

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30pm.
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

PRESENT

Cllr Jane Colville - Chair

Cllr Lisa Allman (joined 8.30pm)

Cllr Naomi Deynem

Cllr David Wilson

Cllr Barbara Craven

Cllr Ian Dossett

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr Richard Kinsey

Members of the public: 8

Clerk: Kirsty Lowe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D Lee – Work commitments

Cllr D Rounthwaite – Holiday

Cllr E Johnson (CWAC)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Ian Dossett signed the Acceptance of Office document and the Register of Interests paperwork witnessed by the meeting and is officially co-opted to the meeting as a Parish Councillor.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No interests were declared.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting 13th June 2016 as a true and accurate record.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- New hazard signs for horses have been placed in two key areas. The Parish Council has been contacted by a resident who suggested the signs are not located in the best place due to reduced visibility and regular tractor traffic turning. Cllrs Ian Dossett and Richard Kinsey to investigate.
- There has been a change of timetable for the community bus and the Parish Council has been contacted by CWAC regarding local parking for a bus. Cllr Colville will seek more information.
- A resident has complained that some of the hedgerow onto Church Road is overgrown and creating a problem for pedestrians. Cllr Colville will follow this up with CWAC.

6. ACCOUNTS.

- It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Cash Book to 31st June 2016.
- The clerk requested that Councillors come to the next meeting with ideas for spending priorities for the next financial year. This is to allow the budget to be formed and approved in advance of the deadline for agreeing the precept.

- The Clerk gave an update on the audit process. The Internal Audit is now complete and has been approved. The paperwork has been submitted to BDO for external audit and a period of public viewing is open. A notice has been placed on the noticeboard at the Parish Room and on the website, anyone wishing to view the accounts should contact the Clerk.

7. PLANNING.

- Ashton House Nursery have withdrawn their planning application. However, an approach from the Chairman of Mouldsworth Parish Council has been made regarding the dangerous road safety situation. It was agreed that Cllr Colville would approach the nursery regarding the ongoing road safety situation and plans they have to improve things. It was agreed to ask for advice and support from the Highways Department and the local PCSO.
- Visits will take place over the next few weeks for the following planning applications
 1. Ashton Grange [thinning out of trees]
 2. 1 Peel Hall Park
 3. Village Farm
- Planning Notifications have been received for
 1. 12 Duns Lane – Approved
 2. 48 Peel Hall Crescent - Approved

8. WI SITE AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The Chairperson updated the meeting on the preparations for the auction of the WI site, the following points were noted.

- The Parish Council were disappointed that funding had not been forthcoming sooner from Cheshire West and Chester and also that on receipt of the funding, that the WI had not accepted an offer made on behalf of the community at a price previously agreed avoiding the need for an auction.
- The legal pack had not been made available to representatives of the Parish Council or Community Land Trust 2 weeks in advance despite reassurances that they would be.
- The WI Site remains 'tagged' as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) until at least June 2019.

9. GOLDEN LION

A survey of the pub has now taken place with a market valuation to be available soon. A date for a meeting with Cheshire West and Chester has been set to discuss how they can support the Community in their aim to secure see the Pub re-open . A Business Plan is being prepared by the Pub Action Group and will be available to the Parish Council in due course.

10. SEISMIC SURVEYS

There is no new information available on Seismic Surveys in the area at this time.

Cllr Davenport left the meeting at 9.20pm

11. FOOTPATHS

It was RESOLVED unanimously to support a proposal from the Mid Cheshire Footpaths Society to erect wooden signage on the public footpath at Baker Way and Brines Bow.

12. TRAINING

The Clerk informed Councillors about available training with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Clerk to complete the CiLCA qualification. Initial costs are £250 registration fee and a £30 training session with ChALC.

13. TRANSPARENCY CODE

It was RESOLVED unanimously to spend the grant money applied from for the purposes of making the Parish Council compliant with the Transparency Code.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Parish Council would top up the grant to cover the costs of software and consumables and that a total of £1000 which includes the ring fenced grant £668.60 would be made available to comply with the code.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting takes place 12th September 2016

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