

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

PRESENT: Mrs P Tilley (Chair), Mr R Holland, Mr H Deynem, Mr G Charnock, Mr T Scadeng, Mrs D Stubbs, Mrs N Deynem, and Mrs M Woods.

CLERK: Mrs Andrea Thwaite

ALSO PRESENT: 1 members of the public,

160 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Dave Lee
Cllr Parker
Cllr Bailey
PC Rob Elliott

161 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared the following interests:

Pauline Tilley declared a personal Interest in any housing matters – Pauline is a volunteer member of Muir Housing.

Hugo Deynem declared a personal interest in any Community Shop items.

Naomi Deynem declared a personal interest in any Community Shop items

162 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2009 were accepted as a true record, with the following amendments:

Minutes ref 142 – Richard Holland on behalf of Paul Varey queried an inaccurate statement rather an inaccurate minute of a statement.

The word formal before the word prior in the third from last paragraph.

163 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER – LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE CAMPAIGN.

Susan Perry – Waste Awareness Officer introduced herself to Parish Councillors. She informed the Parish Council of the Love Food Hate Waste Campaign that would be running from January – March 2010, in which Cheshire West and Chester would try and encourage was lost by each household on food thrown away. The project hoped to reduce this amount by encouraging households to purchase less and use their left over food in imaginative ways. Road shows, cooking competitions and cooking demonstrations would take place over the coming months to encourage householders to reduce their food waste. Volunteers will be asked to complete food diaries were being sourced and Ashton Hayes Parish Council was asked to pilot this element of the project.

Trevor Scadeng volunteered his wife to take part in the food diary trial and he would also source volunteers from the gardening club.

Susan Perry was thanked for her presentation.

ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Andrew Garman and Angie Williams on behalf of Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association updated the Parish Council on fund raising for the field to date. Members were informed that the Association had now formed a Limited by Guarantee Company with Pauline Tilley and Andrew Garman as directors. The directors of this company were all liable for a maximum of £10.00 each. 71% of the fundraising had been achieved to date. Members were informed that all elements of the fundraising were on track apart from the donations from residents.

The Association had listened to the village and the recreation field design would encompass their ideas, with design ideas being put out for consultation. It was hoped that the recreational field design would be ready for consultation late February/early March 2010.

The services of Cheshire West and Chester Council's Landscape and Design Team had been commissioned for a minimal fee to help with the design. It was hoped that the recreational field

design would be ready for consultation late February/early March 2010.

Following concern raised regarding the continued use of the footpath on the proposed recreational field, it was confirmed that the public footpath would still be operational, though the committee needed to be mindful of dogs on and around the playground and football pitch.

A question rose relating to what would happen to the Association once the new company was established. It was established that the Limited by Guarantee Company was already in operation and the Association had now been succeeded by this company.

The Parish Council was informed that there was a limited source of grant aid available to purchase land for recreational use. Funds would also be required to cover costs relating to surveys, legal expenses, and the field construction. It was confirmed that, ideally, one organisation needed to purchase the land, and raise funds to finance the development and running costs.

This approach would enable the land value to be used as match funding to attract other grants.

Questions were asked about what would happen to the field if the company folded, and about the legal and other protocols involved in a parish council donating such a large amount to an independent village organisation.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would determine whether a Parish Council could donate such large amounts to a separate organisation and what protections they would need to have in place to protect their assets.

HIGHWAYS

Bob Hooks informed the Parish Council that water had been seen coming off the fields in Pentre Lane onto the highway and this had frozen leading to hazardous road conditions.

RESOLVED: This matter to be investigated.

164 2010/2011 PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET

The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2010/2011 which members agreed to.

INCOME
 PROJECTED SPEND FOR 2009/10
 BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR 2010/11

Street Cleaners Grant		£3,244.80 £3,640.00
Churchyard Grant		£400.00 £400.00
Parish Rooms Income (based on month seven actual)		£1,400.00 £1,200.00
Precept 2009/10		£9,626.00
Grants received		£0.00 £0.00
Going Carbon Neutral grants/donations		£0.00 £0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	
		<u>£14,670.80</u> <u>£5,240.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

EMPLOYEES

Clerk Salary		£2,916.57 £3,420.77
Street Cleaner		£3,244.80 £3,640.00
Parish Rooms Caretaker		£1,200.00

£1,150.00

£7,361.37

£8,210.77

ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES

Chairman's Allowance

£175.00

£175.00

Expenses (stationery, fuel, telephone, internet connection)

£800.00

£800.00

Internal Audit fees

£350.00

£300.00

External Audit Fees

£150.00

£500.00

Parish Council Insurance (including new FIDELITY COVER)

£630.00

£660.00

Around Ashton - production (estimate based on 4 productions per year)

£200.00

£150.00

Donations (approx)

£150.00

£150.00

Grass Cutting Village Hall

£300.00

£300.00

Parish Rooms Expenditure

£1,000.00

£1,000.00

Memberships

£255.00

£250.00

Churchyard Grant

£920.00

£920.00

Misc Expenditure (Special Projects)

£1,000.00

£1,500.00

Going Carbon Neutral Project	£0.00
	£0.00
RECREATIONAL FIELD	£0.00
	£0.00
Parish Plan	£0.00
	£0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
	<u>£5,930.00</u>
	<u>£6,705.00</u>

Project deficit for 2009/10 (Before Precept is received)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTED FOR 2010/11	£13,291.37
	£14,915.77

TOTAL INCOME PROJECTED FOR 2010/2011	£5,240.00
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<u>DIFFERENCE (MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PRECEPT REQUIRED)</u>	<u>£9,675.77</u>
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165 2010/2011 PRECEPT

Following the previous discussed it was agreed to request a precept that would cover the minimum amount required for 2010/11, plus an additional £1,000 for any contingences that the Parish Council could encounter.

