

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 6 September 2010 – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

PRESENT: Mrs Pauline Tilley (Chair), Mr Holland, Mr H Deynem and Mrs N Deynem.

CLERK: Andrea Thwaite

ALSO PRESENT: 4 members of the public

86 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Mr Dave Lee
Mr Trevor Scadeng
Mr Garry Charnock
Cllr Parker
Cllr Bailey

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that Mrs Diane Stubbs and Mrs Maria Woods had both given their resignations due to family commitments.

87 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.

88 MINUTES

The minutes from 7 July 2010 were passed as a true record.

89 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Following a concern raised by a member of the public regarding an item in the July minutes, the Clerk confirmed that PSCO Netherton had reported at last month's Parish Council meeting that there had been a road accident at Church Road.

90 FINANCE

The following expenditure was agreed at the meeting:

100044	Andy Barrett	August Salary - less Tax and NI for July and August	£181.72
100045	H M Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI for Andy Barrett for July and August	£0.00
100046	Gillian Forgrave	Parish Rooms caretaker - wages for August.	£50.48
100047	British Gas	Gas for 7 May - 20 July.	£24.07
100048	United Utilities	1st Oct 10 - 31 March 11 Wastewater Services	£48.36
100049	Cancelled	Wages for Aug and Sept	£204.50
100050	Mike Fellows	Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day	£25.00
100051	Andrea Thwaite – Clerk	August and September wages and expenses.	£256.830

91 INCOME

The following income was received at the meeting:

Cheshire West and Chester Council £2460.90 in relation to Street Cleansing Grant

Scrabble Club £60.00 for July.

Ashworth Timebank £172.50. Hire of Parish Rooms 6 April – 29 June

92 CHURCHYARD GRANT

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Cheshire West and Chester Council had informed the Parish Council that they would shortly be considering the 2010/11 grant for St John the Evangelist Churchyard maintenance. In 2009/10 they had donated £400 with the Parish Council donating £500.00.

The Parish Council had been made aware by the Council that despite budget constraints that they would ~~try to~~ endeavour to match last year's grant. *** I'm not sure about this para ***

RESOLVED: That

1. The Parish Council donates £500 towards St John the Evangelist Churchyard maintenance for 2010/11.

93 PLANNING

The following planning applications were approved:

APPROVED:

10/11510/S73 – Removal of condition 3 planning permission 06/2259/FUL (to allow use of unit 2 block A as dwelling house). Ashton Hall, Kelsall Road, Ashton Hayes. Mr Johnston.

10/11861/FUL Single storey rear extension 6 Church Court Ashton Hayes.

The following planning application was received for consideration.

10/12093/CAT - THE RANCH HOUSE PENTRE LANE ASHTON HAYES CHESTER CHESHIRE CH38BX. Lopping of trees.

Mr Deynem confirmed that he had responded to this planning application on behalf of the parish council. Mr Deynem confirmed that the trees had been lopped by 15% and would do them good.

94 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported that the village has looking untidy due to the straw that had blown around the village. It was felt that it had come off the fields. Concern had also been raised that the straw could block up the grids if it wasn't cleared away.

Mr Holland confirmed that he would put an article in the next addition of Around Ashton Hayes asking residents to make sure that they cut back over overhanging hedges on pavements.

The Clerk expressed concern over the vehicles especially the

transit vans that were parked on the Peel Hall Lane around the exit of West End. The vehicles had been parked in such a manner in which they were causing obstructions to other drivers. Photographs had been taken of the parked vehicles and these would be forwarded onto the police. The Chairman also informed that residents were parking vehicles in Whitegate Lane that were also causing obstructions.

The Parish Council also raised concerns over the amount of leaflets that were displayed on lamp posts that are not removed.

RESOLVED: That

1. The Clerk forward the photographs of the vehicles parked in Peel Hall Lane to the Police and ask them to monitor the situation.

95 BEAT THE BOUNDS 2010

The Clerk confirmed that she had received two reports from Parish Councillors with their Beat the Bounds findings. The Chairman and Clerk confirmed that they will finish off the remaining areas for this year's Beat the Bounds.

96 ASHTON LANE – REVISED SPEED LIMIT.

To receive an update on the application to extend the 30mph in Ashton Lane in relation to the new recreational field.

The meeting was suspended at this time.

Chairman invited Mr Wolveridge and Mr Clamp to address the Parish Council.

Mr Clamp informed the Parish Council that due to concerns over traffic speeds at the Northern end of Church Road into Ashton Hayes, a group of residents had commissioned an independent road safety road review. The review considered the traffic speeds, current speed limits, road layout and the positioning of the gateway into the Northern end of the village.

Their independent report had been presented to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Highway Engineers but Mr Wolveridge and Mr Clamp were unsatisfied with their response. Following the

residents requests to the council to extend the 30MPH away from its current position by the church to the entrance into Grange Road, the Council had turned down their request. The Parish Council were currently trying to extend the 30 mph speed limit at the Southern side of the village in Ashton Lane to ensure the safety of users of the pending recreational field and concern was raised over the Council's inconsistent approach. Residents at the northerly side of the village were trying to extend the 30mph speed limit to encompass Ashton Hayes Cricket Ground, similarly to what was taking place in Ashton Lane. The Parish Council learnt that the Council was supportive of extending the 30mph speed limit in Ashton Lane but not of Church Road.

Discussions followed regarding the village's concerns that were expressed in the Parish Plan and that 60% of residents were also concerned about the northerly end of Church Road near the cricket club and how dangerous it was.

