

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm.
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Colville – Chairperson
Cllr B Craven
Cllr G Conery
Cllr N Deynem
Cllr I Dossett
Cllr P Varey
Cllr D Wilson
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

Clerk Kirsty Lowe
Members of the public: 3

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Allman - holiday
Cllr R Kinsey – ill health
Cllr D Rounthwaite – work commitments

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

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

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Concerns were raised about the amount of Himalayan Balsam growing in various places around the village, this is a notifiable weed and it has spread considerably. Cllr Dossett will make enquires with the Environment Agency and Cheshire Wildlife Trust to see what action can be taken about this and other problematic weeds of a similar nature.
- A stile leading onto Baker Way from the vicinity of the Pavilion playing field is broken. – The Clerk will report this to the footpaths officer.
- Pavements on Willow Hayes are very slippery due to a build up of moss. Cllr Johnson will report this and request the footpath brush is used in the area.
- Litter on Delamere Road continues to be a problem near to the laybys. The Clerk has requested a replacement bin but will report the litter.

5. ACCOUNTS

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

Payments to approve

Clerk expenses £36.26

Clerk July Pay £351.94

Clerk Aug Pay £351.74

Internal Audit costs £82.50

Cheshire Community Action Membership £20

Clerk Expenses (Aug) £36.93

AHSRA £600

Around Ashton £288.50

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the payments for approval.

The Clerk reported that the internal auditors report had been received and that she had shared this with Cllr Colville over the summer. It was RESOLVED to accept the report. The Clerk hopes to report back on the external audit report and conclusion of audit at the next meeting.

6. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

The Chair brought to the attention of members that the appeal at Ashton House nursery had been upheld. In addition to this the planning application for the WI Site and hall had been referred to planning committee and had subsequently been approved.

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Colville have raised concerns about the planning committee meeting and as a result Niall Casseldon, Planning Team Manager had been invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss with members.

Cllr Dossett has designed a template for members to use when they undertake planning visits, this document maps elements of the Neighbourhood Plan against plans being put forward and the observations of members, the document was trialled on two applications over the summer and has so far received positive feedback. The formatting of the document will be looked at again to stop boxes moving as they are typed into.

Equity Housing Development

- The first site meeting between Seddons, Equity and the Parish Council has taken place. Hopefully these will take place monthly from now on.
- An update went into the latest version of Around Ashton to keep residents informed.
- The work to BT and electrical cabling to allow full access to the site is now complete. An application has been made to British Gas and the water board and it is hoped that work can be completed for both at the same time using one trench for two weeks in mid-November.
- Street names have been submitted to CWaC, as yet there has been no feedback.
- Equity considered the planning application for the Methodist Chapel next to the site but concluded they had no objections.

- 250 new bottles have been collected for the eco-greenhouse project at Ashton Hayes Primary School.

7. HIGHWAYS

There will be a case heard in the Crown Court regarding the fatality that took place in November 2016, this is expected to be heard in April 2018.

Cheshire West and Chester are considering what improvements could be made to the junction. It is important for data collection that all collisions even minor matters where the police are not involved are reported to Cheshire West and Chester.

Cllr Colville reported back on a meeting held between Cllr Johnson, Cllr Colville, the Clerk and Highways Officers Helena Crawford and Stuart Bateman.

Community Speedwatch has started well and the Speed Indicator device was used by the team in the village for two weeks recently. A lot of speeding was recorded on Church Road but there was less on Gongar Lane and Pentre Lane. There is a further date set for October.

8. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN/COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

The Parish Council have previously been keen to progress the resilience plan. Cllr Colville has been looking into community resilience kits which are available via CWaC, she will query the size of the kit to consider a possible storage location in the village. Cllr Varey and Cllr Dossett will review the work still outstanding on the community action plan and next steps.

CLLR H DEYNEM JOINED THE MEETING AT 8.20PM TO SPEAK ON THE GOLDEN LION AGENDA ITEM AS A MEMBER OF THE PUB WORKING GROUP.

9. GOLDEN LION

Cllr Colville reported that she was recently been contacted by estate agent Wright Marshall that they have been instructed by the owner of the Golden Lion that he would like to market the property for sale. Cllr Colville directed the agent to the relevant officers at Cheshire West and Chester to discuss the implications for a potential sale because the pub is listed as an asset of community value.

Cllr Deynem gave an update on the Business Plan being developed by the pub working group, the first draft of the document is 25 pages long.

10. CWAC TREE STRATEGY

Cllrs Craven and Dossett have reviewed the documents and have produced comments on behalf of the Parish Council, these had been circulated prior to the meeting for members to read. It was agreed that the comments would be forwarded to CWaC for consideration.

11. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER WARDS BOUNDARY REVIEW

The recommendations from the Boundary Commission have been received, there is now a consultation open until 6th November. Members agreed to discuss how to respond at the October meeting.

12. AROUND ASHTON

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

- Highways and reporting faults online
- Community Action Programme/Resilience Plan
- Defibrillator and BT Telephone Box

The Chair thanked members of the public for attending, Cllr Varey proposed closing the meeting to the public due to the confidential or sensitive nature of further matters to be discussed under Part 2, this was seconded by Cllr Craven. RESOLVED

PART 2

A further discussion took place about the Golden Lion with specific reference to matters which may be considered commercially sensitive at this time, full public consultation will take place in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

The next meeting takes place 9th October 2017

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