

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.30pm.
In The Parish Room, West End, Ashton Hayes.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Colville – Chairperson
Cllr B Craven
Cllr P Varey
Cllr R Kinsey
Clerk: Trudy Ryall-Harvey
Members of the public: 3

Cllr I Dossett
Cllr J Lutton
Cllr D Wilson
Cllr N Deynam

APOLOGIES

Cllr D Rounthwaite – Holiday
Cllr E Johnson – CwaC – Work commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED 19/019 – the Chairman signed the minutes as agreed and corrected at the meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting held on 11th February, 2019.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Church Road –

- a) Muddy pavements were reported on Church Road, in particularly where the new field entrance has been cut.
- b) Additionally, the gully and drains were particularly bad on this road, this has been reported the highways and they had been out, but cleared the wrong gullies. It was confirmed that the school along with residents had already reported this.
- c) Hedges – either side of Church road the hedges are now over-grown and unsightly. Some close to the school are in danger of obstructing the footpath in places. It was suggested that a message should be included in Around Ashton to ask all residents to be considerate and keep their hedges trimmed.

Gongar Lane –

- a) The additional work to the drain on the opposite side of the road to the cottages at the entrance to Peel Hall had still not been carried out, although CWaC have confirmed it is on the list of jobs to be done. CWaC have been asked to ensure that the area surrounding the drain is cleared of all the mud/debris to prevent it washing straight back into the drain once the work is complete.
- b) Fly tipping off Gongar Lane in the field at the top of the hill on the right coming out of the village - this has been reported by Cllr Colville.

Delamere Road – drain opposite the fish farm is blocked - Cllr Craven undertook to report.

Kelsall Road –

- a) there was a cone covering drain as drain cover had been broken, the cone has now been removed leaving this dangerous open drain – Cllr Colville to report.
- b) It was reported that a flyer had been received by residents on Kelsall Road with regards to a week-long road closure proposed by United Utilities. Residents were given no notice of this road closure so a complaint was put in and the road closure seem to have been delayed.

Ashton Lane –

- a) Lay-by - It was reported that the unofficial layby on Ashton Lane had been filled with soil. A query was raised about whether this had been carried out by CWaC and what the intention was. Cllr Colville undertook to speak to Mr and Mrs Farrall to see if they had been informed of any working being carried out.
- b) Parking in-front of Planter/Village sign. It was reported that residents continued to park in-front of the planter/village sign which was felt inconsiderate as the sign was obstructed. Cllr Dossett undertook to speak to residents.

White Gate Lane – It was reported that there was a considerable amount of dog fouling along the White Gate Lane which made it difficult to use. Cllr Lutton undertook to report it to CWaC.

Ownership of War Memorial – It was confirmed that the Church did not insure the war memorial, and that work undertaken by the Parish Council in 1950's would indicate that this was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Craven undertook to get it listed with the War Memorial Office and get a value for it so that we can update our insurance. A question was raised as to if the Parish Council wanted to undertake any repair/improvement work on it next year as it would be 100 years old.

Website – It was confirmed that following the last meeting a sub-meeting had been carried out by Cllr Varey, Cllr Dossett and the Clerk to look at the current website, where minor alterations were made and to agree a structure and plan to improve the website for the future.

PLANNING

The council noted the Planning Register as circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED 19/020 – that the council support the comments provided to the meeting following a full review of the application 18/03548/FUL – Dunham Barn, Longley Lane, Kelsall CW6 0TG to oppose this application.

Mr Thwaite attending the meeting and outlined the changes he was proposing to make and he explained that an amended application was in process of being submitted. He asked for the support of the council with this application. The members raised concerns about the curtilage of the property being excessive and beyond what had originally been approved under Permitted Development. Members also commented on and had concerns about the additional windows that were being requested on the north west elevation. They welcomed that the revised plans did look more in-keeping with the original outline planning permission. Mr Thwaite confirmed that should this be up for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting he was happy to attend to discuss further.

ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED 19/021 – that the council accept Cashbook as presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED 19/022 – that the council accept the income and expenditure presenting to the meeting as set out below: -

Income Received in since last meeting

Ashton Hayes Community Energy CIC	£615.00
Refund of ½ insurance money from Parish Rooms	£369.81
CWaC – Churchyard Grant	£860.00

To whom paid	Details	Amount	Cheque No
P E Wolveridge	Millennium Pathway Lights	£58.72	100810
Ebuyer	Laptop for Clerk	£304.97	100808
Fast Software	Microsoft Office 2019	£69.99	100809
CHALC	Training	£37.50	100811
Bitdefender	Security Software	£25.00	100812
Jane Coleville	Litter pickers	£38.97	100813
AHSRA	Q4 Management Charges	£600.00	100814
St John Church	Churchyard Grant	£860.00	100815
HMRC	Q4	£484.98	100818
Clerk Pay	Tax Point 12	£429.14	100817
Paul Varey	Squarespace subscription	£152.09	100816
Primary School	Community Clean-up Flyers	£40.00	100819

TEMPORARY CLERK APPOINTMENT

Temporary Clerk & RFO Contract

RESOLVED 19/023 to amend temporary contract to finish at end of Oct'19 to allow advertising of job in late July or early Sept to be agreed following the election of the new Parish Council.

Additional Clerk Hours

RESOLVED 19/024 – to reimburse the Clerk for the additional 10 hours worked over and above the core 8 hours per week that she had undertaken since taking on the role.

HIGHWAYS

A54 Layby

Cllr Varey confirmed that work to grass seed the layby still needed to be undertaken. Also, a request had been sent to Mr Williams [Tree Officer] by a resident to see if he would be willing to clear out the dead wood in the remaining nature area on the layby. However, Mr Williams had replied that he was unwilling to undertake any further work.

Cllr Varey undertook to speak with the resident to see if a working group could be raised from Horton to spread the grass seed and do some tidying up of the "shrubbery area" at an appropriate time.

A54 Ashton Hayes Junction Update

A consultation had been received from CWaC proposing to reduce the speed to 50 mph along a section of Kelsall Road which included the Ashton Hayes junction. This was welcomed by the meeting and felt to be a very positive step forward. Comments were made about whether the speed reduction could be extended further along Kelsall Road as from resident's experience there was a problem with vehicles who turned left at the junction and did not always use the filter lane. Cllr Colville undertook to draft a response to the letter received and circulate it to all Parish Councillors.

9. COMMUNITY PROJECT

Millennium path scheme

Kay Parry had been approached from CWaC with regards to seeking clarification as to whether the Parish Council could undertake work along the path without accepting ownership. Information had also been requested of Mr K Farrow (CWA) with regards to the condition of the wall.

Cllr Craven reported that the work she had undertaken on the Parish Council meeting minutes and through land registry had confirmed that the land was not registered.

It was suggested that the Parish Council ask if CWaC would be willing to adopt the footpath.

Community Clean-Up

All flyers have been distributed and people were signing up. Cllr Craven confirmed that she would undertake to litter pick around Brines Brow. Cllr Dossett confirm that he would be willing to help out at the Community Clean-Up event.

10. GOLDEN LION

It was confirmed that the Chairman of the Community Benefit Society had produced a short statement to be included in the Around Ashton updating the residents on the current status of the compulsory purchase application.

11. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

19/025 to adopt the Risk Assessment and Management Schedule as presented to the meeting.

- Suggest to review the action plan in 3 months' time.
- Suggest to review the Risk Assessment in 6 months' time.

19/026 to adopt the Health and Safety Policy as presented to the meeting.

A Health & Safety lead was requested and Cllr Dossett undertook this role until May 2019.

12. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The clerk reported that the notice of elections would be going up on all noticeboards and on the Parish Council website on Friday 15th March. Following this all residents who wished to nominate themselves to become a Parish Councillor needed to submit their applications to CWaC no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April. This needed to be done in person by appointment.

13. AROUND ASHTON

Additional items for the newsletter following this meeting were:-

- Hedges
- Golden Lion Update
- Dog Fouling

Part 2

No items were discussed at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next meeting takes place on Monday 8th April, 2019

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