

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

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

Clerk : John Marshall

1 member of the public; SNC Cllr Budden and NCC Cllr Walker

Action

2016/

119.

Public session:

No issues were raised. Cllr Walker gave a resume of the proposed NCC budget for 2017 – 18 and Cllr Budden drew attention to the two potential Strategic Rail Freight Interchange projects proposed for land to the north of the A508 between M1 J15 and the Blisworth turn.

120.

Declarations of interest:

Cllrs Lemon and Green; the Hut Land as Trustees.

121.

Approval of Apologies for absence:

Cllr Johnson (ill-health).

122.

Approval of the Minutes of previous Meeting:

The Council resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th November 2016.

123.

Matters arising from the Minutes and Clerk's Report:

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

124.

Planning:

i. New Applications.

The Clerk advised that S/2016/3012/MAO, an application by Persimmon to vary a condition relating to the height of dwellings on the PSL site in Roade had been received, purely due to the fact that APC had asked early on in the application process for this site to be included on the consultees list. As it had no relevance to Ashton, the Council resolved to take no action.

ii. Update on existing Applications

S/2016/2564/FUL for a vehicle cross-over and parking at 5 – 7 Hartwell Road has been refused

iii. Other planning matters

Chartwell Industries (CI) have advised the Clerk in an e-mail that they will appeal against refusal of S/2016/2260/FUL for 4 single storey dwellings at Roade Hill

125.

Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st October 2016 £ 20,477.34

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
06.12.16	NCC	AVN grant	500.00

Payments

The Council resolved to approve the following payments;

Date	Cheque	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
06.12.16	DD	1&1 Internet Ltd	1&1 Internet	71.86	11.98
06.12.16	DD	Total Gas & Power	Street light electricity	60.29	

14.12.16	814	BR Day	Rec maintenance	400.00	
14.12.16	815	Aylesbury Mains	Lighting repairs	117.12	19.52
14.12.16	816	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	66.80	
14.12.16	817	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes, Nov	378.00	10.16
14.12.16	818	JAS Landscapes	Grass cut, Nov	115.00	

126. Highways issues:

i. Proposal to widen Stoke Road footway

The Clerk had contacted the utilities providers but had not been able to obtain the information we seek. It was agreed that Cllr Lemon would liaise with the residents of 56, 58 and 60 Stoke Road, across whose properties the proposed right of way would pass to suggest that they request the information from the utilities in the New Year.

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ii. Recent 4 day closure of Hartwell Road

Cllr Lemon reported that an e-mail had been sent to residents, via the village e-mail giving details of the actions taken by the Council before, during and after the closure.

127. Other issues:

i. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Roychoudhury reported on the recent meeting of Roade PC NHP Steering Group. The Group considered advice that he had obtained from Jenni Johnson, our dedicated SNC Planning Officer for the draft NHP, regarding the site on Stoke Road being promoted by Chartwell Industries as the possible location for development of a village hall or other community facility together with a commercial premises and had concluded that there was insufficient detail in the offer to enable a meaningful question to be put to residents. The Clerk was asked to respond to CI with a holding response to that effect.

Clerk

The Group also proposed that Kirkwells be appointed as consultants to assist the Council with the preparation of the draft NHP in accordance with the terms set out in their letter of 10 November 2016; this was unanimously agreed and the Clerk was asked to write to Kirkwells confirming the appointment. Cllr Lemon agreed to speak to Michael Wellock at Kirkwells regarding the application to Locality for grant funding.

Clerk

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

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

iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister had no new issues or updates to report.

iv. Play equipment inspection and street furniture

The Clerk reported that he had arranged with Solutions4Playgrounds regarding the annual safety inspection in January of the play equipment at a cost of £175 ex VAT. Cllrs noted that the glass in at least 2 of the 3 notice boards was now opaque; the Clerk will make enquiries regarding replacement.

Clerk

v. Proactive bulk change of street lamps

The Council discussed and resolved unanimously to accept the quotation from Aylesbury Mains for bulk change of 24 lamps at a cost of £384.20 ex VAT.

Clerk

vi. The Hut Land

Cllr Lemon reported on improvements that had been made to the allotments and that the Hut had been assembled and installed.

128. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision

None

129. Items for next meeting, for report only:

Stoke Road Green footway; liaison with residents regarding utilities.
Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.