

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 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 D Rounthwaite  
Cllr P Varey  
Cllr D Wilson  
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

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

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr G Conery – family commitments  
Cllr R Kinsey – ill health

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr D Rounthwaite declared a personal interest in the A54 item as he knows people involved in three of the accidents.  
Cllrs Allman, Dossett and Wilson declared an interest in the Golden Lion item as members of the Pub Working Group.

### **3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.**

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Lights at the village hall have been noted as switched on during the day time, there is also a problem with an outside light which needs re-directing as it is disturbing residents at home. In addition to this there is a drain without a cover which may be a trip hazard. These comments will be passed onto the committee.
- There has been flooding caused by heavy rain at the entrance to the Millennium footway. Mr Wolveridge has reported this to CWaC.
- Pavements on Willow Hayes are very slippery due to a build-up of moss. Cllr Johnson has reported this and requested the footpath brush is used in the area, she will follow up with CWaC.

- Cllr Dossett has contacted Cheshire Wildlife Trust for advice regarding Himalayan Balsam and the weed is not notifiable, however they advised that the landowner had a responsibility to stop the weed spreading to other neighbouring land.

## 5. ACCOUNTS

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

### Payments to approve

Clerk Sept Pay £351.74

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the payments for approval.

The Clerk reported that the external auditors report had been received. There had been an advisory note about a tick box which had been left unticked in error by the Clerk. It was RESOLVED to accept the report. The Conclusion of Audit notice will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

## 6. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

### Equity Housing Development

- An update from Equity had been emailed out to members.
- The works are on schedule to complete March 2018
- The development has been registered with the Post Office for issue of a postal code.
- There will be traffic lights for approximately 2 weeks in November to lay utilities.
- The health and safety posters created by the children who participated in the summer competition will be displayed at the Pavilion car park, this is for safety reasons to prevent children standing in the road to view their work if it was displayed on the fencing surrounding the development.
- Equity are still considering the Neighbourhood Plan and how they can comply.
- Site meetings will take place on the first Friday of the month at 11.30 either on site or at the pavilion café.

Nial Casseldon Head of Planning will attend the next Parish Council meeting in November to discuss planning matters in the village.

## 7. HIGHWAYS

Cheshire West and Chester are looking at various schemes for the A54 junction, these are not available publicly as yet. Cllr Johnson reported that she had been informed that if traffic lights were confirmed as a possible solution, members should be aware this could increase, 'ratrunning' through the village as there would be a safer exit.

The speed reduction proposal for Dark Ark Lane was discussed, it was agreed that as Manley Parish Council were not in support of the proposal, Ashton Hayes Parish Council could not take it forward alone. It was further discussed and noted that the Parish Council remain concerned about road safety issues in this area and would like to request improved signage warning about the approach to the cross roads.

Community Speed watch has continued, 23% of vehicles were travelling above 35mph when the speed gun was deployed during a session in October. The data collected is sent to Localities department at Cheshire West and Chester and the local police to help with enforcement planning.

## **8. GOLDEN LION**

The Golden Lion is now on the market and the council has been formally notified. The Pub Working Group have circulated a draft business plan for comment from members and plan to hold a public meeting to present the Business Plan and seek comments from the public.

There was further discussion about aspects the Business Plan and the working group will take the comments from members into consideration.

The Pub Working Group have applied to the Plunkett Foundation for a grant to cover starting costs, these will include registering as a legal entity and survey costs to ascertain the value of the pub as a business.

The working group seek support of the Parish Council in three matters:

1. For support to establish a Community Benefit Society (CBS) that will be asset locked.
2. To underwrite the costs involved in registering as an independent body/separate legal entity, (this will be repaid when the Plunkett grant is paid.)
3. For support to hold a public meeting at the school to discuss the Business Plan

It was proposed by Cllr Craven and seconded by Cllr Varey to support the pub working group on all three matters including underwriting costs up to a maximum of £1500. RESOLVED unanimously.

The Chairperson wished to thank all members of the working group for the large amount of time and effort committed to this project.

Cllr Colville also raised the issue of renewing the listing as an Asset of Community Value as this is due for renewal in the near future. It was RESOLVED unanimously for the Parish Council to re-register the asset.

The Clerk raised the matter of the pub licence which the Parish Council have been paying for, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

## **9. BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Members considered the latest consultation by the Boundary Commission, looking at warding arrangements for Cheshire West and Chester. It was agreed that the Parish Council was broadly in support of the proposals for the ward but would prefer a neutral name and not the name of Manley Ward. The suggestion of Sandstone was put forward.

**10. RESILIENCE PLAN**

Cllr Colville has arranged for a kit to be based in the village and it will be installed between the phone box and the grit bin between the Golden Lion and the shop. The key code will be issued to relevant contacts in the village.

**11. AROUND ASHTON**

Items suggested for the next Around Ashton newsletter were:

- CWAC Boundary Review
- Golden Lion update
- Parish Room Review

It was raised that Gary Charnock, local resident and former Chair of the Parish Council would be moving from the area and as such additional help with Around Ashton newsletter may be required. Cllr Dossett also raised the village website.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

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