

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Cllrs Lemon, Johnson, Bullock, Green, McAllister and Roychoudhury

Clerk : John Marshall

2 members of the public, SNC Cllr Budden. NCC Cllr Walker unable to attend

Action

2016/

86.

Public session:

A member of the public asked about measures to limit and control the speed of vehicles through Ashton. The Chairman advised that the Council had campaigned, unsuccessfully for a 20mph limit but would continue to campaign for measures to deal with the problem.

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Declarations of interest:

None.

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Approval of Apologies for absence:

Cllr Day, prior engagement.

89.

Approval of the Minutes of previous Meetings:

The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th August 2016.

90.

Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. Cllr Roychoudhury advised that he is no longer available to attend the NCALC AGM on 08 October. Cllrs Lemon and McAllister will attend instead, Cllr McAllister will be the voting delegate; Clerk to advise NCALC of the change.

Cllr Lemon reported that the gate for the Rec has now been installed; the Clerk will purchase a padlock.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with NCC Cllr Walker regarding funding for the AVN via the Empowerment Fund. Cllr Walker had advised that as things currently stand, an application in December was likely to succeed. Clerk to advise David Farrand

91.

Planning:

i. New Applications.

None

ii. Update on existing Applications

None

iii. Other planning matters

None

92.

Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st August 2016

£ 20,367.46

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. election contingency funds

£ 527.79

ii. residue of Transparency Fund grant

£ 352.35

ii. Receipts and Bills for Payment:

Receipts

Date	Payee	For	Amount
11.08.16		Roade Windfarm Ltd	Annual grant

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
14.09.16	795	No Butts Bin Co	Benches	803.95	133.99
14.09.16	796	JAS Landscapes	Grass cutting, August	230.00	
14.09.16	797	Post Office	HMRC / PAYE	66.80	
14.09.16	798	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes, August	310.65	
14.09.16	799	WJM Marshall	Rec gate & laptop pc	630.02	105.01

iii. Annual Return 2015-16; to note the External Auditor's Report:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been received back from BDO, the External Auditor and that the Council had received a clean bill of health, with no audit issues identified. The Clerk will arrange for the completed Annual Return to be posted on the website as required by the Transparency Code.

Clerk

93. Highways issues:

Cllr Lemon reported that discussions regarding the proposed widening of the footway at Stoke Road corner are ongoing.

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

a) The Council resolved to approve the creation of a Committee, constituted under Standing Order 4 c) and d) of the Council's Standing Orders 2016, to be styled the Ashton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The Council then considered and resolved to approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee that had been drawn up by the Clerk and to appoint Cllr Roychoudhury to the Committee; the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are *ex officio* members of the Committee. The Clerk was asked to prepare a note, to be posted on the website and circulated via the village e-mail updating residents on the current position regarding the NHP and also to organise the first meeting of the Committee, planned for Wed 19 October at 7.15pm if the school is available. The Clerk was thanked by the Council for his work on and input to this project.

Clerk

Clerk

b) The Council discussed the offer in principle, made by Chartwell Industries on a without prejudice basis to make land available to the community for a village hall or similar community facility. The Council considered that the issue should be dealt with by the newly constituted NHP Steering Group and that a village wide consultation would be appropriate before a response could be made to Chartwell Industries. The Clerk will place the matter on the Agenda for the first meeting of the Steering Group.

Clerk

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Johnson has circulated the most recent report; there were no questions.

iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister reported that several footpaths were overgrown *viz* KA 8, 10, 14, 18. These had all been reported to NCC Street Doctor, to date without a response.

iv. Play equipment inspection rota

The annual duty rota for playground inspection, based on a 5 month repeating cycle was agreed as follows; **NB Cllrs to arrange a deputy if unable to fulfil the duty**

Month	Cllr Name
Sept – Oct	C Johnson
Oct – Nov	S Lemon
Nov – Dec	S McAllister
Dec – Jan	J Roychoudhury
Jan - Feb	P Bullock

95. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision

None

96. Items for next meeting, for report only:

What, if any measures can / will NCC Highways take to deter speeding in Ashton?

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.