

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

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr J Colville – Chairperson  
Cllr G Conery  
Cllr B Craven  
Cllr N Deynem  
Cllr R Kinsey  
Cllr P Varey  
Cllr D Wilson

**Clerk** Kirsty Lowe  
**Members of the public:** 7

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Allman (study)  
Cllr I Dossett (holiday)  
Cllr D Rounthwaite (holiday)

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

A small typing error was corrected on page 2 of the May minutes. It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A member of the public queried the power of the asset of community value registration in relation to the WI Hall and site. The Chair has received advice from the council who had sought their own legal view on this matter which stated that following the sale of the site to The Brethren the listing with the council has now lapsed as the community exercised their right to bid for the property and was not successful. If the community wished to re-list this site there would need to be a new application.
- It was reported that a beech hedge had been planted at the end of West End and onto Ashton lane where previously there are Cheshire Railings and that this will have an effect on the visibility and therefore safety for pedestrians on the corner.
- There are a number of hedges in the village that are overgrown and protruding onto footpaths. A notice will be placed in Around Ashton asking for residents to keep hedges trimmed for safety reasons.
- There have been two diversions in and outside the village recently that have not been clearly marked and where the timescale has not been known.

## 5. ACCOUNTS

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Cash Book transactions to date.  
It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the financial information for the Annual Return including bank reconciliation and significant variances, a copy is attached with these minutes..

Payments to approve

Clerk pay May £351.74

Ashton and District Gardening Club £136.80

Clerk April Pay £351.94

Ashton Hayes Primary School Around Ashton £10.90 and £185.60

AHSRA £600

Clerk expenses Jan-June £62.28

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the payments for approval.

## 6. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

Councillors discussed application **17/02411/FUL** which is an application to convert the old Methodist Chapel to residential. The Brethren who now own the building are looking to secure planning permission before selling the property and moving their main meeting place to the WI site on Church Road application **17/02412/FUL** is therefore linked. The present owners would be unlikely to undertake the work themselves but are looking to satisfy the Charity Commission in obtaining the best possible value for the property. The Brethren were present at the meeting and explained that the plans were for a two bedroom property. There would be no change to the roof line apart from the installation of roof lights. The entrance would be on the North side as it is now, there was a small garden available behind the property and the boundaries of the site would remain the same with existing laurel and hawthorn hedges being maintained. The Parish Council agreed that in principle they were supportive of the application subject to approval by Highways in relation to the car access/driveway and a full safety assessment.

The next application was for the WI Hall and site, **17/02412/FUL**.

Here it would be necessary to build a frame inside the building in order to leave the exterior as it is. There would be a new entrance on the North side and it would be necessary to take down some damaged external areas including the end kitchen. The plans intend to keep the timber frames of the windows in keeping with the building being in a conservation area. The plans included provision of a new and separate road access and a parking area at the back, part of which would be covered by tarmac and part by a mesh which allows grass to grow through. The remainder was to be left as it is .ie. a green area which would be maintained as such.

Members were concerned about this aspect of the development as the site is situated in Greenbelt and is in a conservation area, and the tarmac area in particular raised questions . Concerns were also raised about the safety of extending the layby in order to replace the car parking space now there but that would be lost though this new access and the consequent narrowing of the footpath. The council would like to request a meeting with a representative of the Highways Department to discuss these issues and as a consequence will request an extension from planning for the submission of comments.

The council discussed the appeal lodged against the planning decision lodged for Ashton House Nursery  
16/03038/FUL

APP/A0665/W/17/3172237

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no further comments or information to add at this time and felt that their comments on the original application were still valid and should be taken into account for the appeal.

#### Equity Housing Development

- Work on site has been delayed due to Scottish Power who need to remove overhead power cables before full works on site can begin. They are hoping to start on site 12<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Seddons and Equity have visited the school to cover the street naming competition, health and safety around building sites and construction careers, Cllr Colville had also attended and reported it was a very positive session. The children have been asked to design Health and Safety posters which will be displayed at the site and ten winners will be chosen to attend a party and have a photograph taken on site.
  - Equity are helping to collect bottles for the eco-greenhouse that is planned for the school site and have also provided the Headteacher with links to funding to assist with the implementation of a track around the school grounds for children to take part in a daily mile.
7. • Equity are making a donation of £200 to the Jo Cox memorial event being arranged at the Pavilion, this event [ The Big Tea Party ]will have as its focus inclusion and community.

#### **A54**

8. The council and other organisations are still awaiting the report from the police regarding the fatal accident that took place last year. Councillors believe there have been a number of other incidents at the junction since then. This item will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

#### **REVIEW OF REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY ASSESTS**

The registration of the Golden Lion public house is due for renewal in March 2018. It was RESOLVED unanimously to re-register the pub.

9. It was RESOLVED unanimously that the council would not seek to re-register the WI Hall and site at this time.

#### **GOLDEN LION**

There was no new information to report on this item. A report and update had been received to those present at the earlier Parish Meeting.

**10. NDP**

The NDP Referendum took place 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. It is hoped that the plan will be finally and formally approved and adopted following the referendum at the next Council cabinet meeting at the end of June.

**11. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

A community clean up event took place 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May. A list of issues in the village have been brought to the attention of the council. It had been a successful exercise and those taking part and some others who would have done taken part had they not had other commitments had talked about undertaking further such exercises in the future.

**12.**

**ANNUAL ADOPTION OF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS**

It was RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the CWaC Members Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders currently in place for the next year.

**13.**

**AROUND ASHTON**

The following matters were raised for inclusion in the next Around Ashton.

- Keeping hedges trimmed in the village
- Equity Update
- Report from the village meeting
- Update on adoption of the NDP
- Update on the Parish Council finance and audit procedure

There was no further information to update under Part 2

The meeting closed at 9.47pm

The next meeting takes place 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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