

## Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm

**Present: Cllrs McAllister, Shanahan, Day, Costello, Roychoudhury**

**Clerk: L Lavender**

**Cllr Dickerson has resigned from the Council thanks were expressed for her involvement and commitment during her time with the Council**

1139. Public Session relating to agenda items **None**  
Including WNC Cllr update  
Proposal for Hopscotch layout at Recreation field **Deferred till later in the year**
1140. Acceptance of Apologies for absence **None**
1141. Declarations of Interest **Church trees Cllrs Day, Roychoudhury Planning Cllr Shanahan, McAllister**
1142. Minutes of the Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 **Approved and signed**
1143. Planning: **Updates noted**

### New Applications for consideration

**Note masts are permitted development**

**Several condition change applications can be viewed at <https://snc.planning-register.co.uk> Ashton Parish**

### Updates

|                                   |  |   |            |          |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|------------|----------|
| <a href="#">2023/7660/FULL</a>    | Cottage Farm<br>Hartwell Road<br>Roade NN7 2NU                 | Formation of new<br>vehicular access  | 15/11/2023 | Pending  |
| <a href="#">2023/7204/FULL</a>    | Brooklands 85<br>Hartwell Road<br>Ashton NN7 2JR               | Garage extension  | 17/10/2023 | Approved |
| <a href="#">WNS/2022/2033/OUT</a> | Land North Of Old<br>Farm Lane,<br>Ashton,<br>Northamptonshire | A self build detached<br>dwelling at land off Old Farm<br>Lane Ashton (Outline with all<br>matters reserved except<br>access)             | 21/10/2022 | Approved |
| <a href="#">WNS/2022/2025/OUT</a> | Land North Of Old<br>Farm Lane,<br>Ashton,<br>Northamptonshire | A self build detached<br>dwelling at land off Old Farm<br>Lane Ashton. Outline<br>application with all matters<br>reserved except Access. | 20/10/2022 | Approved |
| <a href="#">WNS/2022/2032/OUT</a> | Land North Of Old<br>Farm Lane,<br>Ashton,<br>Northamptonshire | A self build detached<br>dwelling at land off<br>Bozenham Mill Lane Ashton<br>(Outline with all matters<br>reserved except access)        | 20/10/2022 | Approved |

1144. **Financial Report and Bills for Payment**

i. Cash at Bank at 31<sup>st</sup> Decembe **Noted** £46312.72

Balance includes election contingency funds + allotments £1237.79

ii Receipts included in balance above **Noted**

| Date  | From | For | Amount   |  |
|-------|------|-----|----------|--|
| 1-Dec | WNC  | Cil | 14352.54 |  |

**Payments Approved**

| Date   | Payee                   | For                  | Amount | VAT   |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 15-Dec | L Lavender              | Salary + Expenses    | 545.64 |       |
| 15-Dec | HMRC                    | Paye                 | 128.20 |       |
| 15-Dec | Play Inspection Comp    | Inspection           | 150.00 | 25.00 |
| DD     | Unity Bank              | Service charge       | 18.00  |       |
| DD     | Electric Total energies | Electricity          | 406.40 |       |
| 10-Jan | L Lavender              | Salary + Expenses    | 393.04 |       |
| 10-Jan | HMRC                    | Paye                 | 91.60  |       |
| 10-Jan | B Osborne               | Payroll              | 69.00  |       |
| 10-Jan | B Day                   | Mowing playing field | 480.00 |       |
| 10-Jan | Wells & Co              | Lease payment        | 389.46 | 64.91 |
| DD     | Electric Total energies | Electricity          | 38.64  |       |

1145. **Budget agreed at £30400 Precept agreed £21000. Precept form signed.**

1146. Update re flooding issues **Levels rose during recent bad weather but watercourses kept flowing. Voluntary group to walk water courses currently on hold.**

1147. Discuss participation in D Day 80 events **Will join in with other PCs locally**

1148. Feedback on Playground inspection Nov 2023 **Low risk items to be monitored. New cross bar required for swings**

1149. Projects: Update Plans/budget preparations/funding sources  
 Playground final additions Cllr Shanahan **Deferred**  
 cctv/cameras for Parish **Grant not available to PC. mobile unit a possibility from WNC**  
 Footpath Hartwell Rd **request update from highways**  
 Bus stop issues **request update from highways**

1150. Update on LED streetlighting installation, progress on new lights. **All lights and trickle feeds now working. Additional lights still being discussed**

1151. Projects update

i. Speed sign data update. **Defer to Feb**

ii. Defibrillator household information cards update **Ongoing**

1152. Highways issues & road closures Information circulated

i **Knock Lane resurfaced but black ice has formed, several accidents have been reported**

ii **Bozenham Mill Lane needs flood signs**

iii **Mirror needed by The Old Crown**

iv **Ask highways when gullies are cleared, can manhole covers be lowered**

v **seek information on Road safety community fund**

1153. Maintenance of village hedges and verges. **Crown Corner hedge has been trimmed**

i. Request for financial support from the Church to pollard trees in the churchyard **Agreed to contribute £1000**

- 1154. Installation of new Electric box, land required. Cllr Roychoudhury to research. **Ongoing**
- 1155. Police liaison update including bleed kit Cllr Bullock **No response received re bleed kit**
- 1156. AVN details of next edition Cllr Roychoudhury **Next edition March- April**
- 1157. Councillor training **Deferred to 24/25**
- 1158. Regular updates
  - i. Footpaths Cllr Roychoudhury **All issues reported**
  - ii. NHW Cllr McAllister **Quiet. Burglary reported pre Christmas**
  - iii. Noticeboards **Board on the green is getting very wet inside, needs a new seal or to be replaced**
  - iv. Cllrs' monthly safety checks; to receive a report on any issues arising **None**
- 1159. Correspondence incl items requiring a response or decision  
Email received regarding resurfacing of road/bridleway **Pass information request to planning**
- 1160. Next Full Council meeting: **14<sup>th</sup> February**
- 1161. Future dates **13<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Dog fouling, notice boards and signage to be added to next agenda**