

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL — held on Monday 1 March 2010 – 8.00pm in Ashton Hayes Parish Rooms, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire.

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

CLERK: Mrs Andrea Thwaite

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public, PCs Robinson and Hazelwood

207 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Garry Charnock
Trevor Scadeng
Cllr Parker
Cllr Bailey

208 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 and is on the Board of Directors of Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association

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

209 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

PCs Robinson and Hazelwood introduced themselves as Police Officers from the Rural Policing Team. They were informed that Parking outside the Primary School during peak times was again a problem. Diane Stubbs informed the Police, that there had been 2 near misses recently outside the school involving children and parked cars.

PC Robinson confirmed that he would follow this matter up.

Members were informed that in February their had been 25

incidents in Ashton Hayes of a non-serious nature. PC Elliot's next surgery would be held on 16 March at 11.20 outside the Nursery.

Dave Lee informed the Police that incidents of Travellers taking items from skips have been witnessed. The Police were also to follow this matter up.

210 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2010 were signed as a true record.

211 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE – to be appended to the minutes.

INCOME – to be appended to the minutes.

212 PLANNING RECEIVED

Planning application: 09/12047/FUL – two storey extension – Woodside Farm, Old Lane, Ashton Hayes. Chester has been received. Members were informed that a site visit had been undertaken and the local residents had been contacted. The proposed design was the most logical way to extend. It will match the section of the property which was being extended and the intention is to make it look as if it had been there all along. It won't overlook anyone and won't be visible from neighbouring buildings. It will be briefly visible to passers by from the road, but hardly noticeable. The Parish Council supported the application.

212 UPATE ON THE FUNDING FOR THE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FIELD

Following a recent conference call with Rocky Sharrock from Fields and Track Association, Parish Councillors were now satisfied with the arrangement for protecting the Parish Council's asset after it had donated it to Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association. Decisions would come back to the Parish Council and the field deeds will protect the Parish Council's money.

Members were informed that the Option to purchase Robert Lewis's Field expired on the 31st March 2010. Following

discussions, Members agreed that if the funding was not all received before 31 March 2010, then the option had to be extended and the additional cost of £1,500 to undertake the extension had unfortunately to be incurred.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council to extend the option to purchase if all the funding for the purchase of the field had not been received by 31 March 2010.

213 WAR MEMORIAL

As Trevor Scadeng was not at the meeting to provide an update, Members were informed that this item would be put on April's agenda.

214 HIGHWAYS – POT HOLES

Members were informed that the village roads were still suffering the effects of the recent severe winter and despite the Clerk already reporting over 20 potholes to the Council, more had been incurred. Members also discussed the condition of Gongar Road following the utility works 2 years ago.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to undertake a site visit and report all potholes that were currently visible. The Clerk to also report to the Council the deteriorating condition of Gongar Lane.

215 AREA FORUM – GOWY

It was agreed that Pauline Tilley and Andrea Thwaite would attend the next Gowy Area Forum on 11 March at Tarporley British Legion.

216 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

More volunteers had been received but it was agreed that the next around Ashton Hayes Newsletter would include request for more residents to sit on the Implementation Plan groups.

217 SCOUTS PROJECT

Hugo Deynem informed Members that during February half term a small group of Scouts undertook a project to see how effective it was to travel to Chester on public transport from Ashton Hayes. It was a difficult exercise as public transport in and out of the village was not regular and convenient.

It was agreed to forward their findings to the Parish Plan group.

218 COMMUNITY SHOP

Members were informed that the official opening of Ashton Hayes Community Shop would be held on Saturday 6 March 2010, with the deputy Lord Mayor of Chester performing the opening ceremony.

219 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hugo Deynem informed Members of the sad death of Pat Johnson. Pat had been a Parish Councillor and was also a former City Councillor.

Hugo Deynem reported that despite the Clerk reporting that street light number 6 in Peel Hall Lane was out, it was out again.

Richard Holland asked for any articles for the next Around Ashton Hayes to be with him by 15 March.

Parish Plan Leads to write a piece for the newsletter.

Reports of mud on Ashton Lane were made.

Following the repairing of the road defects in Ashton Lane concern was raised over how long it took, the decision to divert the traffic down Kelsall Road and how much it cost. Pauline Tilley agreed to forward a letter to Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding these concerns.

Meeting finished at 9.20pm

Signed

Date