

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30pm.
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

MINUTES

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

Clerk Kirsty Lowe
Members of the public: 3

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr N Deynem – health reasons, Cllr D Rounthwaite – family commitments and Cllr E Johnson (CWAC)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 12th March 2018.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- There is mud on the road at Old Lane where it joins Delamere Road, it is possible the mud is blocking the grids leading to excess surface water on the road. This will be reported to CWaC.
- There is still no replacement bin in the layby on Delamere Road. This will be reported to CWaC.
- There is a square patch of road which has previously been repaired which is starting to sink again on the 'S' bend near to the Golden Lion.
- The council have cleared away some of the earth at the entrance to the Ashton Hayes estate which was causing flooding on the Millenium Footway, this has partially improved the situation.
- A member of the public reported they could not find recent agendas and minutes on the website, the Clerk will look into this to make sure they are visible to the public.

- Cllr Colville has raised with the owner of the nursery the matters raised at the last meeting in relation to Pentre Lane and hedge planting these are all being dealt with.
- A member of the public has sent a written complaint about mud on the road and footpaths near Village Farm. An informal approach to the farmer will be made. Cllr Kinsey explained the difficulties at this time of year for farmers accessing wet and muddy fields.
- There continue to be dog walkers using a path which is not a public right of way on the land of a local farmer, the Clerk will contact the Public Rights of Way Officer to discuss.
- The steps on the bypass road at the crossing for Kelsall are still badly broken, Cllr Johnson is on holiday but will follow this up with CWaC and Cllr Colville will liaise with the Highways Officer, Helena Crawford as necessary.
- The planter on entry to the village has been damaged quotes for the repair work are needed.

5. PLANNING

Cllr Craven and Cllr Dossett will visit 36 Peel Crescent in the next week.
The council discussed recent planning applications:

Cllr Dossett has asked CWaC for pre-application planning advice regarding improvements to the windows at the Parish Room

It was noted that the Delamere Forest Application had been given permission for development having gone through the full appeals process.

Equity Housing Development

Equity are still on track to complete site works at the end of April. There were some concerns about the levels of interest in shared ownership properties. The rented properties are available online, some potential applicants have experienced difficulties applying online.

There will not be a designated show house, however, there will be an opportunity for members to view one of the properties when complete.

Community Action Programme

The Community Action Programme was discussed concerning matters arising from the NDP. Members were asked to consider the actions and priorities prior to the next meeting and email Cllr Dossett and Varey ahead of the next meeting with their comments.

6. ACCOUNTS

The Cash Book was accepted to date.

Payments made since the last meeting or for approval were:

- Website fees £138.09
- Churchyard Parish Council Grant £500
- Clerk pay March £351.74
- Ashton Hayes Primary School Around Ashton £194
- Ashton Hayes Primary School Pub letter printing £15

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the payments for approval.

The appointment of an internal auditor was discussed, it was proposed by Cllr Craven and seconded by Cllr Varey to appoint Mr C R H Wright as the internal auditor.

7. HIGHWAYS

A community speedwatch meeting is being organised with PC Boulton, Cllr Rounthwaite will represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

8. GOLDEN LION

A public meeting was held to launch the share offer from the Community Benefit Society. Documents have been sent out to every householder in the village. The pub group have applied for other sources of external funding. Cllr Colville is waiting to hear the outcome of the application to re-register the pub as an Asset of Community Value.

9. VILLAGE INITIATIVES

A member of the public attended the meeting to talk about concerns relating to internet connection which has historically been poor in parts of the village. If there was enough interest it might be possible to group together and link with a different provider to BT. There would need to be approximately 40 homes interested in order to make this a viable option but it may be possible to achieve speeds of 50mb for approximately £34 a month.

Cllr Varey will look at the information provided.

The Community Clean up will take place on 24th/25th March the Parish Council is grateful to all those volunteering their time.

The Village Welcome Brochure is to go ahead and the WI have agreed to fund the printing costs. Linda Peppin has written to village organisations asking for contributions to be supplied by the end of March.

10. AROUND ASHTON

The following items were suggested for inclusion in the next Around Ashton

- Community Clean Up Follow Up
- Equity feedback
- Broadband/Internet information
- Vacancy on the Parish Council
- Community Action Programme

PART 2

GOLDEN LION

A further update on facts and figures which may be commercially sensitive was given to members, a further meeting takes place this coming Thursday.

MILLENIUM FOOTWAY

Confidential matters regarding land ownership were discussed, these issues are presently being handled by solicitors and the Parish Council will be updated on the outcome as soon as practicable.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm The next meeting takes place 9th April 2018

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