

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

**Present:** Cllrs Lemon, Johnson, Bullock, Green and Day

**Clerk :** John Marshall

3 members of the public, SNC Cllr Budden and NCC Cllr Walker unable to attend

**Action**

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97.

**Public session:**

No issues were raised.

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**Declarations of interest:**

None.

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**Approval of Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Roychoudhury (ill-health) and McAllister (family matter).

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**Approval of the Minutes of previous Meetings:**

The Council resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

101.

**Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. Cllr Lemon has now spoken to those residents in Stoke Road whose property would be involved in granting a right of way to enable the proposed widening of the footway. Council agreed the next steps to be a site meeting with Helen Howard, NCC Highways to discuss the feasibility and seeking an estimate of the likely legal costs of the project. The Clerk will progress both of these matters.

**Clerk**

102.

**Planning:**

**i. New Applications.**

The Council considered Planning Applications S/2016/2260/FUL for 4 single storey dwellings at Roade Hill and S/2016/2373/FUL with S/2016/2374/LBC for the installation of a wood-burning stove at 27 Hartwell Road and resolved its response to be 'no objections' to all 3 applications.

**ii. Update on existing Applications**

None

**iii. Other planning matters**

None

103.

**Finance:**

**i. Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 £ 23,000.97

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
			Nil

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
15.09.16	801	BDO LLP	Audit fee	240.00	40.00
22.09.16	802	Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium	451.48	
12.10.16	803	Barbara Osborne	Payroll services	45.00	

12.10.16	804	Aylesbury Mains	Lighting repairs	162.90	27.15
12.10.16	805	JAS Landscapes	Grass cutting, gate rpr	375.00	
12.10.16	806	Post Office	HMRC / PAYE	66.80	
12.10.16	807	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes, Sept	310.65	

**iii. Internal Controls, quarterly check:**

Cllr Johnson, as Internal Controls Cllr reported that he had undertaken the Q2 financial checks and having found all to be in order, had completed and signed the ICC Check Sheet.

**104. Highways issues:**

i. The Council discussed speeding within the village and what, if any measures could be taken to alleviate or control the issue in the light of NCC's refusal to put in place a 20mph limit. The Clerk reported on a discussion that he had had with Helen Howard following that decision, the outcome of which was that the cost of any speed control measures would have to be borne by the Council ie the Ashton community. The Council concluded reluctantly that the matter could not be progressed further at this time but that it was a legitimate matter for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to consider and if appropriate, include in the draft Plan.

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ii. The Council discussed the recent 4 day closure of Hartwell Road and the impact on the community, particularly the suspension of the bus service. There had been real concern and outrage over the closure and the Council had received complaints suggesting (wrongly) that it was to blame for the disruption. The Clerk had already complained both to the contractors and to NCC Highways before the works commenced, seeking a reversal of the decision to close the road; the Chairman and Vice Chairman had similarly complained in their capacity as residents. The Council resolved to complain formally about the closure; the Clerk will write to NCC.

Clerk

**105. Other issues:**

**i. Neighbourhood Plan**

a) As Cllr Roychoudhury was not in attendance, there was no report. The first meeting of the newly constituted Committee, to be styled the Ashton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will take place on Wed 19 October at 7.15pm.

**ii. Neighbourhood Watch**

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

**iii. Footpaths**

Cllr McAllister's written report was discussed; the Council appreciated the work that she had put in and the positive responses and outcomes that had been achieved from the NCC Rights of Way Officer.

**iv. Play equipment inspection**

Cllr Day reported on an issue that had been raised with him by a parent regarding the loss of the grass in the goal areas and the risk that posed to children. After discussion, the Council resolved to refer the question of safety to the Registered Playground Safety Inspector who is due to carry out the annual inspection in December, to be arranged by the Clerk.

Clerk

**v. Pumpkin Festival**

The Council resolved to hold the annual Pumpkin Festival on Stoke Road Green. The Clerk will seek the formal permission of SN Homes as owners of the Green.

Clerk

**106. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision**

None

**107. Items for next meeting, for report only:**

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Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.31 pm.