

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL – held on 14th March 2005. - 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, West End, Ashton Hayes, Chester.

PRESENT: Mrs N Deynem (Chair), Mrs P Tilley (Vice Chair), Mr L Greaves, Mr H Deynem, , and Mr K Hartley

APOLOGIES: Ms T Telford.

1042	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
1044	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES Minutes of 14 th February were accepted as a true record.	
1045	CHESHIRE RAILINGS: The Parish Council members agreed that this initiative should now be progressed. Railings found at Dobson’s Farm, corner of Gonger Road and Church Road should also be included in this project	Clerk to organise the project.
1046	NEW BANK ACCOUNT Mrs Deynem, Mrs Tilley and Mr Greaves has now been to the Bank to confirm their identification and arrangements can now be put in place for opening the account.	Clerk to continue progressing the project
1047	ASHTON HAYES PLAYGROUND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS Discussions were held over the current situation with the installation of the handrails at the Playground/Village Hall. To date no correspondence has been received back from the Village Hall Cttee. In view of the Parish Council possibly losing the £1,000 grant it was agreed to write to the Village Hall Cttee giving them 7 days to reply to inform us whether they were progressing with the hand railings on the steps leading to the playground otherwise the funds will be re-directed elsewhere.	Clerk to write to Peter Johnson Ashton Hall Farm. Clerk to also arrange for some quotations for repairs to the fencing at the playground.
1048	WOODSIDE – ROAD SIGNS It was believed that this issue has been dealt with by Cllr Castle	
1049	GARAGES PEEL CRESCENT. The Clerk has forwarded a copy of the letter she sent to the Housing Trust back in January to Cllr Johnson, Cllr Fairhurst and Cllr Castle, requested their assistance to pursue this matter. Since the meeting a letter has been received back from the Housing trust stating that the garages are being demolished between 21 st March and 31 st March.	

1050	MID CHESHIRE FOOTPATH SOCIETY. Chairman is still walking all the footpaths on the society's map and will report update at the next meeting	
1051	FOOTPATH ASHTON HAYES TO MOULDSWOTH Cllr Burke confirmed that white lines are going to be painted shortly which may help towards the lack of a footpath.	
1052	TREE IN GONGER LANE The Chair has spoken with Mr Kinsey regarding the tree and the reinstatement of the bank following the recently heavy floods. Mr Kinsley doesn't believe that the sand running off the bank is now an issue.	Agreed to monitor the situation and contact Mr Kinsley again if required.
1053	STANDING ORDERS – ADOPTION The Clerk had located the minutes adopting the NALC Standing Orders for the Council. <i>Meeting 12th April 1999</i> <i>Minutes re: 32(k)</i>	It was agreed to continue with the agreement rather than adopting new ones Clerk to inform the Audits of this recommendation.
1054	CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTION Minute Reference 18 th February 2002 – first item. Additional amendment to resolution Resolution: The Parish formally adopts the Code of Conduct as identified in minutes 18 th February 2002 from 5 th May 2002.	Formally include the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Parish Councils from 5 th May 2002
1055	COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC NONE	
1056	CORRESPONDENCE (a) Standing Orders – update (b) CPRE Newsletter (c) Cheshire County Council – Setting the Pace campaign (d) Citizens Advice Bureau – Newsletter (e) Cheshire Matters Newsletter (f) Chester City Council Parish Liaison Officer notification (g) Chester City Council – Double Taxation payback. Following a review of double taxation issues, Parish Council has been awarded a refund of 50p per resident. Ashton Hayes will receive a refund of £480 which they can spend as they wish.	Item to be included in the next Around Ashton Hayes regarding Citizens Advice. Clerk to respond to letter from Chester City Council, expressing concerns over too many contacts with the City Council with the creation of a Parish Liaison Officer
1057	HIGHWAYS (a) Vicars Close. The Chair has had made a sign stating “Resident Parking Only” for installation in Vicars Close. Hopefully this sign might help with the parking problems experienced in the close.	Chair to organise the installation of the sign. Clerk to process the invoice for the sign.

