

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 20th April 2009 – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

PRESENT: Mrs P Tilley (Chair), Mrs D Stubbs, Mr Deynem (part of the meeting), Mrs L Strudwick, and Mr G Charnock.

ALSO PRESENT: 3 members of the public and Cllr Parker.

CLERK: Mrs Andrea Thwaite

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Trevor Scading
Richard Holland
Dave Lee

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared the following interests:

Pauline Tilley declared Personal Interest in Muir Housing – Pauline is a volunteer Member of Muir Housing.

Pauline Tilley declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Caretaker Issue – Husband in the Parish Council's Caretaker.

Pauline Tilley declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in all of four of the nominations for the Parish Council vacancies as they are either friends or colleagues of hers as Ashton Hayes Parish Council

Mrs Deynem
Mr Hartley
Mr Davies
Mrs Wood

Mrs Strudwick declared personal interests on the below nominations for the Parish Council vacancies as they are all known to her:

Mrs Deynem
Mr Hartley
Mr Davies

Mrs Wood

Mrs Strudwick also declared an interest in the Community Shop Project as she is a member of the steering group.

Hugo Deynem declared personal interests on the below nominations for the Parish Council vacancies as they are know to him:

Mr Hartley
Mr Davies
Mrs Wood

Hugo Deynem declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the below nomination for the Parish Council vacancies as the person is a family member

Mrs Deynem.

Mr Charnock declared personal interests on the below nominations for the Parish Council vacancies as they are all known to him:

Mrs Deynem
Mr Hartley
Mr Davies
Mrs Wood

Mrs Stubbs declared personal interests on the below nominations for the Parish Council vacancies as they are all known to her:

Mrs Deynem
Mr Hartley
Mrs Wood

3 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCILLORS

Following Vesting Day of the new local Unitary Council – Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Chairman welcomed the new Councillors to the Parish Council ; Cllrs Deynem, Parker and Bailey.

The Chairman also thanked the departing City Council Councillors Deynem and Garman for all their contributions and support they have both given to the Parish Council and her over their term. Though Cllr Deynem is continuing as Councillor with the new authority, his previous support was also thanked.

4 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Following the resignation of the Parish Council's Vice Chairman, the Parish Council voted to appoint Mrs Lu Strudwick to this role until the Annual Meeting held in May.

5 MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 2nd March 2009 were accepted as a true record.

6 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A Member of the public raised concern over the condition of the roads following the recent resurfacing. It was reported that the top dressing was coming away and the work previously completed was to a poor standard.

It was also reported the surfacing on the Meadows was also starting to crumble following the engineering works.

RESOLVED: Cllr Parker agreed to take these matter up with Graham Anderton – Cheshire West and Chester's Highway Engineer.

Mr Finlow reported that the police had asked via him for any residents experiencing Anti Social Behaviour issues to report them direct to them.

A member of the public raised the issue of weeds growing in the gutters in the Parish. The Clerk confirmed that she is currently working with the Street Cleanser to carry out an audit of the village and weeds, pot holes etc would be recorded. Cheshire West and Chester will shortly be undertaking its Annual Spring clean of the parish and if the weeds caused a problem again this year then a Contractor would be commissioned to deal with them.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cheshire West and Chester. Local Councils event Thursday 30th April. Delamere. Pauline Tilley would attend.
2. Cheshire Fire and Rescue – Working in the Community. Presentation highlight how we can support the parish. – Agreed to invite them to a meeting in July 2009.

3. Liz Weston – request for a £5,000 donation for the Community Shop Project. Members agreed to fund this request for a donation as it was an important project for the village.
4. Request for flowers at this year's Rose Queen Event. The Parish Council agreed to fund £20.00 for their floral display at the church.

8 EXPENDITURE

The Following expenditure was incurred during April 2009.

Chq 396 - North West Air Ambulance – Donation of £100.00
 Chq 397 & 398 Mr Barrett – Parish Street Cleanser wages and expenses. £304.29 and £18.73 expenses
 Chq 399 - Mrs Thwaite – salary and expensive including Lunch for away day - £473.93
 Chq 400 - Time Bank payment April Payment £46.58
 Chq 401 - Mr Tilley Sick pay. £31.05
 Chq 402 – Untied Utilities £29.54
 Chq 403 - Scottish Power – Parish Rooms. £22.56 Jan 09 – March 09
 Chq 404 - Cheshire Community Action Membership £20.00
 Chq 405 - Chester City Council Printing agendas. £4.50
 Chq 406 - Cheshire Association of Local Councils Members £210.65
 Chq 407 -M&M Printing of Around Ashton Hayes Newsletter. £47.00

9 INCOME

The following income was received during April 2009.

