

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th September
2015 at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

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

Clerk : John Marshall

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

Action

2015/

50. Public session:

51. Declarations of interest:

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

52. Approval of apologies for absence:

Cllr Roychoudhury.

53. Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 12th August 2015.

54. 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 website management agreement was now in place with Alan Beber. The 'Role of the Council' page on the website had been amended to take account of the Transparency Code and the required information including audit reports and data is now displayed there.

55. Planning:

i. New Applications.

S/2015/1879/FUL; The Brambles, 23 Hartwell Road. The Council resolved its response to be 'no objections' with no added comments.

ii. Update on existing Applications

The Appeal lodged against refusal of S/2014/2505/FUL has yet to be resolved

iii. Other planning matters

The Council noted that S/2015/1957/AGD, determination of whether PP is required for an agricultural building on land off Bozenham Mill Lane was for information only

Clerk

56. Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st July 2015 £21,382.78

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. play equipment £ 1,504.45

ii. election contingency funds £ 1,000.00

iii. AVN funds £ 214.00

iv. Guerilla Gardeners grant (after tonight's payment) £ 440.00

v. Wind Farm Community Fund grant £ 4,343.65

The Clerk reported that whilst the financial position was healthy, the next item of play equipment was due to be installed in w/c Monday 12th October and some imminent unbudgeted expenditure related to the transfer of ownership of Stoke Road Green, together with the Stoke Road Green footway, that the Council will be required to fund before reclaiming the promised grants.

ii. Receipts and Bills for Payment:Receipts

Date	Payee	For	Amount
06.08.15	Road Windfarm	Community Fund Grant	4343.65
17.08.15	SNC	New Homes Bonus refund	45.00

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
25.08.15	732	ADC Online	Website hosting	72.00	12.00
09.09.15	733	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	61.60	
09.09.15	734	JAS Landscapes	Grass cutting (August)	115.00	
09.09.15	735	S Lemon	Guerilla Gardeners	60.00	
09.09.15	736	W J M Marshall	Salary + exes for August	295.82	2.89

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

Cllr Bullock reported on the proposal prepared by himself and Cllr Roychoudhury. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs Bullock and Roychoudhury would refine the proposal in the light of the comments made, particularly regarding accident and incident data and bring an amended proposal to the October meeting. Cllrs were asked to pass any further comments they might have, directly to those drafting the proposal.

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Cllrs**

b) Footway widening outside 58/60 Stoke Road

Cllr Johnson provided an update. Following comments from Cllrs, Cllr Johnson was asked to update his proposal and then pass to the Clerk who will submit it to NCC Highways for consideration. It was noted that the proposal was uncosted at this stage, but that any consideration of finances required would be deferred until the views of NCC Highways regarding the viability of the scheme are known.

c) Hartwell Road railway under bridge no 200

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

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

In the absence of Cllr Roychoudhury, a report was provided by Cllr Lemon. Good progress with collection of the questionnaire and analysis of the data was under way.

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

The most recent circulation of crime etc data provided by PCSO Cooksammy had been previously circulated and Cllr Johnson had nothing further to report.

iii. Footpaths and dog fouling

Cllr McAllister provided a comprehensive report and update on the condition of several footpaths within the village. NCC RoW Officer Allan Rigby had arranged for clearance and improvement works to several paths and rights of way; further issues had been identified that Cllr McAllister will report via Street Doctor. She also reported on progress with the preparation of footpath maps that are to be made available to the public, free of charge via The Old Crown..

iv. Transfer of ownership of Stoke Road Green

The Clerk reported that SNH have advised that they are now ready to start the process to transfer ownership of Stoke Road Green to the Council. As previously reported, this Green is one of 5 transfers of land to Parish Councils and consideration had previously been given to joining forces with other Councils to reduce any legal costs. After discussion, the Council agreed to request that SNH's solicitors deal with us directly in the first instance, to see quite how much if any professional legal input might be required.

Clerk

v. Garden, corner of Cook's Close and Hartwell Road

The Council has previously discussed the state of the property in question, that is in an unkempt state. The Clerk was asked to explore options with SNC

Clerk**59. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:**

Attendees at the NCALC AGM will be Cllrs Lemon and McAllister together with the Clerk. Cllr Lemon will be the voting delegate. .

The Clerk will also pursue an application for funding from the government's Transparency Fund to cover necessary expenditure arising from compliance with the Transparency Code.

Clerk**60. Items for next meeting:**

Litter picking

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 14th October 2015