

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 7 June 2010 – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

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

CLERK: Andrea Thwaite

ALSO PRESENT: 5 members of the public, PC Elliott and Cllr Stuart Parker

44 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Pauline Tilley
Dave Lee
Cllr Bailey

45 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 and in any matters relating to the new temporary Street and Amenity Cleanser as he is his step-son.

Naomi Deynem declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Ashton Hayes Community Shop as her daughter-in-law is the Shop Manager and in any matters relating to the new temporary Street and Amenity Cleanser as he is her daughter-in-law's son.

46 MINUTES

The minutes from the 12 April and 10 May 2010 were approved with the following amendments.

10 May meeting was Chaired by Hugo Deymen
Trevor Scadeng did not attend the meeting and had given his apologies .

47 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

PC Elliott introduced a young person from Ashton Hayes, Emma Bryant. Miss Bryant asked whether the Parish Council could consider more litter bins for the village and Gary Charnock confirmed that this would be considered under the Parish Plan implementation scheme.

PC Elliott confirmed that there had been 42 incidents in Kelsall and Ashton Hayes last month, though he stressed that they were not all crime related. The incidents included thefts, assaults, suspicious calls, burglaries, criminal damage, cold calling and graffiti.

PC Elliott had confirmed that the young person responsible for the recent acts of graffiti in the village had been caught and given the opportunity to write a letter of apology and pay for the damage in lieu of receiving a criminal record. The young person had written a letter of apology to the Parish Council which the Clerk had read out but kept his identity confidential. It was agreed that the young person should undertake some voluntary work in the village.

Following the sad death of a young person in the village, who had previously worked for the Parish Council, it was agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the family.

It was reported that incidents of dog fouling in the village had increased recently, and Hugo Deynem was in discussion with the Dog Warden from Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding new dog bins etc.

Reports of pot holes were received and it was agreed that the Clerk would forward the details on to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

48 EXPENDITURE

The following expenditure was incurred:

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| 10014 | Mrs Pauline Tilley | Reimbursement of expenses | £10.00 |
| 10015 | Mr G Owen | Street Cleanser | £0.00 |
| 10016 | Mrs G Forgrave | Caretaker | £0.00 |
| 10017 | Mrs A Thwaite | May and June Salary. Overtime in relation to 09/10 Audit | £555.14 |
| 10018 | Morrall Leisure | Playground Inspection | £49.93 |
| 10019 | Scottish Power | Monthly Installment | £25.84 |
| 10020 | United Utilities | Waste water Jan - April 10 | £19.26 |
| 10021 | Staples | Ink cartridges | £44.28 |
| 10022 | cancelled | | £0.00 |
| 10023 | M&M | Printing of Newsletter | £48.81 |
| 10024 | St John the Church | 2009/10 Churchyard grant | £900.00 |
| 10025 | British Gas | Gas | £112.00 |
| 10026 | Cancelled see 100027 | | £0.00 |
| 10027 | Ashton Hayes Gardening Club | Reimbursement of summer bedding plants | £89.78 |
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INCOME

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The following amount had been received during June 2010:

£100 donation for Going Carbon Neutral Project.

50 2009/10 Year End Audit.

The Clerk presented to the Parish Council the 2009/10 Year End Balance Sheet and summary of accounts.

| BALANCE SHEET | <u>2009/10</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| CARRY FORWARD FROM 2008/09 | 41605.93 |
| Precept | 9626.54 |
| Other Income | 14679.02 |
| Salaries | 7055.57 |
| Operational expenditure | 22350.60 |
| CARRY FORWARD TO 2010/11 | 36505.33 |

CASH FLOW 2009/10

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| Cash Book | Balance brought forward from 2008/09 | 41,605.93 |
| | Less Payments | 29,406.16 |
| | plus receipts | 24,305.56 |
| | | 36,505.33 |
| Bank | Opening balance (Current and deposit) | 41,605.93 |
| | total transactions during year (income less expenditure) | 5,100.60 |
| | Closing balance 2009/10 | 36,505.33 |

51 PLANNING

The Clerk confirmed that there were no new planning applications received this month.

