

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 10th April 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 N Deynem
Cllr I Dossett
Cllr R Kinsey
Cllr D Rounthwaite (joined the meeting at 8.10pm)
Cllr P Varey
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

Clerk Kirsty Lowe
Members of the public: 4 and one member of staff from Equity housing

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Wilson

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were no new declarations of interest and no dispensations sought

3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

This item was moved to the May agenda as Mr Conery was not present.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 13th March 2017.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Cllr Craven had begun to seek quotes for fencing and will declare an interest when the quotes are decided as a relative of hers has been asked to quote. Cllr Kinsey has experience of fencing and will look over the quotes to see that they are reasonable.
- All lights in West End are now working.
- A number of Highways issues were raised including the need for gulleys to be cleared, mud on the roads, weeds, road sweeping and broken kerb stones. Cllr Johnson will raise the matter with Highways.
- The retaining wall at the Golden Lion car park was raised, the Clerk will include this into a letter she has drafted about the generally run down state of the Golden Lion.
- Parking on pavements in Brookside was reported and it was agreed this was a police matter and could be raised with the community police at the surgery they hold regularly.
- There are continuing problems with parking related to the Ashton Hayes Nursery, it was agreed to take the following three steps:

1. Cllr Colville to contact planning again to ascertain what improvements could be made to the entrance of the Nursery without planning permission.
2. The Clerk will write to the owner of the nursery again regarding parking outside the Nursery
3. The local Police will be asked to follow up should the first two approaches not improve the situation.

6. ACCOUNTS

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

Income

£650 Churchyard Grant payment

Payments to approve

ChALC training Cllrs Craven, Colville and Varey £105

ChALC annual membership fee £287.70

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

7. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

Cllr Johnson updated that the Delamere Forest application which Ashton Hayes had submitted comments for had been refused at planning board

Equity Housing Development

Angela from Equity was at the meeting to give an update.

- Equity are still trying to organise a time to visit the local primary school
- The street naming competition has not had many entries, please could Councillors encourage people in the community to make suggestions.
- There have been 4 enquiries from people interested in lettings or shared ownership at the site when complete.
- Richard Singleton has been appointed contract manager and a site manager will soon be appointed, after that has happened regular meetings will commence between the Parish Council and Equity site staff.
- Work should begin on site on Tuesday 2nd May, it is hoped work on site will be completed by April 2018.

Cllr Rounthwaite joined the meeting at this point in discussions 8.10pm.

- A Councillor raised the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan referendum and asked how Equity would meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood plan. It was suggested that Equity should access and read the Plan so that they are able to conform to it as far as possible.

8. GOLDEN LION

The working group have been mind mapping ideas to work towards an operation model for the pub. There is a further meeting this coming Wednesday 12th April. There has been a lack of engagement with the owner on the whole. The Parish Council may need to consider in the near future what level of support can be given to the project. There is now a tree growing out of the roof at the Golden Lion, the Clerk will add this to the letter to the owner that she is writing. The Chairman advised that communication had been received very recently from a private individual who had made an offer to the owner of the Pub for the property and had wished to inform the Parish Council of this. The outcome of this private action was not known at that stage.

9. GOWY WARD FORUM AND COUNCILLOR TRAINING FEEDBACK

The following matters had been discussed at the recent Gowy Ward Forum

- Speed reduction – There had been a change in personnel with the police. Names of those willing to volunteer to join teams using the speed indicator device were again requested and a notice asking for volunteers would be posted.
- Operation Shield in a theft reduction project providing householders with DNA paste to mark items in their homes, Cheshire Police are asking Parish Councils to consider co-ordinating it in their areas.
- A planning officer had been in attendance to answer planning related questions, Cllr Colville had raised the matter of the council not always receiving notifications of applications in the Horton area. She had also queried the flue applications in Peel Hall Park and the conflicting advice being given by different sections of the Council.
- There had been a discussion about whether the Gowy ward wished to employ a Lengthsman/Village cleaner and share the costs. Councillors decided as a first step to hold a village clean up day / litter pick. Cllrs Dossett, Varey and Craven will co-ordinate the day and the Clerk will contact CWaC to request litter picking supplies. Cllr Deynem will make a list of any muddied street signs that need cleaning.

- 10.** Cllrs Craven, Colville and Varey had attended training with ChALC on roles and responsibilities, they each agreed the training had been very useful especially for new Councillors.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PLAN

- 11** Cllr Colville suggested the Annual Parish Meeting be held 12th June, ahead of the Parish Council meeting due to the volume of business at the May meeting. Cllr Colville will invite local groups to come and give an update. The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8th May beginning with the election of the Chairman for the year ahead. The Clerk and the Chair will draw up and circulate a list of roles for other Councillors to sign up to at that meeting.

NDP

- 12.** The NDP Referendum period is open and the vote will take place on 4th May 2017. 50% or more of people who vote must agree to the plan for it to be adopted by the Council [CWA].

PART 2

13. 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.

CLERK PAY

It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the annual increment of the Clerk as per contract to SCP 27.

GOLDEN LION

A further update of matters that could be commercially sensitive were given.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next meeting takes place 8th May 2017

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