

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 11th May – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

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

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public

CLERK: Mrs Andrea Thwaite

23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Trevor Scadeng
Garry Charnock
Cllr Parker
Cllr Bailey

24 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 is the Parish Room's Caretaker.

25 APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

1. Appointment of chairman
Mrs Pauline Tilley
2. Appointment of vice-chairman
Mrs Lu Strudwick
3. Appointment of councillors to the following sub-committee
(Chair ex-officio):-

Highways (present constitution 4) Mr R Holland, Mrs D Stubbs, and Mrs M Woods.

School Governor – Ashton Hayes Primary School – 3rd year of 4yr Appointment. Mrs Tilley

Planning - rota basis involving all Members of the Parish Council – all apart from Mr Deynem. CWAC's Member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Amenities (Newsletter sub-committee) - present constitution 4 (inc co-opted). Mr Holland (Editor), Mrs Stubbs, and Mrs Woods (Deliverers)

Amenities (inc Parish Rooms Committee) - present constitution 4. Mr Lee, Mrs Strudwick, Mr Deynem, and Mr Scadeng.

Parish Council's Association - present constitution 3. Deferred until future of this organisation is known.

Tarvin Educational Foundation - present constitution 1. Mrs Tilley.

Village Hall Representative - present constitution 1. Mr Lee.
(Not sure about this. Dave was the current rep. and I offered to take it on and I thought Dave had handed it on but I may have misread it. Need to check.)

Parish Plan – present constitution 2. Mr Holland and Mr Scadeng.
(TBC)

Going Carbon Neutral Project – present constitution 3. Mr Charnock, Mrs Strudwick and Mr Holland.

Policy Discussion Group - involving all Members of the Parish Council

26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 20th 2009 were accepted as a true record with the following amendments:

Item number: 2. Mrs Strudwick declared an interest in the following only:

Mrs Deynem
Mr Hartley
Mrs Woods

Item number 3: Typing error

Item number 10: Number 2: "Use" and not "us". Item 3 "forefront " and not "forth front" and "no" and not "now"

27 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mrs Bell expressed concern over residents parking in the turning circle at the end of Willow Hayes.

RESOLVED: Mr Deynem to look into possible solutions and the Clerk to write a polite notice to all householders.

28 CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Tilley Declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the item and stepped down. Mrs Strudwick Chaired this item.

Mr Tilley – Caretaker for Parish Rooms has offered his resignation from his position. This was due to health reasons.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to write to Mr Tilley and thank him for all his hard work and efforts over the years and wish him well for his forthcoming operation.

Mrs Tilley resumed her position as Chair,

Cheshire West and Chester informed the Parish Council that their application for Playground funding has not been successful

\$28 FINANCE

Members approved the following expenses:

408	United Utilities	Parish Rooms Water Jan - April	£25.14
409	Ashworth Time Bank	Caretaking 30 March - 30 April	#REF!
410	Mrs A Thwaite	May salary and April overtime	£419.68
411	Andy Barrett	April Street Cleansing (including course). 47hrs	£291.87
412	Mr Peter Tilley	Sick Pay for caretaker	£23.33
413	Came and Company	Insurance Renewal	£617.22
414	Mrs A Thwaite	Expenses re: Chair	£25.00
415	Mrs P Tilley	Expenses	£0.00
416	Mr G Charnock	Reimbursement of expenses ref: bottle of wine for M&M re free hire f their conference room	£18.90

417	British Gas	Gas for period 21/10 - 21/1/09 paish rooms	£200.07
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29 INCOME

No income was declared at this meeting

30 PLANNING

The following decision notice was received:

09/10253/OUT – Agricultural dwelling. Refused.

31 HIGHWAYS

It was reported that there are many pot holes in the village at the moment. It was agreed to defer this item until the annual Beat the Bounds.

Cllr Parker (via the Clerk) confirmed that he has spoken to Graham Anderton – CWAC's Highways Engineer who has been informed of the concerns over the current road surface and a response to Mr Anderton's response will be chased up.

The Clerk confirmed that she has asked the Street Cleanser to treat the weeds that are currently growing in the village.

32 AMENITIES

EXTERNAL WORKS: Mr Scadeng to confirm progress with the External works on the Parish Rooms.

RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICY: Members were informed that year 2 of the 3 year contract for their Insurance was now due.

33 COMMUNITY SHOP

Mrs Strudwick confirmed that grant applications have been submitted for funding for the Community Shop Project. Mouldsworth and Ashton Hayes Parish Councils have offered financial support to the project. To date £15,000 in funding has been secured.

It is hoped that a solution for the project will be known by the end of Summer 2009.

Questions were asked relating to whether “funding” was the main obstacle for the project and whether the Community Shop would be a profit making organisation? It was confirmed that any profit would be ploughed back in to the community.

It was confirmed that the Project Steering Committee would consist of Share Holders. On the first anniversary of the project’s conception, another public meeting will be held.

34 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

It was reported that the recent presentation on the GCNP was well attended and an interesting one. Ward Members attended.

35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and her had experienced some recent problems with the Parish Council bank. Natwest have confirmed that they have lost two of the mandate signatures. It was agreed that the Clerk should explore other banks that use the Post Office as a point of undertaking transactions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: A discussion arose over the concept of affordable housing in Ashton Hayes and whether there is a need. The Parish Plan has uncovered that 54 households in the parish have said that sometime in the next 5 years they could have a need for affordable housing.

RESOLVED: For Affordable Housing to be on the agenda in June.

RECREATIONAL FIELD – SOLICITOR INVOICE. Mrs Strudwick confirmed that an interim invoice from Poole Alcock for £858.00 + VAT has been received. Concern was raised over the amount of the invoice and that originally Members have been informed that their charges would not exceed £1,000.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to process the invoice for payment and ask for a breakdown of the charges and what charges the Parish Council will still receive.

PAULINE TILLEY: The Clerk confirmed that Pauline Tilley has been a Parish Councillor for 30 years tonight. As a gesture of goodwill and thanks Mrs Tilley was presented with some flowers.

36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st June 2009.

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Meeting finished at 9pm.