

**Minutes of Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Terry Turvey, Sandra Lemon, Bernard Day, Carl Johnson, Steve Green,
Lee Gardiner

Clerk: John Marshall

In attendance: SNC Cllr Wilson, NCC Cllr Walker, 1 member of the public.

2014/

24.

Public Session:

Mr Firth, Orchard Cottage, 29 Hartwell Road introduced his proposal re changes to the registered village green that forms part of his property title. The Council has been formally consulted but Mr Firth was advised that as the papers had arrived after the Agenda for this meeting had been published, the matter would not be discussed by the Council until the meeting on 9th April.

NCC Cllr Walker agreed to raise again the delay in the promised improvements to the Stoke Road / A508 junction. He also advised that some of his NCC Cllr Empowerment Fund for the current year remained available and agreed to consider approx. £500 funding for the Hut Land fencing on receipt of a costed application.

SL/SG

25.

Declarations of interest:

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

26.

Acceptance of apologies for absence:

Alan Beber, prior engagement.

27.

Approval of Minutes of last Meeting (12th February 2014):

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

28.

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

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

The Council resolved, in principle to contribute to the 2014 fireworks event by way of a grant, on receipt of a costed application from the organisers (ASPA).

The Council agreed the proposed letter to be sent to St Michael & All Angels PCC, confirming the arrangements for future funding to cover the costs of church flood lighting by way of an annual grant.

Clerk

The Council agreed to the offer from Helen Howard, MGWSP / NCC Highways for a village walkabout on Monday 24 April at 0930.

Clerk

29.

Planning:

i. New Applications

S/2014/0218/FUL; 81 Hartwell Road, double garage; the Council resolved its response to be 'no objections with no additional comments'

Clerk

ii. Update on existing applications

S/2013/1558/FUL; land to the north of Stoke Road – approved

All other PAs remain pending.

iii. Other planning matters

The Council noted receipt of the file from Mr and Mrs Firth of Orchard House, 29 Hartwell Road relating to a proposal for de-registration of the existing village green and transfer of an adjacent parcel of land in replacement thereof. The file is to be circulated to Cllrs and considered at the April meeting.

Cllrs
Clerk

30.

Finance:

i. Financial Report.

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at Bank at 28 th February 2014	£15,227.37
NB includes uncleared cheque	£ 243.88
AVN funds, currently	£ 226.00
Cash available	<u>£14,757.59</u>

ii. Bills for Payment and Receipts.

Receipts

Date	From	For	Amount
			Nil

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
12.03.14	636	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for Feb	235.30	1.15
12.03.14	637	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	46.60	
26.03.14	DD	UK Debt Mgmt Office	PWLB loan	1693.59	

31. Highways issues:

i. Damage to the verge opposite 29 Hartwell Road is being caused by vehicles associated with the construction work being undertaken at 10 Hartwell Road. Cllr Turvey agreed to raise the matter with the resident.

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32. Other issues:

i. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning:

No report; Cllr Beber not present.

ii. Website:

The Clerk reported that the website was now available for viewing by Clls, who were asked to confirm to the Clerk by e-mail that it was fit for purpose. A discussion took place regarding future management of the site. The Clerk considered that the original agreement for ADC-Online to undertake the ongoing site management might not be the best way forward; he suggested that we might offer them the option to be paid for the work done so far to build the site and to self-manage the site going forward. Cllr Gardiner offered to service the site in terms of monthly uploading of Agenda and approved Minutes; Cllrs agreed both proposals but requested that the Clerk also consult with Cllr Beber in this respect.

Cllrs

iii. Field opposite 10 – 12 Stoke Road:

Cllr Gardiner, on behalf of a resident raised the appearance of the field opposite these properties. He was advised that this was not a matter in which the Council had any powers or jurisdiction and undertook to relay that information to the resident.

LG

33. Correspondence requiring a response or decision:

None.

34. Items for the next meeting:

Proposal to de-register the village green that forms part of Orchard House, 29 Hartwell Road.

NHW and Footpaths to be added to Agenda as standing items.

Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Date and time of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th April 2014