

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council
held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

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

Clerk : John Marshall

SNC Cllr Wilson, NCC Cllr Walker in attendance.

- 92. Public session:** Action
No members of the public present. NCC Cllr Walker advised that money was available from his Councillor Empowerment Fund. In response to an enquiry he agreed that further funding towards production of the AVN would be available. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Walker and David Farrand regarding the necessary application. SNC Cllr Wilson asserted that neither he nor Cllr Walker had been sent the August meeting of the Council, for which the Clerk apologised. Clerk
- 93. Declarations of interest:**
Cllr Lemon, Hut Land; Cllr Green, Hut Land.
- 94. Apologies for absence:**
Alan Beber (prior engagement)
- 95. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting:**
The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of 13th August.
- 96. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**
The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. Cllr Lemon raised the response from SNC to the issue of the refuse bins from St Michael's Court being brought by residents for collection at the Stoke Road, Roade Hill, Hartwell Road junction and the SNC response. SNC Cllr Wilson advised that he had raised the issue at SNC as requested but that following a site visit by a Supervisor, he had been advised that the vehicle would not enter St Michael's Court; he felt that nothing more could be done. A discussion took place regarding the *pros* and *cons* of the current arrangements, as a result of which the Council concluded that in the light of SNC's response, the *status quo* would prevail. Cllr Lemon undertook to advise the residents of the outcome. SL
- 97. Planning:**
- i. New Applications**
None.
- ii. Update on existing Applications**
S/2014/1362/FUL, 15 Roade Hill, replacement dwelling remains outstanding.
- iii. Other planning matters**
None. SL
- 98. Finance:**
- i. Financial Report.**
The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;
Cash at bank at 31st June 2014 £22,125.79
(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 | Ashton Playground Assoc | Transfer of funds | 2,434.45 |

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
10.09.14	666	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for August	306.65	0.80
10.09.14	667	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	48.20	
10.09.14	668	JS Landscapes	Grass cutting, August	210.00	
10.09.14	669	David Farrand	AVN, issue 141	42.00	

99.

i. Grants Policy

The Council resolved to adopt the revised Grants Policy that had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Gardiner was asked to post the policy on the website.

LG

ii. Footpaths

Cllr Lemon reported that the issue of the tied up gates on footpath KA12 appeared now to have been resolved.

iii. Highways issues

Concern was expressed that the recent works on the A508 in the vicinity of the Stoke Road crossroad did not include works to deliver the promised junction improvements. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Cllr Walker.

Clerk

iv. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning

Cllr Beber was not present and a report was not available. SNC Cllr Wilson volunteered that attempts were being made to convene a daytime meeting of the steering group to enable Adrian Colwell from SNC Development Control to attend.

v. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Johnson advised that he had passed on to police, reports about cars parking on the pavement in the vicinity of the school. Cllr Lemon reminded Cllrs that this problem also exists at several locations along Stoke Road. She suggested that the AVN might be a good and effective way to highlight the issue to the whole village and offered to write an article for inclusion in the next edition. The Council agreed and accepted Cllr Lemon's offer.

SL

vi. Parish Council correspondence

a) Cllr Turvey raised the issue of how correspondence, particularly e-mails relating to the Council, that originate and circulate within the community should be handled. He cited the recent case of an e-mail exchange that was critical of the Council's handling of issues relating to the construction of 5 dwellings at Stoke Road Green by Grand Union Housing Partnership.

b) SNC Cllr Wilson expressed displeasure and concern over an e-mail that he and NCC Cllr Walker had received from an APC Cllr. Cllrs confirmed that the content of the e-mail did not represent the views or policy of the Council policy and following a spirited debate, from which no consensus view emerged the Clerk was asked to produce a simple protocol for Cllrs to consider and adopt as a policy.

Clerk

100.

Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:

The Council had received a letter from Andrea Leadsom MP on behalf of two residents, enquiring about the provision of recreation facilities for young people within the village and the lack of a shop. The Council approved a response that had been drafted by the Clerk.

Clerk

Items for next meeting:

None. Cllr Turvey offered his apologies for the October and November meetings. Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 7.15pm.