

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 8th May 2017 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 Rounthwaite (joined the meeting at 8pm)

Cllr P Varey

Cllr G Conery (non voting until after item 4)

Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

Clerk Kirsty Lowe

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Cllr B Craven proposed Cllr Colville for the role of Chairperson. This was seconded by Cllr Dossett.

RESOLVED unanimously

Cllr Colville proposed Cllr I Dossett for the role of Vice-Chair this was seconded by Cllr Kinsey.

RESOLVED unanimously

Cllr N Deynem joined the meeting at 7.35pm

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Allman

Cllr D Wilson

Cllr D Rounthwaite expects to be late

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no new declarations of interest and no new dispensations sought.

4. CO-OPTION OF MR G CONERY

Mr Conery signed the acceptance of office paperwork and the Declaration of Interests form required by the members Code of Conduct for Cheshire West and Chester Council. This was witnessed by the Clerk. The Chair welcomed Mr Conery to the Parish Council. There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council the Clerk will arrange for the vacancy to be advertised for the statutory period of time and Councillors will thereafter consider a co-option.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 10th April 2017.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Cllr Craven had sourced one quote for fencing of the Woodland Walk in the Millenium Footway area. Cllr Kinsey will also seek a quote to compare costs for the fencing. It was noted that the quote was for a post and rail fence and that posts would need concreting in due to hardness of the ground. The dimensions would be sent to Cllr Kinsey by the Clerk so that he would be in a position to obtain a second quote
- A number of Highways issues had been raised since the last meeting and progress was being made with most of with those.
- It was noted that the letter box at the Golden Lion was completely overflowing with mail. This matter together with the others identified at the last meeting has been included in a letter to the owner which raises concern and a request for action to remedy the deteriorating condition and image of the building and site. The letter was sent by the Clerk by recorded delivery .To date no response has been received
- There are continuing problems with parking related to the Ashton Hayes Nursery, it was agreed at the last meeting to take the following three steps and the Chair and Clerk will action the first two before the next meeting:
 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.
- PC Boulton is holding a meeting on the 18th May at 7pm regarding speeding in the area and the setting up of a speedwatch scheme in rural parishes . A member of the Parish Council is invited to attend. Cllr Rounthwaite will attend on behalf of Ashton Hayes.
- Cllr Dossett raised the issue of the dog bin which is situated on private land heading towards Peel Hall and not on/near the public highway. This bin needs moving from the Peel Hall Park side of the bridge to the other side near to the Scout Hut. Street Scene will be contacted in respect of this.
- The litter bin which was in the layby on Delamere Road needs replacing following it having been set on fire some time ago. Street Scene will be contacted about this too

ACCOUNTS

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

The Clerk went through the Accounting statements on the Annual Return and the Chair signed the document.

Payments to approve

Autela Payroll Q4 £38.55

Website £155

Clerk April Pay £351.94

Ashton Hayes Primary School Printing Flyers for Community Clean Up £40.70

Ashton Hayes Primary School Around Ashton printing £225.50

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

Cllr Rounthwaite joined the meeting at 8pm

8. **PLANNING.**

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

Councillors discussed application 17/01210/S73 which is a variation to the planning conditions at the Equity Development site. Angela from Equity was able to provide detailed plans showing the changes which consist of replacing grass verge areas with pavement, this will keep the site looking tidier and be safer for residents walking down the road. It will also stop people using the verges for parking and areas becoming muddied in wet weather. The loss of green space will be compensated for with extra planting near to the Old Chapel. Councillors had no objection to these changes but asked that Equity provide them with information in advance of planning applications being submitted where possible in the future.

It was noted that the appeal in respect of Ashton Hall and the garage had been found in favour of the owner.

Councillors had been invited by The Brethren to a meeting to discuss plans for the Old Chapel and the WI Hall site, it had been an informative and constructive meeting. The Brethren continue to experience parking issues with the chapel and reported 2 near misses with children crossing the road, they intend to seek planning permission for change of use to residential for the chapel site. They indicated that they would sell it once planning permission was obtained.

