

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 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 N Deynem  
Cllr E Johnson (CWaC)

**Clerk** Kirsty Lowe/Trudy Ryall-Harvey  
**Members of the public:** 2

**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.

Cllr Johnson declared an interest in the item titled “Clerk updates” as a family member is involved.

**3.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.**

The draft minutes had been circulated to members and account taken of comments made. It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**4.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Car parking on the corner of Peel Crescent / Gongar Lane had improved but parking at both ends of West End and especially the West End/Peel Hall Lane site is still problematic this will be reported to the PCSO.  
A polite notice could be put outside the Parish Rooms to remind people using them to park courteously when visiting.
- Cllr Colville confirmed the damaged planter had been repaired. The builder who repaired it had observed that it would be possible to place a sign on the back of the planter if this was wanted. Likewise coping stones could be secured onto the top stones to protect it in the future and enhance it.

- Cllr Colville confirmed that the lights had now been turned back on down Church Road.
- Dog waste bins have now been cleared near to the Scout Hut and at the edge of the playing field.
- Cllr Colville reported that she had no reply following the request to see if Church Road is adopted. Cllr Johnson suggested that Karl Farrow be contacted with regards to this.
- Cllr Varey reported that the stile had been repaired however materials had been left and this could be a trip hazard. The rubbish from the repair needs to be removed. Cllr Varey undertook to follow this up.
- Cllr Kinsey reported that the amount of large wagons cutting through village lanes to access the Gowy Landfill site has significantly reduced and felt the matter had now been resolved.
- It was reported that there was a large amount of water coming down the A54 Kelsall Hill dual carriageway due to the recent bad weather conditions and that there had been three or four accidents in 1 day. Cllr Colville undertook to follow-up on this with the Highways. Cllr Varey also raised drainage problems at Gongar Lane which he will report and Cllr Craven mentioned there was also issues along Delamere road.
- Cllr Varey reported that the mud on the pavements and road outside the barn conversions at Village Farm was a hazard to the public. Cllr Johnson undertook to follow-up with Dave Jones.
- Cllr Colville reported upon a recent incident when a man walking along Church Road, between Pub and Gongar Lane and a Tesco delivery can going at some speed clipped his arm. The Council agreed that there was a connection to the concerns generally about speeding through the village and speed limits.
- Cllr Rounthwaite reported that Broomheath Plantation has offered a free Christmas Tree if the Parish Council write in June to request one. Cllr Rounthwaite undertook to do this in June.

## **PLANNING**

5. The planning register was accepted to date.

There have been two new applications since the last meeting.

18/03548/FUL Dunham Barns - Cllr Johnson updated the council upon this application, indicating that a decision could be made before Christmas.

18/04303/FUL 11 Old Hall Court – Cllr Dossett undertook to provide clerk with comments for submission.

18/04402/FUL Portersdale – Cllr Dossett undertook to do a site visit.

APP/A0665/W/18/3213849 2 Ivy Cottage – Councillors felt that their comments still stood for the original application.

### 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 by Cllr Dossett and seconded by Cllr Varey

The following payments were approved:

Clerk expenses £32.50

Remembrance Poppy Cross £20.00

Clerk pay December £351.74  
HMRC for quarter 3 £511.50  
Payroll for quarter 3 £51.84  
AHSRA £600.00  
Church Yard Grant £500.00 – paid early due to Clerk leaving  
Information Commissioners Office – for Data Protection Registration £40.00  
Matt Kilgallon for repair to the Planter - £250.00  
Parish Rooms Repairs – Electrical and lighting £1476.00

Clerk submitted expected costs for 2018/2019 to the parish council for consideration in next month's precept discussions.

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Rounthwaite updated the meeting on the Speedwatch. He felt that it was critical for the safety of the school children that a two way speed camera was installed outside the school gates. In addition Cllr Rounthwaite proposed a reduction in the speed limit on Duck Lane, Pentre Lane and Gongar Lane to 20mph. The parish council undertook to support Cllr Rounthwaite in his request for this but recognised that the Council (CWaC) will need a great deal of convincing and evidence before approving this. Cllr Rounthwaite undertook to draft and distribute to all councillors for their comments a paper putting forward the council's case.

