

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at
7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

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

Clerk : John Marshall

NCC Cllr Allen Walker unable to attend, SNC Cllr John Budden, 4 members of the public.

Action

2015/

28.

Public session:

No issues raised.

29.

Declarations of interest:

Cllrs Lemon and Green, Hut Land; (all non-statutory disclosable interests).
Cllr Lemon item 33 i (as neighbour).

30.

Approval of apologies for absence:

Cllr Roychoudhury (holiday),.

31.

Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th June 2015.

32.

Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions.
The monthly rota of play equipment inspection by Cllrs was discussed; it was agreed that the change over point would be the Monday of the week containing the monthly APC meeting ie the week of the second Wednesday in the month.

33.

Planning:

i. New Applications.

Cllr Lemon vacated the chair and Cllr Johnson took the chair.
S/2015/1345/FUL, 43 Stoke Road (amendment to PA S/2015/0571/FUL). After discussion, the Council resolved its response to be 'no objections'.

ii. Update on existing Applications

S/2015/1036/FUL, 4 dwellings on land at Roade Hill has been refused.
S/2015/0963/FUL, 23 Hartwell Road has been withdrawn.
S/2015/1076/FUL, Pickerings Roade Hill remains outstanding.

iii. Other planning matters

The Clerk reported on the SNC Clerk's Forum meeting held on 3rd July at Towcester. SNC Development Control had advised that the exercise to review parish envelopes ie the planning boundary was due to restart in late summer. Parishes would be consulted.

34.

Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 30th June 2015	£18,630.50
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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

The Clerk also reported that the 2014 – 15 Annual Return had been returned from the External Auditor, BDO who had identified no audit issues. The Council resolved to note the Auditor's Report and to accept the Annual Return. The Clerk has posted the statutory notice regarding public access to examine the accounts, upon request; details will also be posted on the website..

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
08.07.15	720	Barbara Osborne	Payroll services	45.00	
08.07.15	721	Aylesbury Mains	Street light repair	33.00	5.50
08.07.15	722	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	61.60	
08.07.15	723	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes for June	287.02	
08.07.15	724	BDO LLP	Audit fee	120.00	20.00
08.07.15	719	JAS Landscapes Ltd	Grass cutting April	230.00	

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

Cllr Bullock reported that he and Cllr Roychoudhury had taken photographs of the zone within the village that had been identified as worthy of consideration for a 20mph limit. The submission was yet to be drafted.

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b) Footway widening outside 58/60 Stoke Road

Cllr Johnson reported that he had started to prepare the submission but had yet to speak to all parties with property interests; the final scheme might include properties at 56, 58 and 60 Stoke Road.. This project was therefore work in progress.

CJ

c) Hartwell Road railway under bridge no 200

Cllr McAllister reported that the height restriction sign on the west (village) side of the bridge was partially obscured by overhanging vegetation. The Clerk will report this to Network Rail.

Clerk

d) Other issues:

It was reported that the hedge of Crown Corner was obstructing the Stoke Road / Hartwell Road corner. The Clerk will write to the occupants asking that it be trimmed back.

Clerk

36. Other issues:**i. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Lemon had drawn up a list of village organisations, as requested by SNC; the Clerk will forward details to Andy D'Arcy at SNC to enable the next stage of the process to move forward.

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, NCC RoW Officer regarding a number of issues. She intends to produce laminated footpaths maps, one of which will be displayed in the Old Crown pub. She also raised the issue of dog fouling and will produce laminated signs to be displayed around the village.

iv. Charles Wells lease; extension

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Bev Avery at Gerald Eve to formally accept Charles Wells' offer regarding the lease extension; a response was awaited.

v. Purchase of play equipment

The Clerk reported that he had been advised in a telephone conversation with Angharad Major, the EDF Wind Farm Asset Manager that our application for this year's payment from the Wind Farm Community Fund had been approved. Payment has not yet been made. The Clerk further reported that he had negotiated an installed

price, including safety surface of £6,000 ex VAT from Play Quest, for the chosen item of play equipment. However, it transpired that Charles Wells required details not only of the actual item of play equipment to be purchased but also its proposed location on the Recreation field before they would consider granting permission. The Council resolved to locate the multi-function item adjacent to the swings purchased last year. Clearly, the purchase cannot be confirmed until Charles Wells have given permission; the Clerk will liaise further with Bev Avery on this matter and place the order based on the resolution passed by the Council at the 10 June 2015 meeting (see Minute 25 v) if and when the permission is forthcoming.

Clerk

37. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from a resident who lives adjacent to the Recreation field, raising concerns about noise and other disturbance caused by persons using the field in the evenings. The Council, whilst sympathetic considered that as it was a Recreation field, some noise was inevitable. However, anti-social behaviour of the type reported was not acceptable and the Council requested Cllr Johnson, as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to contact PCSO Cooksammy to alert her to the problem and ask for some police vigilance over the next few weeks. The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident to advise the Council's position and the action being taken.

38. Items for next meeting:

Dog fouling.

Website service provider; the Clerk was asked to investigate commercial options.

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 12th August 2015