

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Cllrs Day, Johnson, McAllister and Roychoudhury

Clerk : John Marshall

4 members of the public

Cllr Johnson, Vice Chairman took the chair in the absence of the Chairman

Action

2016/ Public session:

56. No issues raised.

57. Declarations of interest:

None.

58. Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 11^h May 2016.

59. Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

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

60. Planning:

i. New Applications.

S/2016/1106/FUL, 9 St Michael's Court.

The Council resolved to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed changes were over-development of the dwelling, out of keeping with surrounding dwellings and caused excessive overlooking of neighbouring dwellings.

ii. Update on existing Applications

S/2016/1216/NMA; 23 Hartwell Road. This has been refused by SNC for legal reasons prior to consideration by the Council.

iii. Other planning matters

None

Finance:

61. i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st May 2016 £ 17,945.66

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. election contingency funds £ 277.79

ii. residue of Guerrilla Gardeners grant £ 141.66

iii. residue of Transparency Fund grant £ 112.05

61. 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
01.06.16	784	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes, May	348.40	
01.06.16	785	JAS Landscapes	Grass cutting, May	230.00	

62. Highways issues:

None.

63. Other issues:

i. Neighbourhood Plan

See iv below

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Johnson had not circulated a report recently due to a query regarding the completeness of the data. He undertook to circulate it now.

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iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister updated the Council regarding two complaints about KA13 being obstructed and paths in general where the stiles etc obstructed walkers with dogs.

Both matters will be reported by Cllr McAllister formally to NCC Street Doctor..

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iv. Response to SNC Local Plan Part 2A consultation

Cllr Roychoudhury advised that a meeting of the NHP group, attended by 62 people took place on 25th May. Cllr Roychoudhury presented a paper summarising the outcomes of the meeting and requested that the Council's response, agreed by resolution at the 11 May meeting be updated and re-submitted to SNC to take account of the NHP meeting. The Clerk pointed out that the Council's response had already been submitted to SNC and that Standing Orders precluded any change to a decision or resolution of the Council for 6 months, other than in prescribed circumstances and that a special resolution signed by 3 Councillors, setting out the justification for the proposed rescission would be required. In the absence of such a resolution, no change could be made. The Clerk pointed out it was regrettable that the NHP meeting had not taken place before the Council's 11 May meeting because the outcomes could then have informed the Council's response. In the circumstances, he advised the Council that the only option was for individuals to submit their views to SNC in response to the consultation. Cllr Roychoudhury advised that he would submit the outcomes to SNC on behalf of the Neighbourhood Planning Group. The Clerk advised that in that event, it must be made clear, given the significant differences between the Council's response and the NHP view regarding the village confines, especially the creation of a stand-alone enclave around Ridgeway Farm, Hartwell Road that this submission came from the NHP group, not from the Council.

v. Play equipment inspection rota

The weekly safety inspection rota was agreed as follows;

June-July, Cllr Roychoudhury, July-August, Cllr McAllister

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.

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SMcA**64. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision**

a) request from Ashton School to use the Recreation Field for a fete on 16 July.

After considerable discussion, in the light of Clause 8 of the lease that limits use of the field '...for the purpose of a recreation field for the benefit and use of the residents of the parish only' the Council, not wishing to risk breaking the terms of the lease at a time when its renewal is imminent resolved to refer the matter to Charles Wells, seeking permission. The Clerk was asked to send a holding reply to the school, explaining the dilemma.

Clerk

b) e-on has advised that street lighting costs will be increased from 12.4 to 14.4 per kWh (some 16%) with effect from 01 July. As this rise was unforeseen and therefore unbudgeted, the Clerk suggested it would be prudent to seek alternative suppliers.

Clerk

c) the Clerk advised that a national 2 year pay award – 1% for 2016/17 and a further 1% for 2017/18 - had been agreed for Clerk with effect from 01 April 2016. The effect would be to raise the Clerk's hourly rate to £13.354, a gross increase of £15.75 per month. The Council resolved to implement the award.

65. Items for next meeting, for report only:

None

Cllr Johnson closed the meeting at 8.16pm.