

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

Present: Terry Turvey (Chairman), Sandra Lemon, Bernard Day, Steve Green, Alan Beber

Clerk : John Marshall

NCC Cllr Allen Walker and 2 members of the public.

- 122. Public session:** **Action**
- A resident raised the issues of;
- the village confines line passing through rather than round the perimeter of their property. The resident sought the support of the Council in requesting SNC to amend the confines line such that it incorporates all of the property within the confines. Following discussion, the Council agreed to support the application in principle but before commenting formally to SNC as requested by the resident, due to uncertainty regarding the current status of the SNC Local Plan, that includes a review of village confines lines the Clerk was asked to contact SNC to establish the current stage of development of the work. **Clerk**
 - poor condition of the road surface in front of 21 and 23 Roade Hill. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Street Doctor. **Clerk**
- Cllr Walker advised that he was still in the process of convening the meeting regarding road safety and highways issues. The Clerk advised that he had spoken to PC Jan Powell, part of the Safer Communities Team dealing with responsibility for road safety who was happy to attend the meeting.
- 123. Declarations of interest:**
Cllr Lemon, Hut Land; Cllr Green, Hut Land; Cllr Day, grass cutting.
- 124. Apologies for absence:**
Lee Gardiner (training), Carl Johnson (ill-health)
- 125. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting:**
The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of 12th November.
- 126. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**
The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions.
- 127. Planning:**
- i. New Applications**
S/2014/2139/FUL, 15 Roade Hill; the council resolved to object to this Application on the grounds of the proximity of the replacement dwelling to the highway and consequent adverse effect on the property line and street scene.
S/2014/2205/LBC, Old Manor Farm House. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections' with no added comments.
- ii. Update on existing Applications**
None
- iii. Other planning matters**
Cllr Day reported that the application by Mr and Mrs Firth, residents of 29 Hartwell Road for de-registration of Hartwell Road village green with consequent registration of the adjacent grass triangle – the 'release land' – had been successful; a copy of the correspondence was passed to the clerk for safe keeping. The de- / re-registration process will be carried out by NCC; no further action is required on the part of the Council.

128. Finance:**i. Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 30th November 2014 £23,266.86
includes AVN funds (£466), Wind Farm grant (£4,320) &
APA transfer (£2434.45)

ii. Receipts and Bills for Payment:Receipts

Date	Payee	For	Amount
			Nil

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
10.12.14	683	JAS Landscapes Ltd	Millennium Garden work	200.00	
10.12.14	684	Post Office Ltd	HMRC/PAYE	48.20	
10.12.14	685	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Lighting repair	33.00	5.50
10.12.14	686	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for Nov	234.40	
10.12.14	687	W J M Marshall	Shed, planters	756.39	
10.12.14	688	David Farrand	AVN production	53.00	

129. Other issues:**i. Footpaths**

Cllr Turvey reported that he had reviewed path KA12 in the light of the ongoing approved building works and found it now to be in order. He had also discussed the removal of the fingerboard sign for path KA13 with the property owner, across whose land the path runs. The sign has now been replaced.

ii. Highways issues

Cllr Day reported that the jitty between Hartwell Road and Cook's Close was obstructed by the overgrown hedge at 3 Cook's Close. The Clerk was asked to write to the property owner requesting that the hedge be trimmed.

Clerk

iii. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning

Cllr Beber advised that a meeting with SNC in January had been arranged.

iv. Neighbourhood Watch

In the absence of Cllr Johnson, the Clerk read the Police report. There had been 2 reported crimes relating to cheque and payment fraud and a break-in, both in Hartwell Road.

v. Parish Council elections May 2015

The Clerk provided a report from the SNC Clerk's Forum and Election Briefing that he had attended. A discussion took place regarding ways in which the Council might raise awareness of the election, thereby encouraging residents to become involved. An article for the next edition of the AVN will be provided by the Clerk and use will be made of the village e-mail.

Clerk

vi. The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

The Clerk provided a report from the SNC Clerk's Forum that he had attended. It was agreed to add to the header of the Agenda a statement concerning the right of the press and public to record and report meetings.

Clerk

vii. Grants**a) Provision of play equipment; Wind farm Community Fund Grant.**

Cllr Lemon reported that the swings were now installed on the recreation field. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that a weekly inspection scheme would need to be put in place; he would develop one.

Clerk

b) Village enhancement; New Homes Bonus Grant

The Clerk also advised that he had purchased the shed for the Hut Land and planters for the village gateways; these will be added to the Asset Register and insurance schedule.

Clerk**viii. Honorary Freemen / Freewomen of Ashton**

The Council received an update on the proposal to grant the title of Freeman to worthy candidate(s). The Council resolved to proceed with the award in respect of one candidate and asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for the special meeting of the Council that will be required, in January.

Clerk**130. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:**

None.

131. Items for next meeting:

None. Apologies in advance were submitted by Cllrs Green and Beber.

Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.00pm; extra-ordinary meeting (Freeman)

Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.15pm; ordinary meeting