

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at
7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Cllrs Lemon, Green, Day, Johnson, McAllister, Roychoudhury, Bullock

Clerk : John Marshall

NCC Cllr Allen Walker, 3 members of the public.

Action

Prior to the meeting being opened Cllr Bullock, having been declared duly elected completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office that was validated and authorised by the Clerk as Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Bullock.

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Public session:

Vanessa Sutton-Darts, Landlady of The Old Crown pub advised the Council that arrangements were in hand to extend the pub car park. She confirmed that the car park was available for use by residents and others to avoid the need for on-street car parking, including for those working, visiting or dropping off at and collecting from Ashton Primary School. One member of the public present welcomed this offer and went on to speak about vehicles obstructing the access to St Michael's Court. A resident expressed concerns about Planning Application S/2015/1036/FUL.

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Declarations of interest:

Cllrs Lemon and Green, Hut Land; (all non-statutory disclosable interests).

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Approval of apologies for absence:

None

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Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and May Business Meeting of 13th May 2015.

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Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. Cllr Lemon advised the Council that a small working party had started to carry out remediation works to stabilise the goal posts at the Recreation Field. The work would be completed on 11th June. The monthly duty rota of Cllrs to carry out the weekly inspection of play equipment for the next 3 months was agreed as follows;

June – July; Cllr McAllister

July – August, Cllr Bullock

August – September, Cllr Roychoudhury

The Clerk will provide the template report to Cllrs by e-mail. The duty runs from monthly meeting to monthly meeting and the completed form should be returned to the Clerk at each meeting

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PB
JR
Clerk
All Cllrs

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Planning:

i. New Applications

S/2015/1036/FUL, 4 dwellings on land at Roade Hill. After discussion, the Council resolved to object to the Application on the grounds that the site lies outside the village confines, the height of the properties is excessive and would give rise to overlooking and consequent loss of privacy to neighbouring properties, the unsuitable access onto Roade Hill, the apparent unilateral diversion of footpath KA15 and the appearance of the proposed dwellings that is not in keeping with the surrounding properties.

S/2015/0963/FUL, 23 Hartwell Road, revision to existing Application. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections with no added comments'

S/2015/1076/FUL, Pickerings Roade Hill. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections with no added comments'

ii. Update on existing Applications

S/2015/0537/FUL, 14 Stoke Road and S/2015/0571/FUL, 43 Stoke Road have been approved.

iii. Other planning matters

The Clerk advised that the Application by Howdens for warehousing at the south side of M1 Junction 15 has been withdrawn..

23. Finance:**i. Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st May 2015 £19,430.50

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. play equipment	£1,504.45
ii. election contingency funds	£1,000.00
iii. AVN funds	£ 304.00
iv. Guerilla Gardeners grant	£ 500.00

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ii. Receipts and Bills for Payment:Receipts

Date	Payee	For	Amount
			Nil

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
10.06.15	714	St Michaels PCC	Grant for floodlighting	114.20	
10.06.15	715	JS Landscapes Ltd	Grass cutting April	230.00	
10.06.15	716	David Farrand	AVN issue 147	45.00	
10.06.15	717	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	61.60	
10.06.15	718	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes for May	271.28	
10.06.15	719	NCALC	Training courses	78.00	

24. Highways issues**a) proposal for a 20mph speed limit**

Following discussion, the Council resolved to submit an application to NCC Highways for a 20mph speed limit within an area of Ashton bounded by a point just north of the access to the proposed new development on Roade Hill, the post box and notice board on Hartwell Road in Little Ashton and the access drive to the 3 properties to the south of Stoke Road, west of the bridge. Cllrs Roychoudhury and Bullock agreed to draft the submission in line with the protocol set down by Highways (see e-mail of 17 May from the Clerk to all Cllrs entitled '20mph speed limit'), the draft to be ratified by the full Council before submission.

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b) Hartwell Road railway bridge

The Clerk reported Helen Howard's confirmation that the line painting beneath the bridge together with additional signage either side of the bridge was in the current year's work programme.

c) Stoke Road Green footway:

The Clerk reported that NCC Highways (Gary Thorpe) replied to our submission under s 278 of the Highways Act 1980 for approval of the works saying that further details of the proposed scheme were required. The Clerk has spoken to Kevin Pickering who will draw up what is needed for approval.

d) Other issues:

The Clerk reported that before the proposal to obtain a right of way and widen the footway outside 58 Stoke Road could proceed, a detailed scheme needs to be prepared and submitted to Helen Howard. Cllr Johnson agreed to draft the proposal,,

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the draft to be ratified by the full Council before submission.
Cllr Green requested that future Agendas make explicit mention of the highways issues being pursued by the Council; a format for doing so was agreed.

25. Other issues:

i. Neighbourhood / Parish Planning

The Clerk reported that the application to SNC for the designation of a 'neighbourhood area' had been acknowledged On 06 May 2015. To ensure that the formal consultation reaches the widest audience, SNC have requested details of organisations and businesses in the village; Cllr Lemon agreed to collate the information for the Clerk to return to SNC. Cllr Roychoudhury reported that the village questionnaire was 95% finalised..

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ii. Neighbourhood Watch

PCSO Cooksammy's crime statistics had been previously circulated by Cllr Johnson; there were no questions.

iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister advised that has made contact with Allan Rigby, RoW Officer who will arrange for weed control to be applied to path KA8. She also raised the issue of path KA15 that runs through the proposed development site at Roade Hill, previously discussed as part of the PA S/2015/1036/FUL. She will also arrange for footpath maps to be produced and laminated.

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iv. Charles Wells lease; extension

The Clerk had previously circulated details of the offer by Charles Wells to extend the lease on the Recreation Field. The Council resolved to accept the offer of a 15 year extension to the lease on the terms offered ie £250 per annum with a 5 yearly review and increase (if appropriate) based on RPI. The Clerk will confirm the Council's acceptance to Bev Avery at Gerald Eve.

Clerk

v. Purchase of play equipment

The Council, having resolved previously to utilise the 2015 Wind Farm Community Fund payment to purchase play equipment considered a number of options that had been researched by Cllr Lemon. The Council resolved to purchase a multi-function item from Play Quest and authorised the Clerk to place the order subject to checking with Charles Wells whether their approval was required and obtaining a price from Play Quest that is within the agreed budget, inclusive of safety surfacing, delivery and installation.

Clerk

vi. Website management

Cllr Roychoudhury reported that he had liaised with Alan Beber and was now able to access and manage the website. A page for the Neighbourhood Plan has been added. Cllr Lemon advised that Lee Gardiner had offered to provide back up support and assistance if required.

26. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from The Pensions Regulator regarding upcoming changes to pensions law and auto enrolment; the staging date (the date when the law comes into effect for APC) is 01 May 2017.

27. Items for next meeting:

Dog fouling.

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Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 9.23pm

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 8th July 2015