

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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr J Colville – Chairperson  
Cllr L Allman (joined the meeting at 7.40pm)  
Cllr G Conery  
Cllr B Craven  
Cllr I Dossett  
Cllr D Rounthwaite  
Cllr D Wilson

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

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Allman – holiday  
Cllr N Deynem - unwell  
Cllr R Kinsey – ill health  
Cllr P Varey – family circumstances  
Cllr E Johnson - unwell

### 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.

There were minor alterations to the minutes. Item 2, Declarations of Interest were updated to record Cllr Rounthwaite's personal interest in the A54 and item 4 on the agenda public participation regarding the tree on Gongar Lane Bank amended to say that Cllr Kinsey would follow this up. The Chairman signed the changes and it was thereafter RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The litter on Delamere Road has now been cleared away but there is still no litter bin provided there.
- Flooding continues to be an issue on the Millenium Footway near to the entrance with the Ashton Hayes estate, Cllr Colville and Mr Wolveridge are in communication with Cheshire West and Chester council to try and get action on this.

- There continue to be issues with water on the road at Old Lane where mud runs off from the fields and down to the junction with the main road. Similarly excess water is still a problem on Pentre Lane. The Clerk will report both matters again via the CWaC portal.
- Concerns were discussed about response times from certain CWaC departments and that it seems to be increasingly difficult to contact officers or get action taken. Cllr Colville will discuss this at the next Gowy Ward forum to see if other Parish Councils are having similar issues.
- There have been some improvements on parking issues Peel Crescent.
- Three sets of residents have been in touch about correspondence regarding the culvert on Peel Crescent. Individual residents seem to be making some headway with CWaC, the Environment Agency and United Utilities. The Parish Council will keep a watching brief on progress being made.

## 5. PLANNING

An application had been received for 7 Peel Hall Lane for the construction of a new porch, **17/05022/FUL**.

It was not considered to be a particularly impactful scheme and members had no objections to the application.

Members had some concerns about the application at Grange Cottage for tree works, **17/04637/CAT**

A request had been made for a visit with the tree officer Mr Tim Williams but this had yet to take place and the date for comments to be made by the Parish Council was close. The Clerk will see whether an extension to the date would be possible to allow time to discuss the plans with the tree officer.

### Equity Housing Development

- An article will be added to the next Around Ashton informing people how to apply for one of the properties.
- The completion date is currently estimated for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.
- The rental properties will be occupied first followed by the shared ownership.
- BT have been on site and there are some problems with tree roots in the boxes, there have also been issues with water in the gas supply.
- Equity will plant trees to screen the development from near neighbours once works are completed.
- The site will be closed between 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the next site meeting will take place 12<sup>th</sup> January.
- Cllr Colville will query whether the local connection criteria apply to both rental and shared ownership properties.

## 6. ACCOUNTS

The Cash Book was accepted to date.

Payments made since the last meeting or for approval were:

- BDO LLP External Audit £120
- Ashton and District Gardening Club £126.00
- Clerk Pay October £351.74
- Poppy Wreath £20

- AHSRA Event £81
- Data Protection Registration £35
- Clerk pay November £351.74
- HMRC £263.80
- Autela Payroll £40.80
- Ashton Hayes Primary School room hire £25.50
- Tree light batteries £17.58
- AHSRA Q3 grant £600
- Autela payroll Q3 £40.80
- Clerk pay December £351.74
- HMRC Q3 £263.80
- Clerk expenses £64.04
- Parish Room Trust Grant £1000

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the payments for approval.

Draft budget considerations for the 2018/19 financial year were discussed, members would like to include a budget for fencing on the millennium footway and for the trees and hedges to be cut back. A detailed draft budget will be circulated to members before the next meeting in order for the Parish Council to agree the precept at the January meeting. Cllr Dosset asked if the budget from last year could also be circulated to members again ACTION Clerk to re-circulate the relevant section of the minutes from the previous year.

Cllr Colville queried whether the council insurance would cover the work of snow angels volunteers in the winter. The policy documents do appear to include cover for volunteers but the Clerk will check the details. ACTION Clerk to follow up with the insurance company.

## 7. **HIGHWAYS**

A further accident had taken place at the A54 junction early in December involving three cars and which the police attended. The incident was also reported to the Highways department.

A black radar box had been placed near to the 30mph sign on the main road, it measures the number speed and type of vehicles going through the village. Cllr Rounthwaite has asked for a copy of the data this box records. Speed issues will also be discussed with PC Boulton at the next Gowy Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## 8. **GOLDEN LION**

A survey has been completed showing support for work being done by the pub working group. 85% of those surveyed agreed with the setting up of a community benefit society and 84% preferred a tenancy model of management.

Cllr Colville explained that the Parish Council had been paying the licensed premises licence fee for the last few years and it was now due. RESOLVED unanimously to renew the licence at a cost of £180.

## 9.

### **AROUND ASHTON**

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

- Highways update
- Equity update
- Golden Lion

- Tarvin Educational Trust
- Hedge cutting/ considerate neighbour item
- Nursery works update

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**GOWY FORUM**

The next Gowy ward forum takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> December and will be attended by Cllrs Colville, Dossett and Rounthwaite.

In addition there is a local service centre meeting being organised by the Chairman of Utkinton Parish Council to discuss plans for the area under Local Plan Part Two plans. ACTION – Clerk to agenda Local Plan Part Two for the next meeting.

**PART 2**

Cllr Colville has taken action on the Freedom of Information request.

Golden Lion valuations that may be commercially sensitive were discussed. The working group continue to seek advice from the Plunkett foundation regarding funding. Cllr Colville is submitting an application to re-register the pub as an asset of community value to Cheshire West and Chester council.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm      The next meeting takes place 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Signed:.....      Dated:.....

