

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on
Monday 12th March 2007 – 8.00pm in Ashton Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Chester.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Burke, Fairhurst and Garman, Mrs N Deynem, and Mr G Charnock.

ALSO PRESENT 4 members of the public, and Mrs A Thwaite (Clerk).

188 TARVIN PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

Mrs Pet Twigg from Tarvin Playground, gave members a very informative
presentation on the redevelopment of Tarvin Playground, the process that the
Playground Communities undertook and how they went about fund raising.

Mrs Twigg explained the process their committee went through; writing
business plans, searching on the Internet for possible sources of fund raising
and who in the community to involve.

RESOLVED:

Members note the presentation and thanked Mrs Twigg for her time.

189 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were raised:

Prejudicial:

Mrs Tilley –Mrs Tilley is a member of the Muir Housing Group and left the room
during the discussions.

Mrs Tilley is a School Governor

PERSONAL:

Mr Deynem – Church Road Action Group update

Mr Deynem is a resident of Church Road.

APOLOGIES:

Following apologies from Cllr Fairhurst, the Parish Council send their best
wishes to her for a speedy recovery following her recent hip operation.

190 MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY'S MEETING

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Minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2007 were accepted as a true record with the following amendments.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Ian Irving is also a school Governor and therefore declares a Prejudicial: Interest in any discussions relating to Ashton Hayes Primary School matters

Mrs D Stubbs is employed by the School and therefore too declares a Prejudicial: Interest in any discussions relating to school matters.

Spelling error on Defibrillation Machine

191 HIGHWAYS

Mrs Tilley is liaising with Mr Anderton, County Highways regarding Highways Issues in village.

RESOLVED:

Mrs Tilley to report back an update to April's meeting

192 ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Mr Charnock has created a Parish Council website from the Going Carbon Neutral Project.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to forward all necessary documents to Mr Charnock that require posting on the web site.

193 PEEL HALL PARK

Cllr Burke has queried the ownership of the lane by the Scout Hut

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to ask Cllr Garman to clarify ownership again on the Lane.

194 HIGHWAYS

Mrs Tilley informed members that most of the overgrown hedges have now been cut back.

195 HIGHWAYS

No issues reported

1. SID – Provisionally booked for Monday 7th May for one week.

Ian

196 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

No requests received.

197 DOG BANS

Following attendance at the Gowy Area Committee recently by the Chair he reported back that he was disappointed to hear at the meeting that Ashton Hayes Parish Council's proposed Dog Bans had not been put forward on the list to the City Council. Due to the workload of the Clerk recently, it is on her To-Do- List but unfortunately she has missed the deadline.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to forwards the details on to the Area Cttee Manager and ask her to put them forward.

198 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Johnston enquired with the Parish Council as to progress with the Recreational Field following his meeting last week with two members of the Parish Council

RESOLVED:

The Chair informed Mr Johnston that the two members who had met with him had not up dated the Parish Council as to the discussions held at the meeting. Therefore due to the legal implications surrounding the covenant at the moment these discussions would be held in Part II.

199 CORRESPONDENCE

Countryside Voice
Magazine
Distribution

Cheshire County Council
Future of the County following Local Government Reorganisation
Distribute

Cheshire Planning Forum
Attendance Fri 20th March 2pm Winsford

Crime Stoppers

Notice on how to contact Police
Notice Boards

Mr Tasker

Letter from a resident enquiring about the Convent on the Recreational Field
The contents of the letter to be read out during the part two session.

200 HIGHWAYS

LANE END

Members were updated on the increased flow of traffic down Lane End since the no right hand turn out of Kelsall was introduced.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Burke to provide members with an update on road safety for next month's meeting.

FOOTPATH

A member of the Parish Council enquired on the progress with the Footpath from Ashton Hayes to Mouldsworth.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to enquire with Cllr Burke on this action.

201 AMENITIES

STREET CLEANSER

Mr Lee informed the members that the Father of the Street Cleanser has spoken with him over the fact the Mr Conery was not receiving his full wages and on time.

The Clerk informed members that Mr Conery's contract states that all completed timesheets should be forwarded to her the week before each Parish Council meeting. Timesheets are being received late and it is not always possible to organise a cheque without authenticating his timesheets.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to write to Mr Conry enclosing stamped addressed envelopes to herself informing him that completed Timesheets must be received by the Clerk

before the Parish Council meetings otherwise this could result in a delay in forwarding him his wages.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS:

Sunday 4th March
Ian Irving

Sunday 11th March
Diane Stubbs

Sunday 18th March
Garry Charnock

Sunday 25th March
Dave Lee

202 PLANNING

RECEIVED:

07/226/FUL – Conservatory Pantillites West End.

07/274/FUL – Extension and minor modifications. Grooms Cottage. Grange Road

APPROVED:

06/2259/FUL – Conversion of part of black a outbuilding to form holiday let. Ashton Hall

07/54/COU Ingress House. Change of use of Land to rear of property. Tarvin Sands By-pass.

