

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

## PRESENT

Cllr Jane Colville – Chairman

Cllr Lisa Allman

Cllr Richard Kinsey

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr David Rounthwaite

Cllr Naomi Deynem

Cllr David Wilson

Members of the public: 7

Clerk: Kirsty Lowe

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Lee

Cllr David Rounthwaite

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Colville and Cllr Deynem declared personal interests in point 8 due to their involvement with the Time bank organisation.

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was noted and added in writing to the minutes that Cllr Craven had been present at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

It was thereafter RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> February be accepted as a 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:

- Neighbours to 27 Peel Hall Lane attended raising queries about the recent planning application. It was noted the Planning Enforcement Officer had visited but that neighbours had not been informed of amended plans submitted after the original application
- Speeding through the village
- Litter on Delamere Road
- Dog fouling and the use of marker aerosols

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 clerk in consultation with the Chair had emailed The Brethren a response had been received which was read out by the Chair, it was agreed that the Clerk would send a follow up response, re-emphasising safety concerns and suggesting consultation with AHSRA regarding a possible solution.

- The village pub – it had been raised that the Plunkett Foundation had funding available to allocate to local pubs. Cllr Colville has forwarded this information to CWaC in the hope it may act as a lever for action on The Golden Lion.

## 5. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED unanimously that the cash book to 29<sup>th</sup> February be accepted as circulated.

RESOLVED unanimously website costs of £136.93

RESOLVED unanimously that should the Parish Rooms second account dip below £500 then the Parish Council will transfer £1000 as per the annual budget.

## 6. PLANNING.

The Council accepted the planning register to date.

Cllr Craven reported that she had visited with Cllr Lee, Pine Cottage, reference 16/00536/FUL and that they recommend approval. It was noted that immediate neighbours support the application.

Cllr Colville and Cllr Kinsey agreed to visit new application 16/00638/FUL regarding a new cricket pavilion.

Cllr Colville had made contact with CWaC planning for an update on the Ashton House Nursery application which is temporarily on hold while external agencies make reports.

Cllr Colville reported that she and the Clerk had attended a Planning forum which was held jointly between CWaC and ChALC. It is planned that communication will be an ongoing matter.

## 7. SPEED AWARENESS AND TRAFFIC CALMING

It was reported that at a recent Gowy Ward meeting speeding was a key issue raised by a number of Parish Councils. The police were present at this meeting and PCSO Steve Edmunds will be arranging training for a group of volunteers to undertake training with a speed indicator device. This will be notified in Around Ashton and on the website.

## 8. ASH-WORTH TIMEBANK

Cllr. Craven chaired this item due to declared interests.

Ash-worth Time Bank are experiencing a difficult financial position. They are holding a community meeting later in March.

It was proposed to review how the council could support Time Bank in the April meeting with a view to having further information on sustainability of the organisation.

8.40pm – Cllr Davenport left the meeting

## 9. LOCALISM ACT

It was reported that a concern had been raised by Mr Lewis who owns land adjacent to the pavilion regarding possible provision in the Localism Act to force a sale or resist any intentions

a private owner had. It was noted that at present the Parish Council have no intention to tag the land or take any action. It was also noted that while there is no intention at present, current councillors could not give guarantees for the future.

**10. NEW HOMES BONUS**

In accordance with the letter from David Armstrong at CWaC that had been previously circulated by the Clerk it was noted that the Parish Council will no longer receive the New Homes Bonus

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

There have been 40 responses to the consultation. Cheshire Community Action are assisting with how to refine the plan and prepare it for submission to CWaC.

**12. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST / WI HALL**

It was reported that the financial cap of £1000 had been almost reached as advised by the solicitor herself.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to temporarily suspend the account and place it on hold pending further information from the WI.

**13. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Councillors were reminded of the Members Code of Conduct.

A query was raised regarding whether offers of hospitality in addition to gifts given were required to be declared – Clerk to investigate.

**14. SEISMIC SURVEYS**

There is no further information available at this time.

**15. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

The Clerk advised on the process which will follow the Cheshire West and Chester procedure. The vacancies will be advertised according to that advice.

**The Chair noted that both she and the Clerk had holiday commitments in April and asked to move the April Council meeting from 11<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April. There were no objections to this change.**

The Meeting Closed at 9.50pm

The next meeting takes place 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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