

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.15 pm at Ashton Primary School**

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

Clerk : John Marshall

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

Action

2017/

01. Public session:

No issues were raised.

02. Declarations of interest:

None.

03. Approval of Apologies for absence:

Cllr Roychoudhury (work commitment).

04. Approval of the Minutes of previous Meeting:

The Council resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th December 2016.

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

The Clerk's Report had been circulated previously; there were no questions. After discussion, it was resolved to pursue the more cost-effective option of replacing rather than re-glazing the existing notice boards; the Clerk will obtain prices.

Clerk

06. Planning:

i. New Applications.

The Council considered Application S/2016/3190/FULMAO, a 2 storey side extension at 65 Stoke Road and resolved its response to be 'no objections' with no added comments.

ii. Update on existing Applications

None

iii. Other planning matters

None

07. Finance:

i. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows;

Cash at bank at 31st December 2016 £ 19,565.33

this sum includes 'ring fenced' funds as follows;

i. election contingency funds £ 527.79

ii. residue of Transparency Fund grant £ 301.56

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
19.12.16	DD	Total Gas & Power	Street light electricity	77.94	3.72
28.12.16	DD	Gerald Eve	Rec lease	125.00	
11.01.17	819	ABCS	Website maintenance	140.00	
11.01.17	820	Post Office Ltd	HMRC / PAYE	66.80	
11.01.17	821	WJM Marshall	Salary + exes, Dec	290.65	
11.01.17	822	Barbara Osborne	1/4ly payroll services	45.00	

iii. Quarterly Internal Controls check:

Cllr Johnson, as Internal Controls Cllr reported that he had carried out the quarterly accounts checks on 09 January and found all in order.

08. Highways issues:**Proposal to widen Stoke Road footway**

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk will prepare letters for the residents of 56, 58 and 60 Stoke Road to send to utilities companies. Subsequently, it has been agreed that prior to taking this action, Cllr Lemon will seek advice from Kevin Pickering as to how this aspect of the project might proceed.

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

In the absence of Cllr Roychoudhury, Cllr Lemon reported that the grant application had been submitted to Locality, the grant awarding authority. It was hoped that work on the draft Plan would start before the end of March.

ii. Neighbourhood Watch

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

iii. Footpaths

Cllr McAllister had previously circulated her report; a broken stile on KA14 and a pothole in Little Ashton had been reported to Street Doctor.

iv. Play equipment inspection

The Clerk reported that he had arranged with Solutions4Playgrounds for the annual safety inspection to take place in w/c Monday 23 January.

v. Correspondence requiring a response or a decision

None

10. Items for next meeting, for report only:

Guerilla Gardeners; purchase of plants

Cllr Lemon closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.