6/07/22/CPO Ashton Hayes School. Erection of wooden outdoor shelter

203 EXPENDITURE

141	British Gas	Gas 20th Nov - 19th Feb	85.18
142	United Utilities	April - March Waste	£12.24
143	Mr P Tilley	Feb - March. 10hrs x 5.83	£58.39
144	Mrs P Tilley	Bookings Clerk	£28.69
145	Mr J Conry	Street Cleanser Feb - March	
146	Scottish Power	6/1 - 23 2 Electricity	£14 75

		Expenses plus 31.45hrs overtime
148	Community Council	Entry to Best kept Village Competition £23.00
149	Village Hall	Grass Cutting 2006 £192.00

INCOME:

Ashton Hayes Village Hall	Refund of Furniture money	£758.85
EuroTree	Donation GCNP	£100.00
Scrabble Club	12th Jan - 9th Feb	£60.00
Healing Zone	Hire of Parish Rooms	£85.00
Time Bank	Hire of Parish Rooms 18th July - 19th Dec	£165.00
Healing Zone	25 & 25 Feb	£90.00
Various see attached sheet	GCNP Conference	£960.00
Various see attached sheet	GCNP Conference	£400.00
DEFRA GCNP	GCNP Conference	£12,700.00

204 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

Mr Charnock to provide an update for next month's meeting

205 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

No requests received

206 AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following attendance at the Gowy North Area Committee by the Chair Mr Deynem, he reported back the following to members:

Community Safety and Public Space

Chester City Council's Public Space Officers are now grouped into teams around the Area Committee Framework. This will help them deal with street cleansing problems more efficiently and will offer an, on demand service, working in conjunction with our own street cleanser.

Recycling: Bags on a roll in Ashton Hayes have proved very successful but it is an expensive option for the City Council and therefore there is a possibility that it will not be spread out across the district.

207 SID (Speed Indicator Devise)

The Clerk informed members of the possible date that SID was available.

RESOLVED:

volunteers willing to help with the "Manning" of it.

208 ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL AWAY DAY

The Chair reported back that their recent away day has proved very useful and all who attended comments on how they have benefited from it.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council to hold surgeries two Saturday's before the Parish Councils from 10am – 12noon in the Parish Rooms. These to be advertised in the next Around Ashton Hayes.

2nd June – Ian Irving and Hugo Deynem to man the first one.

Quality Status: The Parish Council to go for Quality Status with the Clerk studying for the Certificate. Mrs Tilley and Mr Deynem to assist the Clerk with her duties whilst she spends roughly 25-40hrs studying for this qualification

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AFFECTING ASHTON HAYES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

Anti Social Behaviour – Village Hall (February)

The Clerk and Mr Johnston updated members on the recent vandalism and break-ins at the Village Hall. Mr Johnston reported that thousands of pounds of damage had been caused and the Village Hall's Insurance Company will hopefully be covering this.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council to assist where possible and the Clerk to organise additional patrols from the Community Wardens.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS FEBRUARY:

Daniel Woodward from Kingsley sentenced to 5 months for assault following an unprovoked attack on a man and his son in Delamere Forest. This was the job where the two cyclists were attacked by Woodward, who after assaulting the pair, reversed the car and assaulted them again. This is a considerable result as there were very little lines of enquiry.

2. Traffic initiatives are continuing with 2 fixed penalties for speeding at Broxton and on at Duddon. Furthermore we have run a traffic initiative in Tattenhall and Malpas and issued 6 fixed penalties for mobile phone use.

3. We have issued a number of fixed penalties in the last week in Kelsall for the anti social use of vehicles by motorists. We are also issuing these drivers with notices of vehicles seizure should they repeat their behavior. I will keep you

updated.

Our roads policing team have been out in Duddon this week and issued two fixed penalties for speeding. The following day they issued speeding tickets in Broxton, Kelsall and Tattenhall. These operations will continue and you should see a greater visibility in all of our hot spot areas.

Vehicle crime has started again at Delamere Forest. Can we deploy a panda at the weekends up there please?

210 OPEN FORUM

Under the Freedom of Information Act Mr Johnston enquired as to how the resolutions from last Month's Part II meeting had been reached.

The Clerk informed him that under the regulations of a Part II item, she is not permitted to minute this part of the meeting. Only the resolutions are required to be recorded.

211 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ELECTIONS:

Ashton Hayes Parish Council members are up for re-election in May 2007. The Clerk informed members that if they wish to stand again please complete and return the nomination forms that they will be receiving from the City Council in due course.

Any new members wishing to stand for the Parish Council will be required to complete Register of Interests forms and would be subject to Declarations of interest regulations.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:

It was agreed that Mrs Tilley would resume the task of preparing the newspaper article for the parish council. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would support contents of her article.

RESOLVED:

Mrs Tilley to undertake this task on behalf of the Parish Council.

212 PART II

Recreational Field:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Parish Council to employ a Draughtsman to draw up some outline plans for the recreational field to show what the Parish Council wishes to happen on the field


2. The Plans to include: Single Storey Sports Pavilion, Access, Car Park, Children's Playarea, Sports Field, and suitable landscaping and screening.
3. The Plans will be enable further dialogue with Mr Johnston
4. Mr Deynem to draft a response to Mr Tasker's letter and email around all members

213 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd April

8pm

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed 

Date *03/04/07*