

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm.

In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

## PRESENT

Cllr Jane Colville

Cllr Lisa Allman      Cllr Barbara Craven

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr Naomi Deynem

Cllr Richard Kinsey   Cllr Dave Lee

Cllr David Wilson

Cllr Eleanor Johnson - CWAC

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: Kirsty Lowe

### 1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Jane Colville be elected as the Chairperson for the year ahead. Cllr Colville signed the declaration of acceptance of office at the meeting witnessed by two Councillors.

### 2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR PERSON FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Barbara Craven be elected as the Vice Chairperson for the year ahead.

### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr David Rounthwaite - illness

### 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None were declared.

### 5. CODE OF CONDUCT.

It was agreed to continue to adopt the CWAC Code of Conduct for Councillors for the year ahead.

### 6. COUNCIL POLICIES.

It was agreed to re-adopt the policies for Data Protection and Complaints.

It was agreed that the Clerk would research model policies for Freedom of Information and bring to a future meeting for approval.

### 7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 as a true and accurate record.

### 8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- On the subject of litter Cllr Johnson said that she had access to 'grabbers' and that Sue Fernandez at CWAC could be contacted for bags and high-vis jackets.
- Cllr Colville reported that 13 volunteers had offered support for the Community Speed watch project and 2 of these were from Ashton Hayes.

- Cllr Craven reported that she was continuing work on the Footpath survey, Cllr Deynem and Ian Dossett have offered to assist in this.
- It was reported that changes would be made to the Community Transport bus, residents using the service had been contacted by letter from CWAC and there will be some changes to timetables. Information will be available for posting to the Parish Council website.
- The village have been invited to participate in a community cricket match in celebration of The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Cllr Lee reported that he had successfully entered a team to represent Ashton Hayes.
- The issues of safety regarding horses and riders on the roads was raised. Cllr Johnson will raise the matter with Kay Parry at the Highways Department (CWAC) and ask the question about hazard signage.
- The Road Sign at the end of Duns Lane has been damaged and needs re-instating.

## 9. ACCOUNTS

The Clerk gave a summary of the end of year accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

The Cash Book for 2016-17 was accepted.

It was resolved unanimously to accept the Accounting Statements for audit.

## 10. PLANNING

Application 16/01671/CAT - Grange Cottage was discussed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would recommend approval for this application.

## 11. WI SITE AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The Chair reported that the Community Land Trust is taking shape, application forms are available around the village to become a member of the Community Land Trust for a £1 share and the working group are positive there will be support.

It was discussed that the WI have decided to put the site up for auction and not wait as requested for the conclusion of the Parish Councils discussion with CWAC regarding Section 106 funding.

Another meeting is scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May regarding the approval of section 106 funding for the site, Cllr Colville and Cllr Rounthwaite will represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

Cllr Colville explained the need to have very firm details in order to achieve the funding that may be available and proposed that the Parish Council obtain a survey of the site at the cost of £300+VAT.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to proceed with the survey of the WI site.

## 12. GOLDEN LION PUB

It was reported that advice from CWAC had been sought about the future of the village pub. It was reported that a direct, face to face approach had been made to the owner of the pub to re-open discussions.

Cllr Wilson proposed that the Parish Council act to get a survey of the pub in order to ascertain market value in preparation for future negotiations. This was seconded by Cllr Davenport RESOLVED unanimously that a sum of £600+VAT be made available for a survey.

It was agreed that Cllr Davenport and Cllr Kinsey would join Cllr Wilson on the Pub Action Group.

**13. SEISMIC SURVEYS**

It was reported that a meeting will be held at Frodsham Community Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> May by Ineos and a further update would be given at the next meeting.

**14. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

It was reported that there has been one expression of interest from an eligible individual who has been heavily involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt Ian Dossett to the Parish Council. Ian will officially take up his role as Councillor and sign the acceptance of office at the next full meeting of the Parish Council.

The Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting takes place 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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