

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm.
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Colville – Chairperson
Cllr B Craven (Joined at 7.55pm)
Cllr N Deynem
Cllr I Dossett
Cllr R Kinsey
Cllr J Lutton
Cllr D Rounthwaite
Cllr P Varey
Cllr D Wilson
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

Clerk Kirsty Lowe
Members of the public: 1
PCSO Hayes in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

The draft minutes circulated to members were updated to include the attendance of Cllr J Lutton as present at the July meeting. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 9th July 2018.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- PCSO Hayes gave an update on police issues, there have been reports of theft of lead on buildings, residents are asked to be vigilant. Work has continued on traffic management and the Tru Cam has been deployed locally for speed enforcement. Members raised with PCSO Hayes the difficulties with parking in some areas of the village where it is creating a danger at junctions. PCSO Hayes will keep this under review.

- A member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting had raised the issue of lighting being left on in the village 24 hours a day and in addition to this the spotlight at the Village Hall, this will be looked into again.
- There is an ongoing issue with walkers using pathways that are not official footpaths/Rights of Way this can cause difficulties for farmers and landowners and there are concerns about insurances and liabilities. The Parish Council will look to produce a map of all footpaths in the village and publish it on noticeboards and the website.
- The next community clean up exercise will be held 27th-28th October. Cllr Varey will draft a piece for Around Ashton inviting people to participate.
- The Clerk had received correspondence from Salvation Army who are looking to place a clothes bin in the area. The Parish Council did not wish to pursue this but the details will be passed on to parties who might be interested.

PLANNING

5.

The planning register was accepted to date.

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Equity update

The official opening of the Equity development will take place Friday 14th September. There will be a lunch at the Pavilion afterwards. Equity representatives will also make a visit to the school to see the eco greenhouse.

A native hedge planted at the front of the development on the first corner as you enter the development has been removed. It may have been replaced with Portugese Laurel which is not in keeping with the plans. Cllr Colville will ask Equity for further information. Concerns were also expressed about the lighting and the public footpath between the development and the Old Methodist Chapel.

6. ACCOUNTS

The Cash Book was approved to date.

Ongoing difficulties with Barclays bank were discussed again. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a formal letter of complaint on behalf of the Parish Council with a clear indication that the matter would be raised to the Financial Ombudsman and the Information Commissioners Office if there is not immediate action. Cllr Colville and Wilson will review and sign the letter before it is sent.

The following payments were approved:

Ashton Hayes Primary School Invoices 33, 34 and 35 £338.60

HMRC £263.80

AHSRA Quarterly charge £600.00

Clerk pay August £351.74

Clerk pay September £351.74

Clerk expenses £33.70

7. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Rounthwaite reported that further speed enforcement work would take place in October.

Works to improve the A54 layby have made good progress but have slowed over the summer, an update has been requested from Stuart Bateman (CWAC.) Tree works will begin week commencing 17th September. Members are pleased with the works that have taken place so far including broken signage, removal of the broken grit bin and groundworks.

Members continue to be concerned about the status of the A54 junction particularly following reports of a further accident in the last week. Cllr Johnson will make enquiries as to where the report is up to in the hope that changes can be made as soon as possible to make the junction safer.

Cheshire West and Chester have received the agreement for the placement of a Resilience Box in the village. Peter Bulmer is the officer responsible.

8. WILDFLOWER AND BULB DIVERSITY PLAN

Cllr Dossett and Cllr Craven have considered areas where this might be appropriate in the village. Cllr Dossett's understanding following the Gowy Forum meeting was that funding would be available. There are options to involve volunteers and to get the school involved in planting bulbs. The project will be discussed again at the next meeting.

9. WW1 COMEMORATION

The Church intend to hold a series of events and activities to mark the centenary anniversary of World War 1. The church has asked whether the Parish Council might be willing to make a donation towards costs associated with these community projects. Cllr Varey proposed the sum of up to £200 be approved subject to receipts being provided to the Clerk, this was seconded by Cllr Dossett. RESOLVED unanimously

10. GOLDEN LION

Work continues with Cheshire West and Chester on the future of the pub.

11. AROUND ASHTON

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

- Biodiversity project
- Broadband update
- Millennium footpath
- Equity opening event
- A54 layby
- A54 junction
- Village Brochure
- Community Clean Up
- Footpaths
- Dutch Girls / Ashton Hayes estate records

PART 2

It was resolved to close the meeting to members of the public due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed in the Part 2 section of the meeting.

12. GOLDEN LION

A further update was given related to items that are commercially sensitive.

Cllrs Colville, Deynem, Dossett and Varey declared an interest in item 13 and left the meeting.

Following the departure of Cllr Colville It was RESOLVED unanimously to ask Cllr Johnson to take the Chair for the complaint item to be discussed.

13. COMPLAINT

A complaint had been received by the Parish Council during the summer recess from a local resident. The complaint related to the comments that had been submitted to Cheshire West and Chester about a planning application earlier in the year.

The complaint was heard by remaining members who had not been connected with any aspects of the complaint. It was agreed that an investigation would be carried out and that the Clerk would write to the applicant in the meantime advising that the investigation was taking place. Once the investigation is concluded the Clerk will write again will full details of the findings.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm The next meeting takes place 8th October 2018

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