Plans have been developed for the WI site. The proposal includes retaining the outward look of the hall as it is now but with significant internal improvements. There would also be changes to the entrance which would be on the Church side of the building and a removal of the current kitchen area. They would like to develop a car parking area which potentially could be more contentious due to greenbelt issues and conservation area status affecting the site. It has been suggested to them that such a car park if agreed could provide a much needed drop off and collection area for parents of children at the school thus reducing the high level that exists there at key school times. As yet this application has not been submitted for planning permission and a further detailed discussion will occur when this happens.

Equity Housing Development

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

- Work on site has been delayed due to Scottish Power who need to remove overhead power cables before full works on site can begin. Equity are waiting for an update from Scottish Power as to the date this will happen.
- Equity are liaising with the local Scout group and preparing to do an evening with the scouts on careers in construction.
- Angela is working with the school to organise a date to go into school to cover the street naming competition, health and safety around building sites and construction careers, possible date is 22nd May.
- A list of proposed street names was circulated. Once the school children have expressed their ideas an updated list will be sent to the Clerk and she will prepare a survey monkey question in order to rank the preferences of the Parish Council ahead of submission to CWaC.
- Equity are making a donation of £200 to the Jo Cox memorial event being arranged at the Pavilion, this event will have as its focus inclusion and community.
- There have been 7 applications to date for the shared ownership units and Equity are now undertaking viability checks on these applications and the houses

for rent are receiving some interest on the part of local people ,all of whom are having it explained that they will need to register with the Council and be on their list.

9. GOLDEN LION

The working group has met and a further workshop session will take place in the near future. The group also plan to contact Mr Miller to inform him that due to lack of engagement in the process the Parish Council and CWaC must now consider what options they have and any actions they can take.

The Chair reported that the private individual interested in the pub had also not received any feedback from Mr Miller regarding his offer.

10. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cllr Colville had circulated a list of roles held by various Parish Councillors and the following were agreed.

- Planning Matters – A new advisory sub-group consisting of Cllrs Dossett, Varey, Rounthwaite and Craven will consider new applications. The Clerk will continue to circulate new applications to the whole council for information and she and the Chairman will work on a Terms of Reference document for the planning group
- Around Ashton – Cllr Colville will continue but the newsletter will become a standing item on Parish Council agendas and contributions to the writing of pieces from other Cllrs would be appreciated
- Tarvin Educational Foundation – Cllr Wilson
- Community Energy Company – Cllr Wilson
- AHSRA – Cllr Colville and Cllr Conery
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Colville and Cllr Dossett
- Community Shop – Cllr Allman and Cllr Kinsey
- Cheque signatories – Cllr Colville and Cllr Wilson at present with Cllr Rounthwaite and Cllr Allman willing to act as signatories once the paperwork can be processed.
- Footpaths – Cllr Craven and Cllr Deynem
- Trees – Cllr Deynem and Cllr Rounthwaite
- Highways matters – Cllr Deynem and Cllr Kinsey
- Golden Lion working group – Cllrs Allman, Dossett, Kinsey and Wilson
- Speedwatch Liaison – Cllr Rounthwaite

11 NDP

The NDP Referendum took place 4th May 2017. Turnout was very good at 28.8% which is higher than some other areas. 93.5% of those who voted were in favour of adopting the plan with 16 votes against and one rejected ballot paper. The results of the referendum will now be recorded in the Neighbourhood Plan and this will be submitted to CWaC for adoption at the end of June.

12. BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Clerk had circulated information from the Boundary Commission indicating that a review would take place for Cheshire West and Chester wards. Members were concerned that the smaller rural areas must continue to have good representation from their ward member which may not happen if they were grouped with larger villages and towns. They were also concerned to preserve links that have historical associations such as Ashton Hayes and Mouldsworth and remain with other rural communities with similar features, e.g. are within the green belt. A letter will be drafted as a suggested response to the consultation and consideration will be given to how to make this

consultation more widely known so that members of the public have the option to respond as individuals.

13. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

A community clean up event will take place 20th-21st May. Roughly 20 people have volunteered so far. Some supplies have been sourced from the council and these will be delivered to the pavilion prior to the event. Cllr Conery said he would be able to source some high vis jackets for use that weekend. Cllr Johnson has some additional waste bags that she will provide to the Clerk. The Clerk will also review the risk assessment and indemnity paperwork and check the insurance details.

14. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will take place on 12th June before the next Parish Council meeting between 6pm and 8pm.

There was no further information to update under Part 2

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next meeting takes place 12th June 2017

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