

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th August 2015
at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

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

Clerk : John Marshall

NCC Cllr Allen Walker & SNC Cllr John Budden unable to attend.

PCSO Cooksammy, 5 members of the public.

Action

2015/

39.

Public session:

A resident of Stoke Road raised the issue of increased traffic volumes through Ashton as a result of the temporary diversion. The Clerk advised that he had already raised this matter with NCC Highways. Mr Firth, Orchard House, 29 Hartwell Road sought the Council's support in respect of his Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission. The Chairman advised that the Council's original response to the PA would be automatically reported to the Inspector, so no further action by the Council was necessary.

40.

Declarations of interest:

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

41.

Approval of apologies for absence:

Cllrs McAllister (family commitment) and Johnson (holiday).

42.

Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th July 2015.

43.

Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. The Clerk had previously circulated a further letter from a resident whose property adjoins the Recreation Field, expressing concerns about alleged disturbance, trespass and anti-social behaviour being caused by some users of the field. The Council discussed the issues raised in some detail and concluded that it was powerless to act in respect of the alleged trespass (a civil matter) and the disturbance (a matter for SNC Environmental Health Dept). PCSO Cooksammy confirmed that she had called in to the Rec when on patrol but had yet to encounter the group. She further confirmed that anti-social behaviour was a matter that police could address, but only if it was reported on non-emergency phone number 101. She further confirmed that to her knowledge, no such reports had been received. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident advising her of the Council's position.

Clerk

44.

Planning:

i. New Applications.

None.

ii. Update on existing Applications

S/2015/1345/FUL, 43 Stoke Road has been approved.

S/2015/1076/FUL, Pickering's Road Hill has been refused.

iii. Other planning matters

The Council noted the Appeal lodged against refusal of S/2014/2505/FUL.

45.

Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st July 2015

£18,140.82

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
v. Unpresented cheque	£ 287.02

The Clerk reported that notification had been received from EDF of a BACS transfer for £4343.65 representing the Wind Farm Grant for 2015. As permission had now been obtained from Charles Wells to place the item of play equipment on the Recreation Field, in accordance with Minute 36 of 8th July Council meeting he had placed the order for the item of play equipment approved for purchase at the 10th June Council meeting (see Minute 25 v).

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
12.08.15	726	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	61.60	
12.08.15	727	JAS Landscapes	Grass cutting (July)	230.00	
12.08.15	728	Northants CALC	Training course fees	39.00	
12.08.15	729	David Farrand	AVN issue 148	45.00	
12.08.15	730	e-on	Street lighting electricity	188.25	8.96
12.08.15	731	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for July	295.82	2.89

46. Highways issues

a) proposal for a 20mph speed limit

Cllr Bullock reported that working with Cllr Roychoudhury, the preparatory / survey work for a 20mph limit had been completed. The submission can now be drafted

PB
JR

b) Footway widening outside 58/60 Stoke Road

Cllr Lemon reported an update provided by Cllr Johnson. 2 of 3 residents are content to cede land to allow the footway to be widened; negotiations are continuing.

CJ

c) Hartwell Road railway under bridge no 200

The safety improvements – signage and road painting – are still awaited. .

47. Other issues:

i. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Roychoudhury reported that the village consultation via the questionnaire was under way.

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

PCSO Cooksammy's crime statistics had been previously circulated by Cllr Johnson; there were no questions. She confirmed that there were no reported recent incidents in Ashton

iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister was not present and no report was available (NB subsequently received by e-mail on 13th August). Cllr Green reported that path KA12 was still obstructed by a temporary fence; Cllr McAllister to pursue with Allan Rigby, NCC Rights of Way Officer.

SM

iv. Transfer of ownership of Stoke Road Green

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to SNH to obtain an update; this Green is one of 5 transfers of land to Parish Councils currently under way and SNH will progress this as a bundle once all issues on all parcels of land have been resolved.

v. Website management

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Alan Beber who was happy to service and maintain the website for a fee of £10 per calendar month. Cllr Roychoudhury proposed and the Council unanimously resolved that this offer be accepted. The Clerk was asked to formalise the arrangement with Alan Beber.

Clerk**48. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:**

The Clerk reported that the NCAL AGM will be held on Saturday 17th October. The Clerk will forward details and Cllrs were asked to consider whether they wished to attend.

**Clerk
Cllrs****49. Items for next meeting:**

Dog fouling.

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th September 2015