

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

ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 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 D Rounthwaite  
Cllr P Varey  
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

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

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

Cllr I Dossett nominated Cllr Colville as Chair, this nomination was seconded by Cllr Rounthwaite.

RESOLVED unanimously

Cllr Craven proposed Cllr Dossett as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Varey.

RESOLVED unanimously.

### **2. CO-OPTED VACANCY**

It was proposed by Cllr Craven and seconded by Cllr Rounthwaite to co-opt Mr James Lutton as a Parish Councillor

RESOLVED unanimously

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Cllr R Kinsey – Work commitments

Cllr D Wilson - Holiday

### **4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Dossett 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

### **5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.**

A minor typo was corrected on the previous minutes, the Chairman signed the correction and signed and dated the minutes.

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

6.

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- The A54 layby was discussed, Cllr Varey has circulated an updated action plan and discussions around the prohibition of overnight parking are ongoing with the police and Cheshire West and Chester council. Cllr Johnson is supporting the work with funding from members budget allocation and it is hoped other ward members and parish councils might do the same.
- A broadband survey has been undertaken in the area with the aim of investigating whether there would be a suitable level of interest to attract a new service provider in the area. There have been 41 responses to date and this is enough for one of the companies interested to start feasibility work. It is hoped that speeds of 50mb might be available which is much better than some residents are able to access.
- A complaint has been received that there are not enough litter bins in the area, it was suggested that a bin be requested near to the school. Cllr Johnson will follow this up with CWaC.
- Cllr Colville has requested a quote for works needed to repair the village sign/sandstone/planter where it has been damaged by a car. The gardening club have informed Cllr Colville that they will not plant until the repairs are completed for safety reasons.
- A concerned resident has raised the impact of noise very early on a Sunday morning that may come from the new car park at the WI Hall. Cllr Colville will contact The Brethren and ask that they be aware of the impact of noise on local residents.
- A complaint had been received about a recent event held at the nursery, Cllr Colville had followed this up and obtained feedback from the owner of the nursery. It was noted that the parent entrance to the nursery had not been widened during works to install a new staff car park. The owner of the nursery had responded that he had until December 2019 to complete all aspects of the planning conditions. Members suggested that the owner may wish to consider undertaking these works sooner than then as traffic on Church Road continues to be a problem and it would demonstrate goodwill towards the village.
- A neighbour had reported concerns about a tree in the garden of a property on Duck Lane/Shay Lane which is unoccupied, the concerned resident is worried the tree could fall and damage their property. There are also issues at the same property with overgrown hedges. Cllr Colville will provide the address to the Clerk who will make enquiries as to any action which can be taken.
- There is a blocked drain outside a property on Ashton Lane, Cllr Colville to provide the address to the Clerk.
- The verges in the village need cutting, the Clerk will contact CWaC to ask when the verges will be cut.
- The court case concerning the fatal accident at the A54 junction has been concluded, there have been at least five accidents recently and now that the legal matters have been settled the Parish Council wish to engage CWaC regarding actions to make the junction safer. Cllr Colville will contact Kieron Collins at CWaC for an update and a follow up letter will be sent to MP, Antoinette Sandbach.
- A property on Duck Lane removed a hedge to provide access for development works on the site. The planning application had a condition that the hedge was to

be replaced but this has not yet happened. A letter will be sent to the residents asking when they will be replacing the hedge.

## **7. PLANNING**

The Planning Register was accepted to date.

The applicant at 11 Peel Hall Lane will be visited by Cllr Colville and Cllr Craven and comments forwarded to The Clerk.

There were no objections to the TPO application in Pentre Lane.

### Equity Housing Development

Cllr Colville has not received a recent update from Equity. The Parish Council wishes to receive information about the allocation of the properties and the number of people with a local connection moving into properties at the site. Issues have already been raised about parking and parking when moving in has caused some difficulties with a large removal van parked on the main road. The footpath to the side of the development between the site and the old chapel looks quite overgrown and it was the understanding of the Parish Council that this would be fully re-instated. There are also concerns about the lighting which does not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **8. ACCOUNTS**

Payments made since the last meeting or for approval were:

- Clerk pay £351.94
- Chris Parry joinery for works to install a fire door at the Parish Room £425
- Clerk expenses £43.29

It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the payments for approval.

## **9. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Rounthwaite had circulated information to members in advance regarding the community speed watch programme. The speed indicator device (SID) will be in the village week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The primary school are working on a parking charter where children and parents sign up for responsible parking.

## **10. GDPR**

The Clerk had circulated the GDPR toolkit from ChALC. The Clerk is pulling together a data audit on the types of information for discussion at the next meeting and is working together with other local clerks to consider the implications for smaller parish councils in ensuring compliance with the new legislation.

## **11. GOLDEN LION**

Cllr Dossett reported that the share offer is still open for people to sign up. The working group would also like to ask the Parish Council to consider how they may be able to support the Community Benefit Society.

**12. AROUND ASHTON**

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

- Broadband project
- New neighbours with a request for people to inform the shop if they have new neighbours.
- A54 layby
- Summary of the village meeting
- Analysis of volunteers information
- Community speed watch

**PART 2**

**GOLDEN LION**

A further update on facts and figures which may be commercially sensitive in relation to financial information and next steps was given to members.

The meeting closed at 10pm

The next meeting takes place 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

