

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

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm.  
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr J Colville – Chairperson  
Cllr B Craven  
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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Deynem.

**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 had been circulated to members. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Car parking on the corner of Peel Crescent and Gongar Lane is still problematic this will be reported to the PCSO.
- Cllr Colville has arranged for the damaged planter at the entrance to the village to be repaired, this should be completed by Christmas.
- Dog waste bins near to the Scout Hut and at the edge of the playing field are overflowing. Cllr Johnson will report this.
- Cllr Varey reported a damaged stile and will follow this up with the footpaths officer.

- Cllr Wilson reported that the school have launched a new parking charter to try and improve safety on Church Road. There is an issue with children crossing Church Court cul-de-sac, Cllr Johnson will follow up with Highways and query whether the road is adopted.
- Cllr Kinsey reported large wagons cutting through village lanes to access the Gowy Landfill site, he will try and investigate the matter further.
- Ian from Plus Bus attended the meeting to explain the service that can be offered to residents in the village who qualify for access to community transport. The service offers door to door transport seven days a week at a cost of £5 per journey return. The vehicles are fully accessible and have trained drivers who all have enhanced DBS checks. Leaflets were provided to be displayed at the shop, Parish room and Pavilion café.
- An incident at the Parish Room had been reported which had taken place while the Friday scrabble club were meeting involving youth nuisance and anti-social behaviour, the police were called following the incident and the Clerk has also informed the police and the matter will be followed up by them. There have been other reports of anti-social behaviour on Peel Crescent and vandalism at the playing field, this will all be passed onto the police. Should any resident witness or experience an incident while it is actually taking place they are advised to call 999.

## 5. **PLANNING**

The planning register was accepted to date.

There have been no new applications since the last meeting.

There has been no progress made in respect of the Dunham Barn application . It remains unclear whether it will be called in or not at this point . Councillor Johnson is in communication with the planning officer.

### Equity update

There is an outstanding query about Equity's responsibilities to restore the footpath between the development and the old Methodist Chapel and hedging at the front of the development but no update had as yet been provided.

## 6. **ACCOUNTS**

The Cash Book was approved to date.

The following payments were approved:

Clerk expenses £47.48

Remembrance Poppy Cross £20.00

Clerk pay November £351.74

Gardening Club £113.36

Cllr Colville Community Clean Up expenses – repeat cheque (previously approved May 18) £33.98

## 7. **HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Rounthwaite reported that the SID has been outside the school. It will also be on Duck Lane and Gongar Lane in the coming days. Cllr Rounthwaite will contact Dave Reeves at CWaC to enquire about the 20mph speed limits being rolled out across the borough near schools and densely populated residential areas.

Members discussed a proposal to reduce the speed limit on Gongar Lane to 40mph. The cost of this would be shared with Mouldsworth Parish Council. The Parish Council would like an assessment of a lower speed limit but will support the proposals based on the proposal made by Cheshire Police as a first step to making the road safer. RESOLVED unanimously to support the proposal and fund a portion of the speed limit reduction.

Quotes for works to the A54 layby are being sourced and an application for funding from Cllr Johnson's member's budget has been submitted. This is instead of it being used to fund the planned improvement to the millennium footpath .

Cllr Johnson confirmed that she had been informed that the A54 junction met the criteria for the installation of traffic lights. This will not take place in the current financial year as the monies will need to be raised to fund the project. Small improvement steps will be put in place in the meantime to make the stretch of road safer including extending the 50mph section and physical islands to cross the road to the bus stop.

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### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

The Resilience Box has been installed and a list of contents will be sent to members for information.

A community booking and viewing system was discussed for meeting spaces in the village to see at a glance which spaces are available and bookable. The next stage is a meeting for those meeting facilities interested in using this with Linda Peppin.

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### **WILDFLOWER AND BULB DIVERSITY PLAN**

It was RESOLVED unanimously to order two sacks of daffodil bulbs at a cost of £30 per sack. Cllr Dossett will order the bulbs and ask for the invoice to be forwarded for the Clerk's attention.

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### **GOLDEN LION**

It was RESOLVED unanimously to give a grant of £500 to the Community Hub Group working in the business plan for the pub..

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### **AROUND ASHTON**

There had been a very good response to the front page story about the Ashton Hayes estate. It was suggested that a column or piece about the village and history of the area be included in each issue.

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

- Plus Bus
- Reporting of issues to CWaC
- A54 junction
- A54 Layby update
- Community Clean Up
- CWaC Dog controls order
- Bulbs
- Resilience box

The next issue will be December time.

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.

**GOLDEN LION**

There were no new confidential updates concerning the Golden Lion

**CLERK RESIGNATION**

The Chairman has received the Clerk's resignation due to her relocation. Plans will be put in place for a replacement Clerk as soon as possible. The Clerk will leave the council on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

**COMPLAINT**

Cllrs Colville, Varey and Dossett declared an interest and left the meeting. There had been further correspondence concerning a complaint last discussed at the September meeting. Members agreed an outline response. The Clerk will draft a response in writing and circulate to those present for approval.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm      The next meeting takes place 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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