Cllr Varey updated the meeting on the work that has been carried out to the A54 Layby. Additionally it was reported that there have been complaints raised by the local residents regarding Polish lorries using the layby as an overnight stop and there being further antisocial behaviour on the site. Cllr Johnson suggested that the PSCO be contacted with regards to this. Cllr Colville reported that Ashton Parish Council and Kelsall Parish Council have contributed £350 each towards the work that has been carried out (the clerk has raised an invoice to Kelsall and is awaiting payment), Cllr Johnson has contributed £500 from her members allowance.

Cllr Johnson confirmed that she believed that work would start on the island and extending the 50mph speed restrictions on the A54 junction in 2019. The installation of traffic lights may take longer. Cllr Johnson reported that she had contacted the local MP with regards to this issues and encouraged the Parish Council to also do this. Cllr Colville undertook to write on the Parish Council's behalf.

## **8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Cllr Dossett updated the meeting on the planting of bulbs in Brookside, Peel Crescent, and opposite the War Memorial. Cllr Dossett thanked the councillors and members of the public that had come out to help with this. He requested that for next year an additional 5 bags of bulbs be bought.

Cllr Johnson reported that there was 9 people attending from Ashton Hayes Parish the Gowy Ward Award Evening on 14th December.

Millennium path scheme – this has been put on temporary hold until the ownership of this path had been resolved. Cllr Dossett suggested contacting the CWAC with regards to this matter.

## **9.**

### **GOLDEN LION**

No update was received with regards to this matter in Part 1 of the meeting.

## **10. CLERK UPDATES**

Cllr Colville updated the meeting with the proposal to appoint a temporary clerk following the departure of the current clerk on 31st December 2018. Cllr Colville proposed and Cllr Dossett seconded and it was unanimously agreed to this proposal. Cllr Colville also suggested that the temporary clerk start from 10th December 2018 to allow a handover period. A meeting between current clerk, temporary clerk, Cllr Colville and Cllr Dossett was proposed subject to agreeable dates.

## **11. REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITY PROPOSAL**

Cllr Colville reported on information that had recently been found with regards to a Returning Soldier's Event that took place on 31st December 1919. She asked if parish council would be interested in holding a repeat event in 2019. Cllr Craven undertook to get more information about the 1919 event.

## **12 AROUND ASHTON**

The following items were suggested for inclusion in the next Around Ashton due for publishing 21st December

- Plus Bus
- Reporting of issues to CWaC
- A54 junction – Cllr Johnson
- A54 Layby update – Cllr Varey
- Community Clean Up – Cllr Varey
- CWaC Dog controls order
- Bulbs – Cllr Dossett
- Resilience box – Cllr Colville
- Vandalism – Cllr Colville
- Snow Angels
- Community Speeding – Cllr Rounthwaite
- Volunteer sought for update of Parish website
- Fireworks for New Years Eve & consideration of pets
- Remembrance activity – Cllr Craven
- Boundary changes for Gowy & the new Sandstone Ward – Cllr Colville
- PCSO – Contact details
- Update on Parish Rooms Improvements
- Parish Council Elections on 2nd May

The PCSO joined the meeting and councillors went through all the concerns they had raised with regards to speeding, badly parked vehicles and any other issues that were raised earlier in the meeting. PCSO undertook to keep monitoring.

The PCSO left the meeting.

## **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.

## **GOLDEN LION**

Cllr Wilson reported that a letter has been drafted which is part of the request to the Council for the compulsory purchase of the Golden Lion. He reported upon a request by the CBS for the Parish Council to seek a Publics Works Board Loan to enable the compulsory purchase. Councillors felt that much more information needed to be sought and a presentation from the CBS be given to the parish council before they could consider this further.

**COMPLAINT**

Cllrs Colville, Varey, Deynem and Dossett declared an interest and left the meeting. The Clerk had drafted a response in writing and circulated it to those present for approval. It was agreed that this response could be sent to the complainant.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm      The next meeting takes place 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Signed:.....      Dated:.....