

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

**Present:** Sandra Lemon (Vice Chair), Bernard Day, Lee Gardiner, Steve Green, Carl Johnson

**Clerk :** John Marshall

District Cllr Wilson plus 9 members of the public.

Cllr Lemon took the chair in the absence of Cllr Turvey

**Action**

- 61. Public session:**  
Mr and Mrs Firth updated the Council regarding their plans for de-registration of Hartwell Road Village Green (see Minute 69 i).  
Members of ASPA addressed the Council on their request for a grant of £700 towards the fireworks for their November event (see Minute 69 ii).  
Two representatives of Men's Own RFC addressed the Council on their current and future plans for the club and their willingness and desire for improved integration and co-operation with the Council and the Ashton community.  
A member of the public commented on the spate of accidents on the A508 and the local publicity that this had received (see Minute 68).
- 62. Declarations of interest:**  
Cllr Lemon, Hut Land and Ashton Playground Association; Cllr Green, Hut Land; Cllr Gardiner, Ashton Playground Association.
- 63. Apologies for absence:**  
Alan Beber (prior engagement), Terry Turvey (holiday)
- 64. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting (11<sup>th</sup> June 2014):**  
The Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June were accepted by the Council.
- 65. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**  
The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions.  
Cllr Lemon requested that her e-mail address be added to the information provided on the Council website; Cllr Gardiner will arrange to do so. **LG**
- 66. Planning:**
- i. New Applications**  
S/2014/0675/FUL; 2 Vale Brook, Hartwell Road, single storey rear extension.  
The Council resolved that its response would be 'no objections with no added comments'.
- ii. Update on existing Applications**  
S/2014/0323/FUL, Vale Farm House and S/2014/0449/FUL, 14 Stoke Road have been approved. S/2014/0438/FUL, Pickerings Road Hill has been withdrawn.  
All other Applications remain pending.
- iii. Other planning matters**  
None.
- 67. Finance:**
- i. Financial Report.**  
The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;  
Cash at bank at 31st June 2014 (includes AVN funds of £113) £17,312.60

**ii. Receipts and Bills for Payment:**Receipts

Date	Payee	For	Amount
			Nil

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
11.06.14	652	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for May	216.85	
11.06.14	653	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	48.20	
11.06.14	654	JS Landscapes	Grass cutting, May	210.00	
11.06.14	655	e-on	Street lighting repair	69.60	11.60

**68. Highways issues:**

The Clerk was asked to write to Andrea Leadsome MP and Stoke Bruerne PC highlighting the Council's concerns regarding the A508 and the promised junction improvements.

Clerk

**69. Other issues:****i. Proposed de-registration of Hartwell Road Village Green.**

The Clerk updated the Council on correspondence that had been received from the Applicants since the previous meeting. After considerable discussion and deliberation the Council resolved to support the proposal for de-registration with the *provisos* that

- the release land offered in exchange is registered by the Firths as a Village Green and
- the release land continues to be maintained by the Firths in such a way as to ensure that it remains available as an area 'for informal recreation by local people' as mentioned in their letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 sent to all consultees including this Council

The Council also considered the Firth's offer to transfer ownership of the release land to the Council and / or Trustees but resolved not to take up that offer on the basis that the liability involved outweighed the benefits. The Clerk was asked to write to the Firths confirming the Council's position.

Clerk

**ii. ASPA's Ashton fireworks event**

The Chairman reminded Cllrs that the reason for requesting ASPA's attendance was to enable the Council to better understand the finances surrounding the event. The Clerk advised that because the application stated the grant would 'boost the profitability' of the event and that ASPA had confirmed verbally that the event was not loss-making, any financial contribution made by the Council was effectively an indirect contribution to the school rather than underpinning finance required to stage the event. After discussion, during which Cllrs recognised the benefit to the community derived from this event Cllrs resolved to make ASPA a grant of £350.

**iii. Footpaths**

No report as Cllr Turvey not present.

**iv. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning**

No report as Cllr Beber not present; next meeting 24<sup>th</sup>

**v. Grant applications**

The Clerk reported that the application to SNC for a grant from the New Homes Bonus Fund for village improvements has been submitted; the Grants Panel will consider the application when it next meets in July / August.

The application for a grant from the M1 Wind Farm Community Fund was considered; the Council resolved unanimously to submit an application for the full Year 1 amount of £4320 for play equipment. The Council further resolved unanimously that the equipment, once installed would become the property of the Parish Council who would become responsible for its insurance, maintenance, regular inspection and annual examination.

**vi. SNC nomination and selection criteria for new homes on Stoke Road**

The Council resolved unanimously to agree with the proposed criteria drawn up by South Northants Council; the Clerk was asked to advise SNC accordingly.

**70. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:**

None.

**71. Items for next meeting:**

Street lighting repairs, arrangements for budget and maintenance

Future arrangements for Council budget and precept setting

Grants policy

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

**Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.15pm.