

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 4 October 2010 – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

PRESENT: Mrs Pauline Tilley (Chair), Mr Holland, Mr G Charnock, Mr H Deynem, Mr T Scadeng, Mr D Lee and Mrs N Deynem.

CLERK: Andrea Thwaite

ALSO PRESENT: 3 members of the public, Councillors Bailey and Parker

109 APOLOGIES

110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared the following interests:

Hugo Deynem declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Ashton Hayes Community Shop as his wife is the Shop Manager.

Naomi Deynem declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Ashton Hayes Community Shop as her daughter in law is the Shop Manager.

Trevor Scadeng declared a personal interest in the planning application

111 MINUTES

The minutes from September 2010 were signed as a true record with the following amendment:

107 – should read £400,000.

112 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mr Clamp raised concern over the speed traffic flow to the north side of the village. Turning right onto Church Road from Cricket Club is very difficult and dangerous. To help improve visibility and reducing the risk of accident residents in the immediate vicinity have requested that the 30 mph speed limit that currently starts near the Village Hall be extended to include the entrance into the cricket club.

Following Mr Clamp's enquiry whether the supporting letter from the Parish Council had been sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Chairman confirmed it had. The Chairman also confirmed that the Parish Council is working through the Parish Plan Action Plan including actions relating to highways.

The Parish Council is proposing to cut back the footpath hedges to help visibility, though the local residents felt that this proposal would speed up the traffic. Hugo Deynem confirmed that he would attend the proposed site visit on 14 October 2010.

#### 113 CO-OPTION- PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Following the resignations last month from two Parish Councillors, the Chairman confirmed that two applications had been received from Lisa Allman and Jane Colville. The Parish Council agreed to co-opt both interested residents until the next term of office begins in May 2011.

Agreed: That

1. The necessary paper work for acceptance of office be sent to Lisa Allman and Jane Colville.
2. Appropriate emails for the Parish Council be established.

#### 114 FINANCE

The Parish Council incurred the following expenditure in September 2010

	100052
Andy Barrett – Street Cleanser Final salary	
	100053
Mrs G Forgrave Caretaker wages for September	
	100054
Andrea Thwaite – Clerk September and October wages and expenses	
	£335.81

Richard Holland 100055  
Reimbursement of printing expenditure £80.00

115 INCOME

The Parish Council received the following income during September 2010

116 PLANNING

The following planning application was received

RECEIVED:

10/12487/FUL – Two storey garage block. Stable House, Whitegate Lane.

Naomi Deynem and Jane Colville to prepare observations on behalf of the Parish Council.

117 BEAT THE BOUNDS

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk and herself had completed the annual audit of the parish. Some areas had been undertaken by other Parish Councillors and they had visited the areas that had not.

The Clerk confirmed that in general the parish was looking in good condition. Several pot holes had been found, road name signs needing cleaning and some road white lines required painting.

The Clerk confirmed that all observations had been sent to either the police, Cheshire West and Chester Council or local landowners.

118 APPLICATION FOR 30mph AT NEW PROPOSED RECREATIONAL FIELD SITE

The Parish Council had received details of the proposed extension to the 30 mph speed limit in Ashton Lane around the new recreational field.

Agreed: That

The Parish Council voted in favour of extending the 30mph speed limit.

#### 119 STREET CLEANSER

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she had not received any applications for the vacant Street Cleanser post. Following discussions it was agreed that the vacancy be advertised in Buy Sell magazine. Due to the uncertainty of funding from Cheshire West and Chester Council for the Parish Street Cleanser it was agreed to advertise the post as temporary for 6 months. It was reported that the Council is proposing to clean all streets within the borough including rural ones, instead of paying a grant to some parishes for them to commission their own cleansing. If residents weren't happy with the proposed service, a business case can be developed to have it changed.

Agreed: That

The temporary vacancy be advertised in the local Buy Sell magazine.

#### 120 RECREATIONAL FIELD UPDATE

##### MEETING SUSPENDED

Andrew Garman updated the Parish Council on progress to date with the development of the recreational field. As well as the installed pedestrian and vehicle gate in Ashton Lane, the option of installing a pedestrian gate in Whitegate Lane was being considered.

The playground equipment will be installed in March 2011, the grass is established and dog bins installed. Following concerns about the possibility of children running onto Ashton Lane through the pedestrian gate, railings were being considered.

Andrew Garman confirmed that to ensure that the recreational field was fully protected, a change to the trustee deeds was being considered. To mark the Queen's Anniversary in 2012, Andrew

Garman informed the Parish Council Prince William is looking to protect 2012 playing fields in the country and he would put forward Ashton Hayes' new field.

The Parish Council considered the different options for cutting the recreational field's grass.

MEETING RESUMED.

Trevor Scadeng enquired as to the use of the existing recreational field once the new one was fully operation. The creation of allotments on the field was discussed and it was agreed for Trevor Scadeng to consider this option under the Community Life theme of the Parish Plan.

## 121 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

### GROUP

#### Community Life

Trevor Scadeng confirmed that a list was being compiled detailing all the organisations in the parish. Details will be displayed on website and in post office.

#### Environment Enrichment

Garry Charnock said that the public meeting will concentrate on how the recently awarded £400k grant will be spent. Options such as electric cars, mini bus and solar panels will be discussed. It was 5 years since Going Carbon Neutral Project started and there has been a reduction of 20% in carbon emissions during this period.

#### Leisure & Recreation

Dave Lee confirmed that the majority of the actions for Leisure theme were being achieved by the development of a new recreational field

#### Roads & Pedestrians

Hugo Deynem confirmed that the group was working through the actions including hedge cutting, repainting of white lines and installation of shop signs.

## 122 COMMUNITY SHOP

Lisa Allman declared an interest in this item.

Lisa Allman informed that the Community Shop Steering Group AGM was held last week and the same committee members had been re-elected. The declared accounts had shown that the Community Shop had made a profit to date but more volunteers were needed to work in the shop.

123 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

Garry Charnock updated the Parish Council on progress made with the allocation of the £400k DECC grant that they had won. Funding would be put towards the purchase of an electric car. A small amount of funding was being used for the refreshments for the pending public meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she would clarify the Parish Council's procurement regulations.

124 WEBSITE

Garry Charnock confirmed that the Parish Council's website was still receiving a good amount of hits each month. Discussion followed about the Parish Council going on Twitter and Garry confirmed that he would follow up on the possibilities of this suggestion.

125 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An enquiry was made regarding the installation of more seating in the village and it was confirmed that this would be covered by the Parish Plan.

Richard Holland confirmed that he had found a discarded field entry gate behind the Village Hall. Clerk to report the gate to the police.

Following a questions raised by Trevor Scadeng, the Parish Council confirmed that they would reimburse the gardening club up to £100 towards the cost of the winter bedding plants.

Finished 9.45pm

Signed .....

Date .....