

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

## MINUTES

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

**Clerk** Kirsty Lowe  
**Members of the public: 3**  
Niall Casselden from Cheshire West and Chester Planning Department

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr L Allman – holiday  
Cllr E Johnson - holiday

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllrs Dossett and Wilson declared an interest in the Golden Lion item as members of the Pub Working Group.

Cllr Rounthwaite declared a personal interest in the A54 item as he knows people involved in three of the accidents.

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.**

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- There is litter on Delamere Road and possible domestic fly tipping, Cllr Craven has reported this to CWaC.
- There has been flooding caused by heavy rain at the entrance to the Millennium footway and near the entrance to the Ashton Hayes estate. Mr Wolveridge has reported this to CWaC but so far no action has been taken.
- Pavements on Willow Hayes have now been cleaned of the slippery moss.
- There has been mud left on the road in Church Lane, this has been reported by a number of residents but has now been cleaned.
- There is a collection of mud and water at the bottom of Old Lane, Cllr Craven has reported this to CWaC.

- Several residents and members have concern about excess water or flooding on a number of roads in the village locations include water running from West End down Peel Hall Lane and onto the main road, Kelsall Road close to the main road junction and Pentre Lane where excess water is affecting pedestrians walking to and from school. These issues will be reported to CWaC.
- Issues with street lights in the village have been reported where the lights are left switched on during the day. This is down to a fault with the control box which should be fixed in the near future.
- There has been a suggestion from the Vicar that a welcome/information pack is put together for newcomers to the village. There was general support for the idea but the details would need to be discussed.
- An overhanging tree on Gongar Lane bank has been reported. Cllr Kinsey will follow this up.
- Cllr Craven has been in touch with PC Boulton regarding dangerous parking at the West End exit and other locations around the village. Instances can be reported using the 111 number.
- The planter at the entrance to the village has been knocked by a car a needs repairing. Cllr Colville will request a quote.
- A small number of residents on Peel Crescent have been contacted regarding the culvert that runs through the gardens and possible work required. There has also been difficulties with one property showing as having a flood risk.
- The footpath between Peel Crescent and West End is slippery due to leaves and plant vegetation, this will be reported to CWaC.

## 5. ACCOUNTS

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

There is an issue with Barclays bank which has prevented the Clerk from receiving cheque books and statements in a timely fashion, the account also needs new signatories adding Cllr Colville is in contact with Barclays in an effort to resolve this.

## 6. PLANNING.

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

### Equity Housing Development

- A site meeting took place 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, no members of the Parish Council were able to attend. Work on the development is approximately 2 weeks behind in mid-April 2018.
- The street name, 'Estone Place' has been chosen, this is associated with the area in the Domesday Book. Registration for a post code has been made with the Post Office.
- Angela Garrard will be leaving Equity at the end of the month, Kristal McGivern will be taking over the project. Kristel does not work on a Monday so will be unable to attend the Parish Council meetings however she will be available after monthly site meetings.

- All utilities have been laid and there should be no further road closures/temporary traffic lights
- A resident local to the development had concerns about his drive being dug up and not fully repaired, the site manager is liaising with the resident.
- Angela will provide an emergency number for over the Christmas period and closure dates for the site

Cllr Colville thanked Angela for her input to Parish Council meetings and wished her Good Luck in her new job.

Nial Casseldon Head of Planning was in attendance at the meeting to discuss planning matters. He explained that the planning department wish to work in partnership with Parish Councils, there are over 100 Parish Councils in the area covered and they wish to look at how they can work better with Parish Councils in the age of Neighbourhood Plans.

His advice was for Parish Councils to focus on the larger and more impacting applications and to prioritise, some smaller applications may not need detailed comments.

In Cheshire West and Chester 90% of all applications are completed within the ideal timescales, 95% are approved thanks to working with applicants seeking advice in advance.

Members then asked a number of questions related to planning matters.

Cllr Colville thanked Mr Casselden for his attendance and members agreed the visit had been useful.

The application for Brookside House was discussed, Cllrs Craven and Dossett had visited and felt that the removal of the planning condition was acceptable, members agreed they had no objections.

The application at Grange Cottage for tree works was discussed, there are some concerns about the number of trees that have been taken down. Cllr Deynem had spoken to the Tree Officer Tim Williams and the Parish Council will seek advice from him on this application.

Members had no objections to the application at Bishopswood.

The appeal at 2 Ivy Cottage was discussed, while members accept that the planning application has had some changes made they still object to the conversion. Cllr Dossett will prepare some updated comments.

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Wilson reported a dangerous situation that had occurred when his wife was turning right into the village, he will report it to the police and log the incident with Highways.

Cllr Rounthwaite updated members about Community Speedwatch, during a recent session 34.5% of vehicles were driving at or above 35mph. The speedwatch data is all sent to the local police and the Highways department.

## **8. GOLDEN LION**

The recent public meeting showed support for the establishment of a Community Benefit Society and this has now been registered. The next step is further work with the Plunkett Foundation. The six month moratorium for the community to raise funds to purchase the pub runs until 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Cllr Colville has completed the application to re-register the pub as an Asset of Community Value.

**9. AROUND ASHTON**

The following items were suggested for the next edition of Around Ashton.

- School Pond
- A54 and the reporting of near misses
- The contacts for reporting Highways Issues online
- Golden Lion
- Snow Angels

**PART 2**

The Clerk had received a Freedom of Information Request from a local resident regarding the Parish Room, members agreed that Cllr Colville will provide the information to the resident when she meets him about another matter.

Expressions of interest in the Golden Lion that may be commercially sensitive were discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

The next meeting takes place 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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

