

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor Ed Daniel
Councillor John Erlam Councillor Kevin Gregory
Councillor Gemma Herbertson Councillor Peter Jackson
Councillor Angela Norbury Councillor David Norbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Sue McDonald

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

2.1 Declarations of Interest: None

2.2 Dispensations: None

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct records the Minutes of the Council meeting on 8th July 2013 and the Planning Meeting on 1st August 2013. Proposed: Councillor D Norbury, seconded: Councillor Warburton. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings on 8th July 2013 and 1st August 2013 were approved and signed.

4 PCSO SOPHIE EMERSON'S REPORT

Sophie was unable to attend the meeting.

5 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was on holiday

6 CHANGES TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

No updates were available

7 HS2 PHASE 2

7.1 General Report

Councillor Gregory reported that everything appeared to have gone quiet recently, although it has been established that statistics for the HS2 were based on 10 year old data. There is to be a cluster group meeting on 23rd September, prior to the public meeting in November. Councillor Gregory will not be available for the November Parish Council meeting but will email any relevant outcomes from the cluster group meeting.

7.2 Proposed Meeting in November

It had been agreed that the Council would arrange a village meeting to ensure that residents were aware of the enormity of the impact the HS2 would have on Ashley village. It was agreed that arranging a venue and a date for the meeting would be put on hold until after the cluster group meeting (see item 7.1).

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 School Playground

The sandstone blocks - 26 in total - had been moved out of the brambles and the new seat had been installed

8.2 Drain Outside Magnolia Cottage

Councillor Warburton reported that clearing of the drain had been completed.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

9.1 Planning Applications Already Considered

The following planning application had already been examined and considered:

13/2984M	Higher Thorns Green Farm, Castle Mill Lane, Ashley, WA15 0QZ Resubmission - Two storey, single storey side and rear extensions....and ornamental pond. Replacement garage with new garage with stores over <i>No objections in principle, comments on gates, railing and visibility of house</i>	21/08/2013
13/2741M	Hillside, Mill Lane, Ashley, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 0RD Single storey rear extension to detached dwelling house <i>No objections or comments</i>	07/08/2013

9.2 Planning Applications to be Considered: None

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Receipts

To report that the second half of the precept has been received (£1,500)

10.2 Payments for Authorisation

It was unanimously agreed that the following payments be authorised for payment:

£ 75.00	HMRC	PAYE Q2
£ 72.00	R Britland	Hedge Cutting
£ 55.32	K Gregory	Reimbursement for plant (station planters)

10.3 Audit Commission External Audit

To record that the external audit is not yet complete due to a thorough audit by the Audit Commission (Ashley was part of a random 5% selection)

11 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

11.1 Airport and Parish Council Meeting

Councillors Warburton and Gregory agreed to attend the next MIA/Parish Council Meeting on 24/09/2013.

11.2 Concert Tickets

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would donate the tickets to a deserving person

12 TATTON PARK

12.1 RHS Feedback

Councillor D Norbury reported there were no problems, attendee numbers were up and traffic management, since the private company took over, is very efficient.

12.2 BeWilderwood

Councillor D Norbury reported numbers were being juggled to suggest that there would be 240 -1,000 cars on peak days instead of the previously projected 1,500 although there had been no shift in the projected income.

Using the Broadoak Lane entrance was a non-starter.

It had been suggested that Dunham would be a much more friendly site for BeWilderwood, not least because there would be fewer traffic problems

Councillor Norbury concluded by saying that, following a meeting to take place in October, BeWilderwood may no longer go ahead.

Heather Clawson sent an email report stating the following:

"STAG member Candice Reeves spoke to Daniel Evans (CEC Planning Officer) on 28.8.13 and he said that he'll "get round" to looking into BeWilderwood again in the next few days and that it is "highly probable" (!) they will be issuing another Reg 22 letter to the developers so there is no chance of it going to committee in the near future. Following on from previous correspondence from numerous members of STAG concerning the application enquiring if CEC propose to issue a further Section 22 request for information to the developers. We have all argued that the application is still seriously deficient in detail in many areas particularly the tree survey as it does not include the full site and also the very sketchy route, proposed construction and measurements of the proposed railway where it is impossible to determine the full impact on the environment should the development take place. In addition we have asked for proof if the applicant has now provided the full financial details which have to be weighed against the potential harm? In addition, STAG have asked to call a halt to the whole application that, following Concerns raised by STAG and others, Cheshire East proposed to issue a further Section 22 request for information from the developers."

13 TATTON ESTATE

No representative from Tatton Estate was present at the meeting

14 SPEEDWATCH

Kevin Gibbons had volunteered as a Speedwatch member. PCSO Sophie Emerson had been contacted regarding training for the group but no reply had been received to date.

15 HEDGES AND GRASSLAND

15.1 Swallow Barn

CE stated that the only options for solving the problems with the hedge at Swallow Barn were to write to the owners again or issue an enforcement order.

It was unclear if the owners or tenants were in residence.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cheshire East to establish what the regulations were regarding Cheshire railings and hedges.

15.2 Gallaghers

The Clerk had contacted Sterling properties regarding the grass near the notice board but had had no reply.

16 WEBSITE

The Clerk had not published the website because, if the Clerk was not available, a facility would be required to enable other people to update website pages. In addition the Clerk would like to add some photographs of the Rose Queen. The Chairman suggested contacting Laura Jackson for the photographs.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Planters

The Council offered a vote of thanks to Pat Gregory for creating such a splendid display in the station planters.

17.2 Signatories

The updating of the signatory list has to be done by completing a form. The form has to be filled in and each signatory has to visit the branch and sign another authorisation.

17.3 BT Telegraph Poles

There are two telegraph poles requiring attention:

1. Thorns Green, Castle Mill Lane - this pole is horizontal
2. Lamb Lane - the pole has a dangerous lean

The Clerk will contact BT

18 CORRESPONDENCE

Email correspondence - all information only emails forwarded to Councillors

- Manchester Airport - Parish Council Meeting 24th September 2013 - two Councillors to attend?
- Proposed Road works in Ashley
- Various mail shots
- ChALC Annual meeting call for contributions

Postal correspondence:

- Manchester Airport Flypast to celebrate 75th Anniversary

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th November 2013 At 8.00pm In Sunnyside Nursery, Back Lane

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 27th November 2013

Note: The meeting on 11th November was subsequently cancelled and rearranged for 27th November