

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

**Present:** Terry Turvey (Chair), Sandra Lemon, Bernard Day, Lee Gardiner, Steve Green, Carl Johnson, Alan Beber

**Clerk :** John Marshall

SNC Cllr Wilson; NCC Cllr Walker unable to attend.

- 82. Public session:** Action  
No members of the public present and no items to report from Dis Cllr Wilson
- 83. Declarations of interest:**  
Cllr Lemon, Hut Land and Ashton Playground Association; Cllr Green, Hut Land; Cllr Gardiner, Ashton Playground Association.
- 84. Apologies for absence:**  
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- 85. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting:**  
The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July.
- 86. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**  
The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions.
- 87. Planning:**
- i. New Applications**  
S/2014/1362/FUL, 15 Roade Hill, replacement dwelling. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections' with no added comments.
- ii. Update on existing Applications**  
No applications outstanding.
- iii. Other planning matters**  
The response from Susan Bland of Grand Union Housing Partnership to the Council's enquiry relating to the signage and spoil heap at the Stoke Road Green site had been previously circulated. The Council agreed to publicise this via the Ashton Village e-mail network. SL
- 88. Finance:**
- i. Financial Report.**  
The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;  
Cash at bank at 31st June 2014, £20,275.04  
(including AVN funds of £113 and Roade Wind Farm payment of £4,320)

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

Receipts

Date	Payee	For	Amount
28.07.14	Roade Wind Farm Ltd	Community Fund Year 1	4,320.00

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
13.08.14	663	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	48.20	
13.08.14	664	JS Landscapes	Grass cutting, July	315.00	
13.08.14	665	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for July	220.50	

**89. i. Street lighting maintenance arrangements.**

The Clerk, in his Report advised that he had spoken by 'phone to both e-on and Aylesbury Mains Ltd regarding the street light lamps that, from the increasing failure rate appear to have reached the end of their life. Both had confirmed that this was entirely predictable, the expected burn life being an estimated 4340 hours per year and both had suggested that the most economic solution would be to undertake a pre-emptive lamp replacement of all the lamps. Estimates for this work had been requested but were still awaited; Aylesbury Mains Ltd had provided an indicative figure per lamp that would result in the programme costing *circa* £500 ex VAT whilst e-on had declined to suggest any costings. The Council resolved to accept the proposal in principle and mindful of the Aylesbury Mains Ltd guideline figures, authorised the Clerk to arrange for the works to be carried out, once the estimates had been received and subject to receiving an adequate warranty.

Clerk

**ii. Grants policy.**

The Clerk had tabled a draft policy for consideration. After detailed and careful consideration, the Clerk was asked to redraft the policy, taking into account the comments made by Cllrs and to circulate the amended policy for consideration and comment to the Clerk, prior to the September meeting. An amended policy will then be tabled for approval at the September meeting.

Clerk  
Cllrs

The Clerk reported that as the Roade Wind Farm Community Fund grant had now been received, the Council needed to arrange for the play equipment to be purchased and installed. Cllr Gardiner agreed to organise procurement.

LG

The Clerk also reported on the Council's successful grant application to SNC for funding of village improvements from the New Homes Bonus scheme. It will not be possible to arrange for the Stoke Road Green footway until the new SNH houses have been completed and the Green transferred to the Council's ownership but Cllr Lemon agreed to co-ordinate procurement of the remaining items in conjunction with the Guerilla Gardeners, Hut Land users and the Clerk.

SL  
Clerk**iii. Footpaths**

Cllr Turvey reported that the Network Rail fence impinged on one of the kissing gates on footpath KA8. Cllr Lemon reported that she had yet to pursue the issue of the tied up gates on footpath KA12 although Cllr Turvey reported that he had cut the ties a few weeks previously, but that new ties have been put in place. The Clerk was asked to report these matters via Street Doctor.

Clerk

**iv. Highways issues.**

The issue of car parking on the footways in the vicinity of the school was discussed. Cllr Johnson was asked to refer the matter to PCSO Cooksammy for possible police attention.

CJ

**v. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning**

Cllr Beber had nothing to report.

**vi. Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Johnson had previously circulated a police report; he provided an update reported on minor thefts that had taken place.

**vii. Refuse bin collection.**

Cllr Lemon raised the issue of the SNC refuse bins from St Michael's Court being brought by residents for collection at the Stoke Road, Roade Hill, Hartwell Road junction. This caused both an obstruction to footway users and an unpleasant odour. She queried why, as St Michael's Court is an adopted road up to the hammer head the refuse collection vehicle did not enter St Michael's Court to empty the bins. Dis Cllr Wilson was asked to take up the matter with SNC Officers.

MW

**viii. Overgrown tree at St Michael's Court / Hartwell Road.**

Cllr Beber had been approached by a resident about this tree. He was reminded that the matter had been discussed previously by the Parish Council who were unable to take any action as it had neither powers to do so, nor could ownership of

the tree be established. Cllr Beber agreed to advise the resident accordingly.

**AB**

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

The Council has received an invitation to the official opening of the Roade Wind Farm, likely to be on 9 or 10 September; Cllrs Turvey and Lemon agreed to attend together with the Clerk.

**TT,SL  
Clerk**

**91. Items for next meeting:**

None

Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

**Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.15pm.