Vote:
Six for and one against.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to request that 2010/11 Precept for Ashton Hayes be £10, 675 (£24.48 per household based on Band D properties).

166 EXPENDITURE

The following expenditure was confirmed:

Andy Barrett – Street Cleansing for December 2009.
Andrea Thwaite – Parish Clerk. December. Holiday pay, salary
and expense.£354.03
Audit Commission – 2008/09 Audit Fees £655.50

167 INCOME

The following income was confirmed:

Ashworth Time Bank Hire of Parish Rooms	£198.00
Cheshire West and Chester Council Church yard grant	£400.00
Cheshire West and Chester Council Street Cleansing Grant	£2,421.9

168 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK

Following discussions with Cheshire West and Chester's Spatial
Planning Manager, Members were informed that the consultation
had been aimed at a strategic level and was not yet in sufficient
detail to warrant comments from parish councillors. The parish
councils therefore it was decided to leave any comments from the
parish council until the local development framework was
produced in more detail.

169 PLANNING

It was confirmed that no planning applications or decision notices
had been received this month.

170 UPDATE ON RECREATIONAL FIELD AND DONATIONS TO
DATE

Members of the Parish Council agreed to formally support in principle the formation of a coalition of some sort, to own the field as long as the Parish Council can legally donate funds and participate in such a group. The Parish Council agreed that it must endeavor to protect community funds and assets within the project while supporting the project.

Proposer: Hugo Deynem and Seconder: Garry Charnock

VOTE: Eight for.

It was also agreed that Pauline Tilley would informally source some legal advice on this matter.

171 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER PLAY AREA GRANTS
2009/2010

Members were informed that grant aid was available from Cheshire West and Chester Council. It was agreed that AHSRA would submit an application for a piece of playground equipment.

172 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

Following the council's agreement to grant their Street and Amenity Cleanser sabbatical leave, Richard Holland would undertake the playground inspections during this time.

173 WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT

Trevor Scadeng confirmed that this matter was in hand and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

174 LIGHT AT VILLAGE HALL

Richard Holland confirmed that the light had been replaced at the Village Hall.

175 UPDATES FROM THE POLICE

It was confirmed that PC Elliott had spoken with several young people who had been involved with the unauthorized entry and damaged to the Parish Council's store owned by Garry Charnock. They had agreed to repay £15 each towards the costs of the

damage. The young people had also agreed to write letters of apology to Garry Charnock. PC Elliott confirmed that all the parents of the young people had confirmed that they felt the matter had been dealt with exceptionally well.

176 HIGHWAYS

It was confirmed that the land drain on the Mr Sheppard's field was damaged and water has running onto the highway

Various pot holes were reported and the Clerk confirmed that she would inform Cheshire West and Chester Council of their location.

Following the recent spell of cold and icy weather, Members agreed that an additional grit bin was needed in Vicars Close.

Pauline Tilley presented Members with a copy of the letter that Mr Trippier had sent to Cheshire West and Chester Highways Team regarding damage to the highway in Grange Road. The Clerk would chase up a response to Mr Trippier's letter.

177 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL'S ELECTORAL REVIEW.

Hugo Deynem updated Members on the latest information from the boundary review. Multi Member wards was the still the preferred option and to link Ashton Hayes with Kelsall or Barrow/Mouldsworth were being considered.

178 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER REVIEW

Hugo Deynem confirmed that Cheshire West and Chester required 52 pitches for gypsies and travellers within their borough and require an additional 4 pitches to reach the target. A desk top exercise was underway and it was confirmed that in Ashton Hayes no site had been identified. The Primary School was over subscribed and there was no common land suitable for a gypsy or traveller site.

179 PARISH PLAN UPDATE

It was confirmed that a good number of votes had been received towards whether residents wanted an independent group to

implement the parish plan or whether the parish council should. The deadline with the votes was 18th December and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain the voting slips that had been received to date.

It was confirmed that a good number of votes had been received regarding the choice of options 1 or 2 for the parish plan implementation. The voting deadline was 18th December and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain and count the voting slips that had been received to date from Mr Paul Varey.

MEETING SUSPENDED

Mr Hooks stated that the Steering Group receiving the vote slips and handled them in a professional manner. He agreed that the Parish Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council needed to work together to implement the parish plan.

Garry Charnock said there was concern over the way in which votes were collected – via houses and the Post Office and questioned the confidential nature of the process.

Some residents were also concerned that the personal data that they had disclosed should be kept by an official body such as a parish council.

Mr Hooks reminded parish councillors that the implementation guidelines were only guidelines.

MEETING RESUMED

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain the voting slips that had been returned to date from Mr Paul Varey.

180 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

Garry Charnock informed the PC that all news was on the project website but also outlined the forthcoming DECC visit to assess the village grant application.

181 COMMUNITY SHOP

It was confirmed that the Post Office would under go redecoration over the coming weeks and volunteers were being sought.

The opening of the shop would be 25th January 2010.

RESOLVED:

Chairman would write on behalf of the Parish Council a letter of thanks to Lisa Allman and her volunteers for all their hard work in making the vision of a community shop for Ashton Hayes a reality.

182 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st February 2010. 8pm

Meeting finished at 10pm

Signed

Date