliest. A commitment was made by the Parish Council to ensure that the website contains any information received in order that local people can have access to information about the process and plans and proposals .

**12. CLERK**

It was approved unanimously that a sum of £60 be made available for the clerk to attend two training courses with CHALC

It was approved that funding would be made available for any Councillor wishing to attend the induction training (several dates available) the clerk will circulate the details.

It was approved unanimously to enrol in NEST, a government backed pension scheme prior to the staging date of October 2016 at present there is no admin fee for this provider. This will be done via the payroll company Autela who will monitor eligibility of employees.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillors were asked to submit responses to the clerk in respect of the election, these will be collated and sent back to CHALC by 18<sup>th</sup> January

The Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting takes place 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Signed:..... Dated:.....