

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th November
2015 at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Cllrs Lemon, Green, Day, Bullock, McAllister, Roychoudhury and Johnson
Clerk : John Marshall

10 members of the public. NCC Cllr Walker and SNC Cllr Budden unable to attend.

Action

2015/

72.

Public session:

Members of the public raised the following issues;

- clarification was sought regarding the meeting on 28th October between representatives of the Council and Chartwell Industries (CI) regarding proposed development of the Roade Hill site.
- residents commented on two Planning Applications, S/2430/FUL for a new dwelling at Ridgeway Farm and S/2015/2522/FUL, a retrospective application for change to business use of The Hay Barn, Roade Hill. The applicants in person also answered questions from both Cllrs and members of the public.

73.

Declarations of interest:

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

74.

Approval of apologies for absence:

None.

75.

Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th October 2015.

76.

Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions.

77.

Planning:

i. New Applications.

S/2430/FUL for a new dwelling at Ridgeway Farm. The Council resolved its response to be to support the Application.

S/2015/2522/FUL for retrospective approval of change to business use of The Hay Barn, Roade Hill. After considerable discussion, in which Cllrs took into account the comments from the applicant, from members of the public regarding the increased traffic volume and consequential damage to the road surface that was arising and the possible precedent that might be set in respect of the 'industrialisation' of this part of the village the Council, by majority vote resolved its response to be 'no objections' but to add comments as above.

ii. Update on existing Applications

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

iii. Other planning matters

In response to a request raised in the public session, the Council resolved to expand the Note of the meeting on 27th October with Chartwell Industries (CI) regarding development of the Roade Hill site, already circulated via the Ashton village e-mail network to make mention of the village pound and then post it on the Minutes page of the Parish Council website.

Clerk

78.

Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st October 2015

£16,523.82

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. election contingency funds	£ 277.79
ii. AVN funds	£ 214.00
iii. Guerilla Gardeners grant	£ 400.00

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
17.10.15	744	Playquest Ltd	Play equipment	7,200	1,200.00
11.11.15	745	David Farrand	AVN	67.00	
11.11.15	746	Post Office Ltd	HMRC payment	61.60	
11.11.15	747	WJM Marshall	October salary + exes	310.93	48.25
11.11.15	748	ABCS	Website management	30.00	
11.11.15	749	JAS Landscapes	Grass cutting (Oct)	115.00	

iii. Half-year financial statement and report:

The Clerk presented a 2015 – 16 budget review based on the year-to-date actual outturn and predicted year-end figures. The Council noted that income and spending were in line with expectations and that no changes to the budget were necessary.

iv. Finance Working Group

The Finance Working Group (Cllrs Lemon and Green together with the Clerk / RFO) will meet on Wednesday 18th November to examine the year to date outturn and prepare the 2016 – 17 draft budget and precept recommendation, for consideration at the December meeting..

79. Highways issues

a) proposal for a 20mph speed limit and footway widening at 58/60 Stoke Road

The Clerk reported that these proposals have now been submitted to NCC. The outcome is awaited. Cllr Lemon congratulated all those involved in the preparation of these submissions.

b) Stoke Road Green footway

The Clerk reported that K J Pickering have advised that the works will be carried out within the next 4 weeks.

c) Hartwell Road railway under bridge no 200

The safety improvements – signage and road painting – are still awaited. Cllr Day reported that he had checked the salt bins, all of which are full.

80. Other issues:

i. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Roychoudhury advised that the responses from the questionnaire and analysis of the data was under way; once the collated responses are available, the Plan can proceed to the next stage.

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

The most recent crime etc data provided by PCSO Cooksammy had been previously circulated. Cllr Johnson was asked to convey the Council's disappointment to Police regarding the decision to axe the regular crime report that was considered to be a valuable communication tool.

iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister provided a comprehensive report and update on the condition of several footpaths within the village.

CJ

iv. Transfer of ownership of Stoke Road Green

The Clerk reported that the process to transfer ownership of Stoke Road Green to the Council was continuing; he had now made contact with GUHP's solicitor at Wright Hassall.

v. Play equipment inspection

The weekly safety inspection rota was agreed as follows;

Cllr Bullock wks/c Monday 16, 23, 30 November and 07 December

NB the duty (which may be for 4 or 5 weeks, depending on the calendar) commences the Monday of the week following the Council meeting and ends with the week of the following Council meeting, inclusive.

PB**81. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision:**

None

Items for next meeting:

None; apologies from Cllr McAllister (away)

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th December 2015