

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 12th June 2013 at 7.00 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Terry Turvey (Chair), Sandra Lemon, Steve Green,

Clerk : John Marshall

NCC Cllr Walker and SNC Cllr Wilson also in attendance.

- 63. Councillor vacancy:** Action
The Clerk advised that there had been one application for the vacancy, from Carl Johnson; he further advised that SNC had confirmed that the Council could co-opt to fill the vacancy. Cllr Turvey proposed that Carl Johnson be co-opted; all in favour. Mr Johnson, having signed the declaration of acceptance of office, joined the meeting.
- 64. Public session:**
Cllr Walker updated the Council on highways issues that he had followed up with Helen Howard of MGWSP / NCC Highways. The A508 / Stoke Road junction improvements remain in the work programme and all gully pots / drainage maintenance is reported as having been completed.
- 65. Declarations of interest:**
Cllr Lemon, Ashton Playground Association; Cllrs Lemon and Green as Trustees of the Hut Land.
- 66. Acceptance of Apologies for absence:**
The Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Day (holiday), Farrand (holiday) and Beber (prior commitment).
- 67. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting (8th May 2013):**
Cllr Lemon proposed that the Minutes be accepted; all in favour.
- 68. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**
The Clerk gave a verbal update on actions taken by him since the last meeting.
- Helen Howard of MGWSP / NCC Highways will look into the matter of the gap in the lower guard rail at Waterloo Hollow (now rectified).
 - A quote for the footpath at Stoke Road Green had been received from SteveHarris, Aloha Landscapes. The Council agreed to defer discussion of the matter to Agenda item 73.
- 69. Planning:**
- i. New Applications
After discussion, including with the applicant, who was present at the meeting, the Council resolved unanimously to support the Application S/2013/0605/FUL; 29Hartwell Road, Tree House.
The Council then discussed the Application S/2013/0625/FUL, Roade Hill (Pickering's), for change of use of a building from agricultural to commercial usage and decided unanimously to object on the grounds of the significant change of use of the building from that originally granted, the additional traffic volume and type of vehicle movements that the change would bring to Ashton village and the added risk from vehicle movements, right and left, into and out of the premises that would now be operating on both sides of Roade Hill, especially as it was now a bus route.
- ii. Update on existing Applications
PAs S/2013/0462/FUL 14 Stoke Road, 0466/FUL 22 Hartwell Road, 0494/FUL 85 Hartwell Road have been approved; all other decisions remain pending.

70. Finance:**i. Financial Report.**

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31 May 2013

£16,776.65

Receipts

Payee	Amount	Description
SNC	Nil	

ii. Bills for Payment:

The Council approved unanimously the following payments;

Date	Payee	Cheque	Amount	VAT	Description
12.06.13	W J M Marshall	596	213.85		Salary + exes for May
12.06.13	Post Office Ltd	597	46.20		HMRC/PAYE
12.06.13	FG Eustace	598	271.02		Refurb of notice boards
12.06.13	JS Landscapes	599	210.00		Grass cutting, May

71. Highways issues:

See Minute 68 above *re* rail at Waterloo Hollow.

72. Other issues:

i. The Hut Land. The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from the Case Officer at SNC Development Control that planning permission in respect of the change of use of the land was not required. The way is now cleared for the additional 3 Trustees to be elected who then, with the Council's appointed Trustees (Cllrs Green and Lemon) will form the Management Committee. The Clerk reported that as there were 3 expressions of interest in the positions (from Ashley Smith, Anne Sale and Jan Willets) these individuals would be elected unopposed; Cllrs Green and Lemon were asked to arrange for the Management Committee to formally meet to confirm the appointment of the 3 Trustees and to agree the changes to the Charity Trust Scheme including the name change from the Ashton Playground Association to the Hut Land, that the Clerk would then notify to the Charity Commission, along with the names of the newly appointed Trustees.

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Clerk

ii. Neighbourhood / Parish Plan. Cllr Beber was not present and no report was available.

iii. AVN. The Clerk read out an e-mail from David and Dee Farrand, requesting funding to continue production of the AVN over the coming months. This item had been taken earlier in the meeting, whilst Cllr Allan Walker was present; he offered to meet with the Clerk to look into the provision of continued funding from his Empowerment Fund, following on from that provided by Cllr Ingram.

iv. Cllr Lemon reported on the visit by the 'Northants Best Village' competition judges; she thanked all concerned for their efforts, the result will be known in July.

73. Correspondence requiring a response or decision:

e-mail from Susan Bland of Grand Union Housing Group requesting a meeting with Council representatives to discuss the future of SNH owned land - the garage area - to the rear of properties on the north side of Stoke Road Green. The Council resolved unanimously to ask Cllrs Turvey and Lemon to attend a meeting; the Clerk was asked to make the arrangements.

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The Clerk was also asked to respond to the two firms that had provided quotes for the proposed footpath works, advising them of the impending discussions with GUHP / SNH.

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74. Items for next meeting:

Grant to The Hut Land charity. Cllrs resolved not to meet in July. Date of next meeting Wednesday 14th August. Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 8.25pm