

# **ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr J Colville – Chairperson  
Cllr L Allman  
Cllr B Craven  
Cllr I Dossett  
Cllr R Kinsey  
Cllr D Rounthwaite (joined the meeting at 8pm)  
Cllr P Varey  
Cllr D Wilson  
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

**Clerk** Kirsty Lowe  
**Members of the public:** 3

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr N Deynem

The Chair informed the Council that since the last meeting the Clerk and Chair have received the resignation of Cllr D Lee. Cllr Colville will write to him to thank him for his work on the Parish Council. The Clerk will make arrangements for the new vacancy to be advertised.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

There were no new declarations of interest and no dispensations sought

**3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Further to the last meeting Cllr Paul Varey joined the Parish Council for his first meeting. Cllr Varey signed the acceptance of office and declaration of interests paperwork witnessed by the meeting.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.**

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

- The fencing for the woodland walk on the millennium footway needs to be progressed. Cllr Craven will get quotes for fencing. The hedging was also mentioned as the hedge height is still too high however it may be too late to have the hedge cut now as spring is approaching.
- A member of the public asked whether entries onto the Parish Council website and on Parish Council noticeboards could be dated. The Clerk will look into this.
- Some of the no entry sign lights are still out at either end of West End, Cllr Colville will follow this up with Highways and Cllr Johnson will provide the relevant contact at CWaC

- Issues with dog fouling will be raised in Around Ashton and everyone in the community is to be encouraged to let the Parish Council know if they observe persistent offenders.
- Cllr Wilson will keep the council updated on the impact of any funding changes at the local school.
- There are no updates at present about the A54 junction, the official reports must be forthcoming from emergency services and highways before the council can take action.

## 6. ACCOUNTS

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Cash Book to date.

Income

£650 Churchyard Grant payment

Payments to approve

AHSRA £600

Clerk Pay Feb £337.24

St John's PCC Payment of CWaC Grant £650

St John's PCC Parish Council Grant £500

HMRC Q4 £253

Clerk Pay March £337.04

Cllr Dosset proposed accepting the income and payments information and Cllr Craven seconded. RESOLVED unanimously

## 7. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

The Gowy ward forum will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Alvanley Village Hall and will have a planning focus.

### Equity Housing Development

- On 28<sup>th</sup> February the hedge at the front of the site was removed to allow for a survey of the site, this will be replaced.
- There have been some issues reported regarding parking and health and safety, Equity have apologised for these and have replied directly to the residents who were concerned.
- The main part of the work will take place after Easter.
- Equity will be visiting the school to talk about health and safety, dangers of a building site, careers in construction and competitions for the school children.
- Locals are encouraged to make suggestions for road names
- Further to consideration of the NDP Equity are looking at more environmentally friendly lighting for the site.

The Parish Council raised the following points.

- When will the monthly meetings begin? *The main work will start on site after Easter and after that there will be a meeting with Equity, Seddons, Parish Councillors and Cllr Johnson.*
- Can something go in Around Ashton about the need for anyone considering shared ownership/affordable rental to be registered with CWaC to be eligible to apply.

## **8. GOLDEN LION**

Discussions are ongoing. Cllrs are concerned about the ongoing deterioration of the building, there are more broken windows and concern there may not be a tenant at present.

Cllr Rounthwaite joined the meeting.

The Parish Council will write to Mr Miller expressing concern about the state of the building. A Parish Councillor reported that it looked as though there had been an attempted break in, this will be reported to the local police community officer.

A Pub Working Group workshop had taken place exploring the potential offering a community pub might make and how the business might be run.

The Parish Room Trust met prior to the Parish Council meeting and approved the drawing up of plans and an application being made to obtain planning permission. It was raised that any further decisions about the future of the Parish Room should be explored in a public meeting.

## **9. PARISH COUNCILLOR ROLES**

The Clerk had received an expression of interest from Mr Gavin Conery and gave brief biography details. Cllr Craven proposed that the Parish Council co-opt Mr Conery until the next election, it was RESOLVED unanimously. Mr Conery will be invited to join the next meeting and sign the acceptance of office and declaration of interest paperwork at that meeting.

The Chair gave an outline of how she fulfils the role and made some suggestions about other ways work could be shared out. The Chair considers that it would be healthy to have a change of Chairperson as she will have been Chair for 5 years. The appointment of Chairperson for the year ahead will be discussed at the May Annual meeting and it was suggested that all Parish Councillor roles within the Parish Council be discussed at that meeting.

## **10. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Colville reported that the defibrillator for the village has arrived. It will need to be logged with North West Ambulance and an offer of training for interested persons will go in Around Ashton.

## **11 NDP**

The NDP is in the final stages and a referendum will take place on whether it should be adopted on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The referendum period prior to the vote is for 6 weeks and full papers will be available in the Parish Room at certain times of the week. There are restrictions about how the NDP is discussed with residents if any Councillors are unsure please contact the Chair for further advice.

Postal votes will be available and the documents can also be viewed at council offices in Chester, Winsford and Ellesmere Port.

The Parish Council would like to express thanks to Cllr Dossett and Colville and the whole team who have put so much work into the process.

**PART 2**

Members of the press and public were asked to leave the meeting at this point due to the confidential nature of the discussions to be held.

**12. GOLDEN LION**

A further update was given with commercially sensitive information pertaining to the pub.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting takes place 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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