

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 8 th January 2007 – 7.30pm in Ashton Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Chester.

PRESENT: Mr H Deynem (Chair), Mrs P Tilley (Vice-Chair), Mr L Greaves, Mrs D Stubbs, Mrs N Deynem, and Mr I Irving

ALSO PRESENT Cllr A Garman, and Mrs A Thwaite (Clerk).

142	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: Mr Chamock, and Cllr Fairhurst.</p>	
143	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None</p>	
144	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as a true record with the following amendments:</p> <p>Minute 29 - Cllr Garman expressed surprise that a decision he thought the PC made at the previous meeting, namely not to consider further the more ambitious ideas for the playing field and stick to the basics of football, playground equipment etc., was not recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had not made a decision on that evening.</p> <p>Minute 129 The figure for Kelsall Parish Council to employ their own Community Support Officer would be £11,000 and Ashton Hayes £2,500 to £3,000.</p>	
145	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – SPEED PLEDGE</p> <p>All Parish Councillors agreed to sign up to the Speed Pledge currently being run by Cheshire County Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Details to be obtained and circulated.</p>	
146	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>1. B5393 ASHTON HAYES DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH</p> <p>Cheshire County Council will be progressing with the footpath diversion shortly.</p> <p>Cheshire County Council's Highways Dept feel that a safe route to school is worth pursuing. The route suggested is from the top of Dunns Lane to the gate either just north of Village or directly opposite the school.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Mrs Tilley to liaise with school on this proposal.</p>	

147	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>06/1935/FUL – Peel Hall Park. Demolish cottages and build detached cottage.</p> <p>This application has been approved. Mrs Deynem expressed her concerns over this decision even that an opportunity to provide some affordable housing in the parish has been missed.</p>	
148	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Cheshire County Council has confirmed that they are installing a new "Give Way" sign from the Lane out on to Booth Avenue. This should be done in the coming months.</p> <p>Cheshire County Council also confirmed that the new footpath in Kelsall Road would commence shortly taking into account the amendments requested by the Parish Council</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members to keep an eye on progress with these two initiatives</p>	
149	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Mr Irving raised the question whether the Parish Council could create a Web Site. The Clerk informed members that this was possible and funding is available but assistance to create the site was needed.</p> <p>It was reported that the Parish Plan Steering Group are currently looking into creating a Village Web Site</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council to ask whether Mr Chamock could assist with this project.</p>	
150	<p>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND WARD AND DISTRICT MEMBERS</p> <p>CLLR GARMAN:</p> <p>Cllr Garman reported that after investigations he had found out that Cheshire County Council were responsible for the access path to Peel Hall. It has become apparent that the access road should have been resurfaced during the development of Peel hall. Passing places and the re-siting of boundaries should also have been undertaken. The planning enforcement officer will investigate on our behalf</p> <p>RESIDENT:</p> <p>A resident reported several incidents of Anti Social Behaviour in Peel Crescent. A group of Youths kicking a football against the Wall of No 2 Peel Crescent and an incident of two youths lying in the road. The Chair confirmed the increased presence of both police and community safety wardens, following previous requests for increased patrols by the PC.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Report these incidents to the Community Wardens again.</p>	

	RESIDENT: Offered to help the working party on Sunday to remove the Moss from the Playground slop.	
151	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Cheshire Police Authority Draft Policing Objectives for 07/08 Views from the Community on Police Authority Objectives (see attached sheet)</p> <p>Cheshire County Council Chester Matters Distribution</p> <p>Chester City Council Planning Dept Peel Hall Cottage Re: Comments on planning application made (see attached letter)</p> <p>Cheshire Police Authority Police Forum mtg dates 2007 Mtg dates</p> <p>Chester City Council Planning and Compulsory Purchase Statement of Community Involvement (adopted on 29th Nov 06). Copies are available from the Forum Offices Chester or www.chester.gov.uk</p> <p>Chester City Council Maintenance of Churchyard and Burials Ground 2006/07 Grant awarded of £420.00. Parish Council needs to agree their contribution. Normally £500.00. Documentation for 07/08 needs completing</p> <p>Mr Robin Tasker. 11 Brookside. Ashton Hayes. Letter relating to the purchase of Lot 4 Churches View and the covenant on the associated land. Resident has asked that his letter be brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Resolved: To defer until next month and send Mr Tasker a holding letter.</p> <p>Letter from Steggles Solicitor Lot 4 Churches View Farm PART II DISCUSSIONS</p>	
152	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Overgrown hedges were reported in Gongar Lane and Lane End. It was agreed to invite Mr Graham Anderton to a site visit to look at all the highway issues.</p>	
153	<p>AMENITIES</p> <p>PLAYGROUND URGENT REMOVAL OF MOSS</p> <p>Mrs Deynem reported that there was some very slippery moss on the slop up to the Playground which needed urgent attention.</p>	