Mr Holland confirmed he had reviewed application 10/10909/FUL and that there was no impact on the landscape and had

responded directly with the Planning Department.

52 HIGHWAYS

It was confirmed that there were various over hanging hedges in Ashton Hayes and the Clerk would forward details to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

54 DONATION TO THE GARDENING CLUB

Mr Scadeng confirmed that the gardening club had planted the summer bedding under the village name signs and £86.00 had been spent.

55 STREET AND AMENITY CLEANSER

The Clerk confirmed that she had received notification from Andy Barrett that his return from sabbatical leave would be mid July and would contact her again with a definite date.

The Parish Council thanked George Owen for standing in during the sabbatical leave and would finalise all payments to him.

56 INTERNAL CONDITION OF PARISH COUNCIL ROOMS

Mrs Tilley had raised some concern over the internal condition of the Parish Rooms and Mr Scadeng agreed to have a look at the issues and action them as appropriate.

57 GRAFFITI

This item had been discussed under Public Speaking Time earlier in the meeting.

58 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO PARISH ROOMS

The Clerk confirmed that she had been reviewing the costs of gas and electricity supplies to the Parish Rooms. Mr Charnock suggested that she consider green energy, though it may be slighter more expensive.

59 PARISH COUNCIL WAR MEMORIAL

It was confirmed that Mrs Holland had cleaned and painted most of the lead lettering on the war memorial. The paving slabs around the war memorial were also causing concern and it was agreed to allocate up to £150 towards the cost of resetting them. Mr Charnock to obtain a quotation.

60 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FROM CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL IN REFERENCE TO THE GRANT OF OF THE STREET CLEANER.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a Service Level Agreement from Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding funding for the next 12 months for the provision of street cleaning in Ashton Hayes.

Mr Charnock signed the contract on behalf of the Parish Council.

61 2010 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

The Clerk confirmed that the Playground has undergone its annual playground inspection and the following urgent concern had been raised:

Moss on the steep slope up to the playground.

Mr Scadeng confirmed that he would endeavor to clean away the moss.

62 2010 BEAT THE BOUNDS

It was agreed to use the same format as last year for this year's Beat the Bounds. The Clerk would allocate roads within the parish to all Parish Councillors and ask them to undertake an audit on them and report any problems.

63 ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Parish Council received an update from the Sports and Recreational Association relating to the open space project. It was agreed that the playground and football area should not include a pond and that all playgrounds should be grouped

together according to their ages and that appropriate safety measures should be considered. Advice on design and layout had been received from Landscape Officers from Cheshire West and Chester Council. Parish Councillors were informed that the issue of dogs would be deferred until a later stage.

Mr Charnock thanked the association and Andrew Garman for all their hard work and noted that the project was moving quickly and successfully.

64 PARISH PLAN

THE ENVIRONMENTAL THEME: a bio-diversity study of the area had been undertaken by the University college Chester and the results would be available soon.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Mr Scadeng confirmed that he had met with Ashworth Time Bank and was surprised by how much they did for the village. They had confirmed that they wanted to be the hub of the village news ie: clubs, organisations etc.

LEISURE AND RECREATION: Mr Holland confirmed that he intended to walk all footpaths over the summer and would produce a booklet detailing them all. The Ashton Hayes Open Space Project which had been covered earlier in the meeting was delivering them of the actions within this theme.

ROADS AND PEDESTRIANS: Since the last meeting no new updates were available.

65 GOING CARBON NEUTRAL PROJECT

Mr Charnock confirmed that the grant that had been won for £500K was in jeopardy due to the current financial down turn. Unfortunately Ashton Hayes Primary Schools were working towards the installation of the CHP plant and the awarded grant was critical to the implementation of this project.

66 COMMUNITY SHOP

Mr Scadeng confirmed that the next Steering Group meeting was tomorrow but he could confirm that the shop was doing well and was doing better than breaking even.

67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th July 2010 and not the scheduled meeting as 5th July.

Meeting finished at 10pm

Signed

Date