

**Minutes of Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Terry Turvey, Sandra Lemon, Bernard Day, Carl Johnson, Alan Beber, Steve Green

Clerk: John Marshall

In attendance: SNC Cllr Wilson, no members of the public. NCC Cllr Walker was unable to attend

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111. Public Session:

Dis Cllr Wilson reported on a presentation to SNC Cllrs by the applicants for S/2012/0382/MAO the ex-PSL site in Roade. The application is due to be determined by the SNC Development Control Committee shortly.

112. Declarations of interest:

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

113. Acceptance of apologies for absence:

Cllr Turvey reported that he had received a letter from Cllr Farrand tendering his resignation from the Council with immediate effect, due to other commitments. Cllr Turvey reported that he had written to Cllr Farrand, thanking him for his contribution as a Cllr. The Council accepted the resignation and the Clerk was asked to put in hand the necessary arrangements for the vacancy to be advertised and filled.

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114. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting (16th October 2013):

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

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

The Clerk's Report had been previously circulated; there were no questions.

116. Planning:

i. New Applications

S/2012/0382/MAO; amended application at the ex PSL site, Roade to include provision of a doctor's surgery. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections' but to request that the description be broadened from 'doctor's surgery' to 'health centre' to allow for a wider scale of health care provision.

S/2013/1409/MAF; ex-Chaplin's site in Roade. The Council resolved to object to this application in its present form, due to the increased risk of flooding arising from the combined sewer.

S/2013/1458/FUL; 5 dwellings on land to the north of Stoke Road Green. After a full discussion and careful consideration of the reported views of residents and the *pros* and *cons* of the proposed development, the Council resolved to support the application with additional comments *viz*

- the current scheme, a revision of the original presented at the village consultation appears to have taken note of comments received at that stage of the process
- it is a well thought out scheme that blends well with the surrounding environment and properties and
- it will provide additional affordable housing to the village, to the ultimate benefit of the current and future population .

S/2013/1537/FUL; 20 Roade Hill. The Council resolved its response to be 'no observations'.

ii. Update on existing applications

S/2013/1191/FUL, 11 Hartwell Road, 2 storey rear extension, porch and off-road parking has been approved. All other PAs remain pending.

iii. Other planning matters

None.

Finance:

117. i. Financial Report.

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at Bank at 30 th October 2013	£18,057.56
Uncleared cheques	£ 650.65
Cash available (inc £500 AVN funds)	<u>£17,406.91</u>

ii. Bills for Payment and Receipts.

Receipts

Date		From	For	Amount	
				Nil	

Payments

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
27.11.13	620	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for Oct and Nov	452.62	2.19
27.11.13	621	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	93.20	
27.11.13	622	JS Landscapes	Grass cutting, Oct	315.00	
27.11.13	623	D Farrand	AVN April - August	196.00	
27.11.13	624	Northants CALC	Training course fee	29.00	
27.11.13	625	S Lemon	Christmas tree lights	32.50	5.42

iii. Access to and availability of grants to the Council:

The Clerk drew particular attention to funds that were available, both immediately, in the form of Community Development grants and New Homes Bonus grants from SNC and in the future, from the Community Fund to be established as a result of the M1 Wind Farm development. Cllrs briefly discussed and identified potential projects for funding as the Stoke Road Green footpath, play equipment in the Recreation field, the proposed Parish Council website, the Jubilee Park project and the provision of fibre broadband to the village. It was also agreed to initiate a community-wide debate on whether there was a desire or need for a village hall. Cllrs agreed to send any other suggestions to the Clerk.

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118. Highways issues:

Cllr Day raised two issues on behalf of residents;

- HGVs etc finding their way into the Roade Hill cul-de-sac, north of the School, apparently routed there by satnav.
- Vehicle encroachment, damaging the verge adjacent to the Hartwell Road bus stop, Old Crown side. onto the verge

The Clerk was asked to refer both matters to Helen Howard at NCC Highways. Cllr Turvey mentioned the incidence of an M1 Wind Farm bound vehicle found to be off the approved route and approaching Ashton from Roade. The Clerk agreed to refer the vehicle's details to the contractor

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119. Other issues:

i. Dedicated parish Council Notice Board

After discussion and in the light of the proposed PC website, the Council decided not to purchase a dedicated Notice Board.

ii. Ashton Parish Council domain name and website

The Clerk reported that there had been a productive meeting between himself and Cllrs Beber and Farrand, the outcome of which was to propose the purchase of a domain name and hosting separately from website building and ongoing maintenance from a third party. Unfortunately, the website provider who had been approached had proved to be unsuitable and the Clerk was asked to pursue an

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alternative provider who had been recommended to him. Cllr Beber agreed to arrange for the domain name purchase and hosting.

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iii. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning

Cllr Beber advised that a meeting had been held. 7 people attended and Jeremy Roychoudhury had been elected Chairman with Isobel Lane as Secretary.

120. Correspondence requiring a response or decision:

None

121. Items for next meeting:

Date and time of next meeting:

Wednesday 8th January 2014