

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 1st June 2009 – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

PRESENT: Mrs P Tilley (Chair), Mrs D Stubbs, Mr R Holland, Mr H Deynem, Mr T Scadeng, Mrs L Strudwick, and Mrs M Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Parker

CLERK: Mrs Andrea Thwaite

37 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Garry Charnock  
Dave Lee  
Cllr Bailey

38 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.

Hugo Deynem declared an interest as he is a member of Cheshire West and Chester and is on the Strategic Planning Committee.

39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2009 were accepted as a true record.

40 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Cllr Parker confirmed that he had spoken with the Borough Engineer regarding the condition ~~to~~ which some of Ashton Hayes roads were currently in and that Mr Anderton would look into the matter.

## PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP:

Mr Holland on behalf of the PPSG confirmed that the 2nd draft of the Parish Plan was now with the designers and were doing some changes. The Steering Group would let Pauline Tilley have a copy once the latest changes have been completed.

It was confirmed that once the Plan was produced the Steering Group would be disbanded and the plan would delivered by an Implementation Group. Mr Holland confirmed that Paul Varey was happy to talk to the Parish Council about this proposal and their role to monitor its implementation

Mr Scadeng expressed concern about another group being formed to delivery the actions within the Parish Plan and that the Parish Council should lead it. Mr Holland suggested that the implementation group should include two members of the Parish Council and it would expect to work with the Parish Council to fulfil many of the objectives of the plan.

RESOLVED: A final draft of the Parish Plan be emailed to all members of the Parish Council for comment.

## 41 CORRESPONDENCE

June's Newsletter from Association of Town and Parish Councils

## 42 FINANCE

Members approved the following expenses:

Mr Barrett – Parish Street Cleanser wages and expenses  
£248.40

Mrs Thwaite – salary, overtime and expenses £629.90

Time Bank payment April Payment £62.10

## 43 INCOME

Scrabble Club – Hire of the Hall

## 44 PARISH COUNCIL 2008/09 AUDIT

Carry Forward 2007/08

12,845

Precept	9,212
Other Income	34,436
Salaries	£7,104
	7,951
Operational Expenditure	
	£41,437
Balance to be carried forward to 2009/10	

44 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER FUTURE GRANT AID

Cheshire West and Chester were reviewing all grant aid provided to Parish Councils and informed the Members that some of their existing grant aid may cease to be provided for 2010/11 and onwards. CWAC informed that the review may take longer than originally anticipated and that the Parish Council needed to be mindful of these potential changes when it undertakes its annual budget exercise in November 2009.

45 PLANNING

09/10633/ADV  
 CHURCH ROAD  
 ASHTON HOUSE NURSERY  
 SIGNAGE  
 MR SHEPPARD

09/10607/ful  
 OLD HALL COURT  
 17  
 TWO STOREY EXTENSION  
 MR GRIFFITHS

09/10659/ful  
 BROOKSIDE  
 9  
 FRONT EXTENSION  
 MR CRAVEN

Members voted on application for Ashton Hayes Nursery signage

due to the varying observations that were received.

NOTE: 4 members voted to support the signage application  
2 members voted against supporting the signage application  
1 member abstained

#### 46 RECREATIONAL FIELD

Mr Scadeng updated Members on the current position with the recreational field. There had been delays brought on by the Parish Council's and Mr Lewis' solicitor and additional questions had been asked. Mr Scadeng expressed concern over the costs being incurred by the Parish Council's solicitor. The Parish Council had originally been quoted £1,000 for legal costs but already had received an invoice for £800.

It was hoped that some form of agreement would be signed by the Parish Council shortly which would restrict Mr Lewis' access to the field.

It was agreed that the Parish Council and Mr Lewis should pay half each for the erection of a new stock fence.

Mr Scadeng also confirmed that he had been able to negotiate purchase of the field as Freehold and an 80 year clawback clause.

The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Mr Scadeng for his contributions towards moving this initiative forward.

#### 47 ANNUAL PARISH PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

The Parish Council had received its annual parish council playground inspection and again it had revealed that the playground was below standard but it had not revealed anything dangerous or that needed any urgent attention.

Members confirmed that once the new recreational space was available to the village a new playground would be provided,

subject to funding

48 EXTERNAL WORKS AT THE PARISH ROOMS

Mr Scadeng confirmed that he would chase up the company who had been appointed to undertake all the external improvement works to the Parish Rooms,

The Parish Council confirmed that it was happy for Dejarvou to proceed with the work to the rear of the Parish Rooms as per their quote for £??

49 HIGHWAYS

Mr Deynem confirmed that he has spoken to Mr McCallum of Willow Hayes following his aggressive telephone call made to the Clerk's home. Mr McCallum was not happy with the letter he had received from the Parish Council regarding parking of cars on the Parking circle in Willow Hayes. Mr McCallum expressed concern over the fact that the letter had been addressed to him personally, his name had been spelt McAllum instead of McCallum and that the Highways Act had been quoted in the letter. The Clerk confirmed that she had not quoted the Highways Act on the letter but this was her filing reference "Highways" and Act was her initials and that she thought his name was McAllum. Via Mr Deynem, Mr McCallum sent his apologies to the Clerk and her family.

The Parish Council agreed to write to Mr McCallum informing him of the above and to apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

50 BEAT THE BOUNDS 2009

It was agreed to undertake 2009 Beat the Bounds by dividing up the roads.

Resolved

Clerk to forward details of the division to all members of the Parish Council

51 FOOTPATH

It was confirmed that the footpath at Whitegate Lane was

overgrown.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to forward details to the Footpath society.

## 52 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Concern was expressed over the way in which the question had been asked relating to Affordable Housing in the Parish Plan Survey and did the response indicate an actual need for affordable houses in Ashton Hayes.

Mr Deynem requested that the Parish Council gives a definite answer regarding its support for the need for Affordable Housing in Ashton Hayes. Other members expressed concern that there is a need for mid range family homes as well as the possible need for affordable housing as the mix in the village is unbalanced.

Mr Deynem to find out from Cheshire West and Chester Council results from its recent survey on housing and future needs in the borough.

## 53 BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

The Boundary Commission is undertaking a review of boundaries in Cheshire West and Chester Borough. Mr Deynem confirmed that there were currently 75 councillors on CWAC and that it supported the need for multi Member wards.

The Parish Council confirmed that it was happy with its current number of parish councillors and its boundaries and that it also supported the need for multi Member wards.

## 54 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

No update available

## 55 COMMUNITY SHOP

Mrs Strudwick confirmed that there was a public meeting being organised for 2nd July 2009 at the Primary School and that a lease was currently being drafted.

Despite concerns raised over whether the Community Shop

project would succeed, Mrs Strudwick confirmed that it would succeed and that the Going Carbon Neutral Project would be sharing some of the shop space in return for revenue to the project.

56 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ashton Hayes Cricket Club was holding its Annual Barbeque on 18th July and tickets were on sale.

57 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th July 2009

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.....Date

Meeting finished at 9pm.