

**Minutes of Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Terry Turvey, Sandra Lemon, Bernard Day, Carl Johnson

Clerk : John Marshall

PCSO Cooksammy, SNC Cllr Wilson and NCC Cllr Walker in attendance

2013/

87. Public Session:

No issues raised but in response to a question from the Clerk regarding a recent media report, Cllr Walker confirmed that NCC had no plans to close or alter minor roads without consultation and the agreement of the affected communities.

88. Declarations of interest:

Cllr Lemon, Ashton Playground Association (as Committee member) and the Hut Land (as Trustee).

89. Acceptance of apologies for absence:

Cllrs Farrand (prior commitment), Beber (prior commitment) and Green (holiday).

90. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting (14th July 2013):

The Council resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record.

91. Matters arising from the Minutes, including the Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report had been previously circulated; there were no questions but the Clerk was asked to stress to Network Rail the importance of preserving the hedge, after cutting as a visual and noise barrier for the West Coast main Line.

Clerk

Cllr Lemon advised that the village consultation meeting, to be hosted by SNH regarding their proposals for housing on the garage site, north side of Stoke Road Green would now be held on 18 September from 4pm – 6pm at the Knights Hall. Cllr Turvey reported that he canvassed residents' opinion regarding the hedge at the SNH property, at the corner of St Michael's Court / Hartwell Road; the majority expressed the view that they valued the screen that the hedge provided. The Council resolved to take no further action in respect of this hedge.

92. Planning:

i. New Applications

S/2013/1102/FUL, 85 Hartwell Road, variation to Conditions. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections' but to express dissatisfaction to SNC Development Control over the lack of detail regarding the changes requested.

S/2013/1137/FUL, 23 Roade Hill, single storey front extension. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections'.

Clerk

ii. Update on existing applications

S/2013/0820/FUL, 12 Hartwell Road has been approved. All other PAs remain pending.

SNC Cllr Wilson provided an update on S/2013/0951/FUL, Pickerings, Roade Hill, retention of an building for agricultural, commercial and industrial use, which the Council is minded to approve.

iii. Other planning matters

Cllr Wilson provided an update *re* the M1 Wind Farm Community. He had spoken to Daniel Callis, the Case Officer who had confirmed that SNC's role in this matter was as 'honest broker', helping to secure a fair and proper outcome for the affected parishes. The initial offer of £2,500 per installed megawatt capacity has been increased to £3,750.

93. Finance:**i. Financial Report.**

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at Bank at 3 rd September 2013	£15,158.92 -
Uncleared cheque	£ 90.00
Cash available	<u>£15,068.92</u>

ii. Insurance.

The Council resolved to renew the annual insurance policy with Came & Co / Aviva at a cost of £452.28.

Clerk

iii. Bills for Payment and Receipts.Receipts

Date		From	For	Amount	
				Nil	

Payments

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
11.09.13	610	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for July	373.29	3.66
11.09.13	611	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	48.40	
11.09.13	612	JS Landscapes	Grass cutting, July	210.00	
11.09.13	613	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance premium	452.28	
26.09.13	DD	PWLB	Loan repayment	1693.59	

94. Highways issues:

Helen Howard, NCC Highways / MGWSP will visit Ashton on Thursday at 0930 for a village walkabout; Cllrs Lemon, Johnson and Farrand together with the Clerk and NCC Cllr Walker plan to attend. Issues to be raised were confirmed as;

- overhanging willow tree, Stoke Road
- hedge overhanging / obstructing the footway, 62 Stoke Road
- collapsed drains in the vicinity of the bridge on Stoke Road
- the current position of the A508 / Stoke Road junction improvements
- the possibility of a 20mph speed limit within the village
- appropriate eg 'slow down' signage warning of the presence of horses within the village and also at the blind bends on Roade Hill in view of the additional risk posed by the size and speed of buses
- blocked gully pots, Hartwell Road (east of the bridge)
- ongoing issues at Waterloo Hollow

95. Anglian Water issues:

The Clerk provided an update on his dealings with AW regarding the sewerage outflow and overflow issue at Stoke Road. On 9th September, AW's contractors carried out a camera survey of the Stoke Road sewer(s); the findings of that survey will be made known to the Council once the report is to hand.

Cllr Farrand had also received, via SNC a copy of a letter from the Environment Agency. EA have stated that the capacity of the combined sewer from Roade is insufficient to cope with the volume that arises during heavy rainfall and that any additional development will require additional sewer capacity. The Clerk has confirmed with Maria Philpott, the Case Officer for the ex-PSL site PA that she is aware of this correspondence and that APC will be added to the list of consultees.

96. Other issues:**i. Hut Land, update.**

The Clerk advised that the Charity Commission had confirmed that we have now met all their requirements and that they have closed their case file.

ii. Grounds maintenance issues raised by JS Landscapes.

After discussion, the Council resolved that JS Landscapes should cut just the Stoke Road Green, not the surrounding verges. Cllr Day indicated that the PCC did not wish to have weed-killing carried out in the churchyard this year; the Clerk was asked to convey these decisions to JS Landscapes. Cllr Lemon, whilst recognising that no additional expenditure would be incurred questioned the propriety and legality of the Council rather than the PCC paying for this further maintenance of the churchyard.

Clerk

iii. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning.

Cllr Lemon highlighted the need, as evidenced by the M1 Wind Farm Community Fund and SNH's proposal to build additional social housing for the process of producing a Plan to commence without further delay. She reported that a resident had expressed an interest in assisting with taking this matter forward. Cllr Lemon was asked to put the resident in touch with Jeremy Roychoudhury.

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97. Correspondence requiring a response or decision:

Cllr Turvey reported that hedge clippings were obstructing footpath KA14. He had identified the likely source of the clippings and was attempting to make contact with the resident of the property, to request that they be cleared.

Clerk

98. Items for next meeting:

November bonfire event.

Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Date and time of next meeting:

Wednesday 16th October at 7.15pm.

NB one-off change of week to second Wednesday