	<p>(b) Yellow Lines, Vicars Close Cllr Burke reported that Cllr Castle was after the installation of yellow lines in Vicars Close. However, without a police officer or traffic warden in the vicinity, enforcing the regulations of yellow lines will be difficult.</p>									
1058	<p>AMENITIES</p> <p>(a) PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS – MARCH</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 577 979 725"> <tr> <td>Sunday 5th March</td> <td>Charles Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday 12th March</td> <td>Dave Lee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday 19th March</td> <td>Tracey Telford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday 26th March</td> <td>Ken Hartley</td> </tr> </table> <p>(b) UPDATE ON THE PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Chair asked for an update on the quest for an new improved playground. Mr K Hartley informed the meeting that Mr Lee was arranging a meeting with Mr Dobson regarding the acquisition of some of his land. No progress has been made to date so the Chair asked Mr Hartley and Mr Deynem to meet with Mr Dobson</p> <p>(c.) CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that she has been through the Contracts of Employment for all employees of the Council with the Clerk and she is happy with them. It was agreed to accept the updates of the Contracts and to update them annual for now on in April. (Appendix 1)</p> <p>(c) RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Mr Greaves has produced a Risk Assessment for the Parish Rooms that needs to be reviewed annually. The Clerk has also produced one for the Parish Council and again it requires updating annually. (See appendix 2)</p>	Sunday 5 th March	Charles Williams	Sunday 12 th March	Dave Lee	Sunday 19 th March	Tracey Telford	Sunday 26 th March	Ken Hartley	<p>Mr Hartley and Mr Deynem to report progress</p> <p>Clerk to forward updated Contracts of Employment to the Auditor</p> <p>Clerk to forward Risk Assessments to the Auditor</p>
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the plan received on 30th
Nov 04 and 5th Jan 05

(b) REFUSED

04/2271/ful	Ashton Grange. Mr Seed	New Access drive. Impact of the proposed earthworks, the extent of the hard landscaping and the elevated position of the proposed driveway are considered to adversely effect the overall landscape of the rural area.
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(c.) OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING BOARD

04/2190/FUL	Lloyds Meadow Fishery. Single storey extension	Planning board 3 rd March 2005. Approval received 9/3/05.
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(d) RECEIVED

05/180/FUL	The Hollies, Kelsall Road, Mr Rowlands	Rear extension and porch. Responses back by 12 th March
04/2130/FUL	Land part of Field Pell Hall Lane. Mr S Walker	Ambassador timber building 10.794m * 7.314m
05/231/FUL	Stable House, Whitgate Lane. Mr Brown	Conservatory. Comments by 24 th March

1060 FINANCE

(a) EXPENDITURE

901	A Thwaite	Salary & Expenses (Jan - March)	£662.58
902	P Tilley	Caretaker 11hrs	£55.00
903	Andrew Lewis	27hrs Including 10hrs holiday	£147.69
904	British Gas	Gas	£70.29
905	Cestrian Signs	Vicars close sign	£35.25

	(b) INCOME			
	500238	Scrabble club	18th Feb - 11th March – 4 lets	£48.00
	Bacs	Chester City Council	Churchyard Grant 04/05	£420.00
1061	AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE			
	NONE			
1062	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT			
	NONE			
1063	FUTURE/OUTSTANDING PROJECTS			
	<p>a. <u>PARISH PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT</u> The members were asked to consider whether they want to progress with a Parish Plan. Cllr Burke informed the meeting that a Village Design Statement does help with planning issues</p> <p>b. <u>ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE</u> Mrs T Telford requested this item to be on the agenda.</p> <p>c. <u>NEW/IMPROVED VILLAGE PLAYGROUND</u> Mr Hartley and Mr Deynem are progressing with the project.</p> <p>d. <u>RAILING – CHURCH ROAD</u> The Clerk has been requested to progress with this project.</p>			
1064	ANY OTHER BUSINESS			
	<p>(a) GOLDEN LION PUB</p> <p>Concerns have been raised over the decking which has been laid outside the front of the Golden Lion Pub. The City Council has requested that the Landlord put in a retrospective planning application for the decking as the area is in a conservation area. However, residents do not like the decking and will be objecting.</p> <p>(b) BOTTLE BANKS</p> <p>Mr Deynem enquired to whether the bottle banks will be re-installed into the car park following the refurbishment of the pub?</p>			

	<p>(c.) WI GRASS CUTTING FUNDS</p> <p>On behalf of the WI, Mrs Tilley enquired whether the Parish Council would consider providing the WI committee with a grant to enable them to cut their grass. Funds are currently low and the Playgroup, Brownies and Clubs etc use the playing field by the WI. Barrowmore used to cut the grass previously but they have become expensive. The Parish Council requested that the WI provide them with a quotation for the grass cutting. It was also suggested that an Area Committee grant be applied for, on behalf of the WI Committee to help towards the costs.</p>	<p>The Clerk to complete an Area Cttee grant application on behalf of the WI committee towards their grass cutting costs.</p>
1065	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>(a) WARD WALK</p> <p>Cllr Fairhurst enquired about the latest Ward Walk with PC Marks and changes in their rota has made this function part of their normal duty rota. She requested that the Parish Council writes to PC Marks requesting the dates of the next Ward Walks.</p> <p>(b) YOUTH EVENT</p> <p>Kelsall are holding a Youth Event in the village on 6th April</p> <p>(c.) DOUBLE TAXATION AWARD – CHESTER CITY COUNCIL.</p> <p>Next year, Parish Councils will receive their Double Taxation payback prior to them setting their precept., which will hopefully enable them to lower their requests.</p>	
1066	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 11th April 7.30pm – Probation Service. 8.30pm – Parish Meeting</p>	

Signed *Naomi Deynem*

Date *11.04.05*