

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

**Present:** Cllrs Lemon, Beber, Day, Gardiner, Johnson

**Clerk :** John Marshall

3 members of the public, NCC Cllr Allen Walker.

In the absence of Cllr Turvey, Cllr Lemon, Vice Chairman took the chair

**Action**

**146. Public session:**

A member of the public enquired about the ownership of land off Stoke Road and whether the Council were aware of any proposals for its future use. Cllr Lemon advised the resident that the Land Registry was the definitive source of information on the ownership of land. Cllr Walker advised that he was hoping to be able to convene the meeting regarding the impact on Ashton from increased traffic volumes etc arising from the development of the ex PSL site in Roade, in March.

**147. Declarations of interest:**

Cllr Lemon, Hut Land.

**148. Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs Green (ill-health), Turvey (holiday)

**149. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting:**

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 201.

**150. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. The Clerk reported that the Freeman's scroll had now been obtained but that no reply to our invitation to present the scroll had been received from Andrea Leadsom MP. The Council resolved to proceed as planned but with the presentation being made by the Chairman of the Council; the Clerk to check Cllr Turvey's and Day's availability for the 21<sup>st</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> April 'Drop-in' events.

Cllr Johnson had completed the first month's weekly inspection of the play equipment; he reported that one of the football goalposts was not vertical. Cllr Day is aware and will attend to the matter, which is not considered to be safety-critical in due course. Cllr Gardiner will carry out the next month's weekly inspections.

Discussion was deferred on those issues that arose later in the Agenda.

**Clerk  
TT, BD**

**BD**

**LG**

**151. Planning:**

**i. New Applications**

None.

**ii. Update on existing Applications**

None; S/2014/2505/FUL, 29 Hartwell Road remains outstanding

**iii. Other planning matters**

None.

**152. Finance:**

**i. Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015

£16,307.93

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. play equipment

£1,504.45

ii. election contingency funds

£1,000.00

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

Date	Payee	For	Amount
27.01.15	HMRC	VAT refund	1,405.64

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
11.02.15	696	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street lighting repair	44.70	7.45
11.02.15	697	Communicorp	Freeman scroll	76.56	12.76
11.02.15	698	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	50.80	
11.02.15	699	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for Jan	246.48	

153.

**Other issues:****i. Highways issues**

None.

**ii. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning**

Cllr Beber reported on the meeting with Andy D'Arcy, SNC Planning that members of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee had attended in January. To take the matter forward, Ashton must register with SNC Planning as a 'neighbourhood area'; the Council resolved to do so and the Clerk was asked to write to SNC to make the necessary arrangements.

Clerk

**iii. Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Johnson reported that Police had recorded just one crime, the theft of aluminium strips from an unidentified location on Roade Hill.

**iv. Stoke Road Green; update on transfer of ownership**

The Clerk referred to his e-mail of 09 February to Cllrs, providing an update on the current position with respect to the transfer of the Green; the matter is proceeding. He also updated Cllrs regarding the provision of a footway on the Green and the likely need for additional funding from the New Homes Bonus fund, in the light of the discovery that the part of the Green on which the footway is to be laid is owned by NCC Highways; this application will be considered by SNC's Grants Panel at its March meeting.

**v. Elections; update**

The Clerk reported on the Election briefing by SNC that he had attended. The Council resolved to publicise the upcoming Parish Council elections via the AVN and village e-mail network and also to offer two briefing sessions on the role of a parish councillor, for potential candidates on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm in the Old Crown and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45pm at the School, to precede the March Council meeting. Cllrs were encouraged to attend one or both sessions.

Clerk  
SL**154. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:**

None.

**155. Items for next meeting:**

None.

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.17 pm.

**Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.15pm

**NB candidate's briefing at 6.45pm**