Mrs Westerman	Hire of Parish Rooms - 26t Feb, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March and 2nd April	£72.00
Mrs Westerman	Hire of Parish Rooms see before	£15.00
Scrabble Club	Hire of Parish Rooms 6, 13, 20 and 27 March	£48.00
Scrabble Club	Hire of Parish Rooms 6, 13, 20 and 27 Feb	£48.00

GCNP Donation		£100.00
NWRAF	GCNP	£150.00
Chester City Council	October 08 – March 09 Street Amenity Grant	£1038.00
Mr Crompton	Hire of Parish Rooms	£12.00 cash
Scrabble Club	Hire of Parish Rooms	48.00
Thursday Club	Hire of Parish Rooms	£15.00 cash

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were received:

09/10286/FUL - 2 Storey extension to east elevation of property Mr Manning. No observations were recorded on the following application.

09/10253/OUT - Agricultural Worker House. Ashton Hall Farm, Kelsall Road. Mr Scott. The following observations were recorded:
 1 Retain Section 106 agreement re: agricultural working
 2 Supplementary report to include use of Environment Friendly building material to be used.
 3 Numbers of entrance on Kelsall Road is concerning and any new entrance should have visibility at the front.

11 RECREATIONAL FIELD

No updated was available for the meeting

12 PARISH ROOMS

A quote for the external works at the Parish Rooms was approved for Déjà vu for £650.0. Following the completion of the exterior works on the Parish Rooms, the Parish Council agreed then to review the works that are required to the rear of the Parish Rooms.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council approved the quotation from Deja Vu for £650.00 for external works on Parish Rooms.

13 AROUND ASHTON HAYES NEWSLETTERS

It was reported that not all households in Ashton Hayes received their newsletters this month.

It was reported that in future spare copies of the newsletter would be left at the Post Office.

Resolved: Future spare newsletters to be left in the Post Office and the Clerk to update the Parish Council Minute file held in the post office.

14 HIGHWAYS

It was reported that there is a pot hole in Kelsall Road towards the By Pass.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to forward the details on to Graham Anderton.

15 GONGER LANE

It was reported that the replacement sign for Gonger Lane has still not been installed.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Parker to take this matter up with Anne Lancaster.

16 COMMUNITY SHOP PROJECT

It was reported that the a payment of £200 would be provided as a result of the Going Carbon Neutral Project to the Post Office for them hosting project display space. Free legal advice is also currently available to the Community Shop Project as a result of the GCNP.

17 GARDENING CLUB DONATION

The Parish Council has received a request for a donation from the Gardening Club for £100.00 toward the cost of spring and summer planting under the parish signs.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council to donate £100.00 to the Gardening Club.

18 AWAY DAY

The Chairman reported back on the Parish Council's Away Day on Saturday 28th March 2009. The day was informal with no decisions being made and members of the Parish Council had concentrated on strategic thinking and planning during the day.

Everyone agreed that the day was very useful and the Parish Council thanked M&M for the free use of their conference facilities for the day.

19 GOING CARBON NETURAL PROJECT UPATE

To follow.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that the Head Teacher at Ashton Hayes Primary School is leaving in July to take up a position in Thailand. He would be missed and the recruitment process is currently underway to replace him.

21 PARISH COUNCIL VACATIONS

This item was deferred until Mr Deynem attended the meeting.

The Clerk informed Members that they were being asked to vote for one from the four nominations that have been received for the vacancy on the parish council.

Members were asked to vote using blank pieces of paper provided to them by the Clerk,

The votes were recorded as follows:

Mrs Deynem – 1 vote
Mr Hartley – 1 vote
Mr Davies - 0 votes
Mrs Wood – 3 votes.

The Clerk therefore declared that Mrs Wood had been duly co-opted on to the Parish Council.

The Clerk to write to all the people who expressed an interest in the

vacancy and thank them for their interest.

22 Date of next meeting

11th May 2009.

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Meeting finished at 9pm.