The Parish Council agreed that as residents had voted strongly for improvements to road safety in Church Road north side, they would write to Cheshire West and Chester Council to support the evidence and recommendations contained in the independent road safety report..

Meeting resumed.

RESOLVED; That

1. Mrs Tilley and Mr Deynem to draft the letter and forward it to the Clerk for distribution.

Mr Deynem informed the Parish Council that he was in discussions with Cheshire West and Chester Council over moving the 30mph limit in Ashton Lane so that it encompassed the new recreational field.

97 Town and Parish Council review seminar on 15 September 2010

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that at next week's Town and Parish Council Seminar discussions would be held between local councils and Cheshire West and Chester Council about the future of grants such as Street Cleansing and Churchyard. Due to budget constrains, the Council was currently unsure whether these grants would continue.

RESOLVED: That

1. Mrs Tilley and Mrs Deynem represent Ashton Hayes Parish Council at this seminar.

98 RESIGNATION OF STREET CLEANSER

The Clerk informed that Parish Council that she had received the resignation of the Street Cleanser as he was returning to India to undertake further volunteer work. The Parish Council thanked Mr Barrett for his hard work and asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for an replacement.

Mr Holland agreed to undertake the Playground Inspections until a replacement could be organised.

RESOLVED: That

1. The Clerk to advertise the Street Cleaners vacancy in the post office and notice boards and Mr Holland to include the advert in the newsletter Around Ashton Hayes.

99 VILLAGE HALL GRASS CUTTING

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that they still had not received an invoices from the Village Hall Committee for grass cutting for 2009.

RESOLVED: That

1. Mr Deynem would chase these up.

100 RISK ASSESSMENT

Firstly the Clerk informed that Parish Council that their Internal Auditor had completed his works and the Parish Council had received a clean audit report.

The Parish Council's Risk Assessment needed reviewing and the Clerk requested the support of Mr Charnock in order to undertake this task.

RESOLVED: That

1. The Clerk work with Mr Charnock to review the Risk Assessment and present their findings to the next meeting

101 REFURBISHMENT OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman agreed to thank Mrs Holland in the next Around Ashton Hayes for her work in helping to restore the War Memorial. The slabs around the memorial still required relaying and this would be followed up with Dave Lee at the next meeting.

102 UPDATE FROM ASHTON HAYES SPORT AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

The Parish Council had received a request from the association for a donation. The Parish Council agreed to underwrite the match funding from Wren to the sum of £5,000.

MEETING SUSPENDED

The Chairman asked Mr Garman to address the Parish Council.

Mr Garman updated the Parish Council on progress with the field. He informed them that unfortunately the grant that the association had applied to Tesco for, had not been secured. As a result of this the association had had to approach the Parish Council for an additional grant

The association would be issuing an instruction to the village stating that the recreational field was not open until spring 2011 and that parents would be asked to discourage their children from using the field until this time.

Concern was raised over the need for more dog bins in Whitegate Lane and Mr Deynem agreed to chase this matter with up with Mrs Tilley.

Following concern raised regarding access to the public footpaths on the recreational fields during the time that it would be closed, Mr Garman confirmed that he would ensure that the paths would be accessible at all times.

MEETING RESUMED

RESOLVED: That

1. Mrs Tilley and Mr Deynem to liaise with the dog warden regarding additional bins being installed in Whitegate Lane.
2. Mr Garman to ensure that footpaths on the recreational field would be accessible.
3. The Parish Council would underwrite the match funding for the Wren bid to the sum of £5,000.

103 PARISH PLAN UPDATE

GROUP
LEAD COUNCILLOR
SUPPOR COUNCILLOR

Community Life
Trevor Scadeng
Naomi Deynem

Mrs Deynem confirmed that his group had not meet for a while but work was progressing with the creation of a village diary.

Environment Enrichment
Garry Charnock
Diane Stubbs

No update

Leisure & Recreation
Dave Lee
Richard Holland

Mr Holland confirmed that he was still walking all the public footpaths in Ashton Hayes.

Roads & Pedestrians
Hugo Deynem
Marie Stubbs

Mr Deynem confirmed that work was progressing with the signs review. Work was underway with the collection of names to man the Speed Indicator Device. Mrs Tilley offered to assist Mr Deynem with this initiative and would design a poster.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Woods would have to be replaced on the Parish Plan working groups following their resignations.

104 COLD CALLING

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there had been recent reports of cold calling incidents within the village that had unsettled some residents.

Mr Holland to include a short warning in the next Around Ashton Hayes.

105 AROUND ASHTON HAYES

Mr Holland informed the Parish Council that he had received a quotation for the printing of the newsletter from a company in Guilden Sutton.

106 COMMUNITY SHOP

The Parish Council were informed that the next steering group meeting was on ??

107 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

Ashton Hayes Going Carbon Neutral Project had been awarded a £4000 grant from DECC. A public meeting on the microgrid project and electric car plans would be held on 7 October, 7.30-9pm at the Primary School. will be used to install a sustainable combined heat and power biodiesel boiler to supply heat and electricity to Ashton Hayes Primary School and feed the surplus into the community microgrid

108 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she was liaising with Sgt Shaw over the removal of the graffiti on the side of the village hall. It was agreed that a quotation should be sought to ask the Graffiti Busters to remove the graffiti. This quotation should be forwarded to the police asking them to forward it on to the young person involved.

The Parish Council agreed that Mr Deynem would replace Mrs Stubbs as an authorised signatory on the Parish Council's bank account.

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