

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm.
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Colville – Chairperson
Cllr B Craven
Cllr N Deynem
Cllr I Dossett
Cllr R Kinsey
Cllr D Wilson

Clerk Kirsty Lowe
Members of the public: 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Allman – holiday
Cllr D Lee
Cllr D Rounthwaite – Family commitments
Cllr E Johnson (CWAC)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that since the last Parish Council meeting the Chairman and the Clerk had received the resignation of Cllr S Davenport. The Clerk will notify CWAC and the vacancy will be advertised for the statutory period to see if any 10 voters in the Parish Council area wish to call an election. The Clerk will update at the next meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No new interests were declared and no new dispensations were sought.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 10th October 2016.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- There was a great deal of concern at the meeting after a fatal accident on the A54 at the junction to access Ashton Hayes. The Parish Council appreciates that there will need to be full investigations into the accident by the relevant authorities. It was also agreed that the following actions would be taken:
 1. A letter would be sent to the MP Antoinette Sandbach asking her to support traffic controls at the junction, this would be copied to neighbouring MP's where the A54 enters or exits their constituencies
 2. A recommendation for residents to contact their MP would be placed in Around Ashton and on the PC Website
 3. The evidence from the Neighbourhood Plan showing long standing concerns raised about the junction would be noted in any correspondence.
 4. Cllr Colville will contact CWAC to ask for any further accident data which might be available

- Millenium Footpath – An action plan for work has been drawn up and quotes will now be obtained for fencing which will also include hedge reduction. It was noted that only one light was working on the footpath.
- A member of the public raised a question of the Speed Awareness Programme. It was hoped that Gowy ward Parish Councils would collaborate as speeding is a common issue in the villages. Cllr Colville will follow up with the police where this is up to.
- Cllr Craven raised some highways issues concerning Delamere Road, Old Lane and Grange Road, these will be passed on to the Highways Department
- Cllr Kinsey asked if there was a system of notification for fireworks events that were scheduled for times outside 5th November and 31st December in order to protect animals as much as possible.

Cllr N Deynem left the meeting at 7.55pm

5. ACCOUNTS

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation to date. The Chair signed a copy of the bank reconciliation.

The following payments were approved:

Printing of flyers for the Golden Lion public meeting £15

Purchase of a Poppy Wreath £31.50

Purchase of a scanner/printer/all in one with ink cartridges £124.98 (money for the machine from the Transparency Code Grant)

Clerk expenses £39.60

6. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

The following planning applications were discussed and comments made:

- 16/04800/FUL 2 Ivy Cottage – Cllrs Craven and Dossett will visit the applicant
- A new application for the Village Hall was noted, no information has yet been received by the clerk but this will be forwarded on when received. Cllrs Kinsey and Wilson will visit

7. GOLDEN LION

It was noted that any sensitive information would be discussed confidentially under Part 2 of the meeting.

Two meetings of the Pub working group have taken place, draft Terms of Reference have been proposed.

A meeting with Mr Miller was planned to discuss his willingness to sell the pub to the community, Mr Miller had refused to meet with anyone but Cllr H Deynem who will meet Mr Miller as a resident on the pub working group and not in his official capacity as a CWAC Councillor.

It has been established that the land in front of the Golden Lion is not included in the title deeds and it is concluded highly likely that Cheshire West and Chester own this land.

8. COUNCILLOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following Cllr responsibilities representing the Parish Council were updated:

Village Hall Representative – Cllr R Kinsey

It was noted that representation was no longer required on the Going Carbon Neutral project as this no longer existed.

AHSRA representative – Cllr J Colville

Ashton Hayes NDP Steering Group – Cllr J Colville and Cllr I Dossett

Pub working group – Cllrs L Allman, I Dossett, R Kinsey and D Wilson

PART 2

Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting due to the confidential matters to be discussed

9. STAFF HOURS AND PAY

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the pay increase for the Parish Room Caretaker. The Clerk raised the question of the caretakers contract and this will be looked into as this was not handed over to the Clerk at the time of her appointment.

It was queried whether the council should consider paying the caretaker the Local Living Wage and the Clerk will look into the impact of that.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept this 1% pay rise for the Clerk in accordance with NALC recommendations and contractual agreement, this will be backdated to April 2016.

The Clerks working hours were reviewed and it was agreed that a temporary increase to 35 hours would be made for a period of six months. This will be reviewed at the April meeting.

10 GOLDEN LION

The council discussed commercially sensitive matters relating to the Golden Lion. It was agreed to build in some funds from Parish Council reserves to the budget being put forward at the December meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

The next meeting takes place 12th December 2016

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