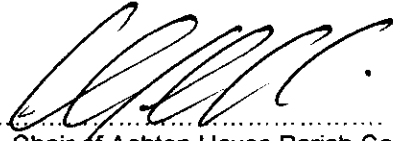
	<p>RESOLVED: Mr Deynem and Mrs Stubbs to remove the moss on Sunday 14th January 07.</p> <p>Sunday 7th January Ian Irving</p> <p>Sunday 14th January Diane Stubbs</p> <p>Sunday 21st January Garry Chamock</p> <p>Sunday 28th January Dave Lee</p>	
154	<p>PLANNING – RECEIVED:</p> <p>06/1981/FUL – 3 Peel Hall Lane. Conversion of existing garage into playroom and utility room and extend existing carport at side of property.</p>	
155	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Chq No 129 Mrs N Deynem - Temporary Parish Cleaner Chq No 130 J Conery – Parish Cleaner (Chq Cancelled lost in post) Chq no 131 Peter Tilley – Parish Caretaker. (chq cancelled lost in post) Chq 132 Mr H Deynem replacement chq for 130 Mr Connery £256.52 Chq 133 Replacement chq for 131 £40.81</p> <p>INCOME</p> <p>Stanley T/A Universal Healing Zone £40.00 Stanley T/A Universal Healing Zone £100.00 Scrabble Club £48.00 17th Nov – 8th Dec,</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the minimum wage rate has increased over the wage for Parish Rooms Caretaker. The Caretaker is currently paid £5.00. It was agreed to pay the Caretaker the same rate of pay as the Street Cleaner £5.83. It was also agreed to back date this increase to 1/4/06.</p> <p>PRECEIPT 2007/08.</p> <p>ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET FOR 2007/08</p> <p>ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET FOR 2007/08</p>	

	<p>INCOME</p> <p>Street Cleaners Grant £3,031.60 Churchyard Grant £400.00 Parish Rooms Income (based on 3/4 yr for 06/07) £1,000.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>TOTAL INCOME</u> <u>£4,431.60</u></p> <p>EMPLOYEES</p> <p>Clerk Salary £2,345.00 Street Cleaner £3,031.00 Parish Rooms Caretaker £660.00 <u>£6,036.00</u></p> <p>ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES</p> <p>Chairman's Allowance £150.00 Expenses (stationery, fuel, telephone) £1,000.00 Internal Audit fees £100.00 External Audit Fees £140.00 Parish Council Insurance £590.00 Around Ashton - production (estimate based on 4 productions per year) £200.00 Donations (approx) £150.00 Grass Cutting Village Hall £350.00 Parish Rooms Expenditure £720.00 Memberships £255.00 Churchyard Grant £920.00 Misc Expenditure (Special Projects) £1,000.00 <u>£5,575.00</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u> <u>£11,611.00</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">projected surplus from 2006.07 <u>-£7,179.40</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Precept for 2007/08 will be £8,712.50</p>	
156	<p>PROJECT UPDATES</p> <p>1. Carbon Neutral – update to follow from Cllr Chamock</p> <p>2. PARISH PLAN – A representative from the Parish Plan gave members an update (1) Selective consultation process has been carried out, (2) A domain name has been purchased for a web site (3) A Logo has been designed (4) The steering group is holding meetings every 3 weeks at the moment and (5) at the Going Carbon Neutral event on 25th Jan the Steering Group are holding a launch of their own.</p>	
157	<p>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</p>	

	None	
158	AREA COMMITTEE 3. Thursday 11th January 2007. Waverton Village Hall. 7pm start.	
159	COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AFFECTING ASHTON HAYES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. On 2nd December 2006 we received a report of youths conning an elderly person in Hockenhull Avenue Tarvin. The youths called at his house and coerced him into giving them £20 for beer. For your information. 3. An "S" reg white Ford Escort was seen to commit a theft at Lady Heyes Frodsham this week. The vehicle had red writing on the side and sped off when challenged. No descriptions of the 2 occupants. This vehicle was possibly the same one that was involved in a theft in Manley. This vehicle was a white escort type vehicle and had M. Boardman and son on the side and silver covered rear windows. Any sightings should be recorded.	
160	ANY OTHER BUSINESS 1. Away Day - Hartford Hall Saturday 24th Feb 07. 2. Financial Support for an SCO The PC discussed the issue of possibly funding a CSO through the Parish Council precept. It was agreed this was another form of double taxation and that the PC would not consider funding for such a scheme under present conditions.	
161	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND WARD CLLRS None	
162	OPEN FORUM None	
163	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 4. Monday 12th February 2007. 8pm.	
164	PART II – PUBLIC, COUNCILLORS AND PRESS EXCLUDED FROM THIS PART OF THE MEETING a. Welcome Steggles Solicitors offer of free Legal assistance b. £300 Award a grant of £300.00 to the Association c. Check the protocol for holding additional parish council meetings during the month with the Association of Town and Parish Council	

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed



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Mr Hugo Deynem – Chair of Ashton Hayes Parish Council

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Date