

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor Ed Daniel
Councillor John Erlam Councillor Gemma Herbertson
Councillor Angela Norbury Councillor David Norbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Sue McDonald

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Kevin Gregory
Councillor Peter Jackson

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 record the Minutes of the Council meeting on 13th January 2014. Proposed by Councillor Daniel, seconded by Councillor D Norbury. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting on 13th January 2014 were approved and signed.

4 PCSO SOPHIE EMERSON'S REPORT

Sophie was unable to attend the meeting and no report was received.

5 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report by telephone:

- The new Highways Improvement Plan is not yet finalised but Jamie is pushing for roads in Ashley to be mended specifically including the bend on Ashley Road at North Lodge
- Cheshire Railings. There is a legal test case in Nantwich involving Cheshire railings and hedges. If Cheshire East wins the case then they will issue enforcement orders on offending properties.
- The expansion of Mobberley Primary School is nearly finalised - which may be good for Ashley children.
- Jamie will arrange a meeting between Michael Jones (leader of Cheshire East Council) and Ashley Parish Council if one is wanted/required. Subjects for discussion might be HS2, A556, BeWilderwood - what ever is relevant. The Council agreed to consider the offer and decide at the next Council meeting

6 CHANGES TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

6.1 General Report

In the absence of Councillor Gregory, the Chairman provided the following short report:

- Cheshire East has approved the plans for the changes (see also Item 9.1 of this Agenda)
- There is to be a meeting on 4th April 2014

Comments:

- It was agreed that the Clerk should be included on the email list for the project. The Clerk will arrange for this to happen
- There was concern that biomass heating would not be practicable and gas may be used instead
- Concern was expressed about the long term viability of the project, especially since the Church is currently operating at an annual loss of £3,000

6.2 Potential Contributions on Application

The Clerk stated that the only way Ashley Parish Council could assist in funding the project was for the Church to apply for a grant.

There was a general consensus that the Church currently had sufficient funds for the project although applying for a grant application would be considered should a shortfall occur in the future.

6.3 Village Hall Fund

This fund was not under the control of the Council and, as such would not be discussed by Councillors.

7 HS2 PHASE 2

Councillor Gregory, the Council's main representative on HS2 matters, was not present at the meeting, thus no updates were presented.

8 MATTERS ARISING

All matter arising from the last meeting were either dealt with or have been added to this Agenda

9 PLANNING MATTERS

9.1 Planning Applications Already Considered

14/0598M 14/0771M	Church Of St Elizabeth, Ashley Road, Ashley Erection of a single-storey extension located on the North side of the church to provide a disabled WC / baby-change facility and kitchenette. The extension forms part of an internal re-ordering of the church to provide essential community facilities No objections or comments were lodged	13/03/2014 16/03/2014
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9.2 Planning Applications to be Considered

14/0857M	Hough Green Farm, Mobberley Road, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0QL Demolition and replacement of utility and boiler room No objections or comments	25/03/2014
14/0432M	Midways, Back Lane, Ashley WA15 0QH Conversion of existing outbuilding into leisure suite and art studio. New outdoor swimming pool and tennis court. General hard and soft landscaping works No objections or comments	01/04/2014

9.3 Planning Applications from 1st April 2014

Cheshire East will no longer send out hard copies of plans unless the application is for a significant development such as the A556 or BeWilderwood.

Concern was expressed about the impracticality of viewing A1 plans online given that it would only be possible to see a section of the plan at one time or the size of the plan would have to be reduced so much that the detail would be unreadable.

The Clerk was asked to research alternative methods for viewing plans, including downloading for viewing on a white screen, asking Cheshire East to reduced the size of large size diagrams and exploring the possibility of paying for hard copy plans (the cost of which would possibly be added to the precept).

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Payments for Authorisation

£ 75.00	HRMC	PAYE Income Tax Quarter 4
£ 10.00	Trustees of HRB	HRB Settlement
£120.00	S McDonald	Broadband and Phone

10.2 Current Financial Situation

The Council was in agreement that the 2013-2014 precept should fund the refurbishment of the School Playing Field (see Item 21). Based on initial quotations received, the cost is likely to be in the region of £1,500. Another meeting will be called in the near future to finalise details once the precise quotations have been received. Councillors unanimously agreed to ring-fence £1,500.

Councillor Herbertson also agreed to look into anti-HS2 banners (as displayed at Lymm) as an alternative to the signs discussed at previous meetings.

11 GRANTS

The Manchester Airport/Parish Council Meeting in March has been rearranged for 6th May 2014. Councillors agreed that someone would attend but would advise the Clerk nearer the time.

12 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

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13 TATTON PARK

13.1 General Report

Nothing of note to report

13.2 BeWilderwood

The planning application was approved at the Strategic Planning Board Meeting. The Council has been asked to support the lobbying of the Secretary of State to call the application in. The Council was in agreement that the Clerk could action this.

14 TATTON ESTATE

No representatives from Tatton Estate were able to attend the meeting

15 NORTH LODGE

The Clerk received a response from Cheshire East Safety Team, to the Council's concerns about accidents on the bend, which inferred that the incidents were neither frequent nor serious enough to warrant special attention. In a separate communication a member of the same team had stated that the road at the bend was in good condition

Councillors commented that not only were there potholes in the road but the surface is rough in parts. Consideration could be given to raising the pavement

16 ASHLEY CRICKET CLUB

Brian Birtles was unable to attend the meeting but wished it to be known that the Cricket Club was anxious to become more involved in the village community. He would also like the Council's help in advertising events at the Cricket Club which, this year included a Race Night, a Beer Festival and two music nights, The Clerk will add details to the website

17 WEBSITE

The Clerk expressed her disappointment that there had been little or no feedback on the Council's website. So far there had only been a single website enquiry.

Details of the litter pick on 23rd of March will be added to the website following this meeting

18 CONNECTING CHESHIRE

Ashley will definitely not be included in the fibre upgrade in the current round but may be considered for upgrade at the end of 2014

19 SWALLOW BARN

The owner of Swallow Barns had arranged to have the hedge at the bad bend cut back

20 A556

A letter had been received from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the implementation of the A556.

21 SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

The sandstone blocks had been moved away from the climbing frame. The project to refurbish the playing field, including replacement play bark and steps to the slide, will take place as soon as possible and will commence before the end of March, weather permitting. The cost of the refurbishment will be borne by the current year's precept.

22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22.1 Rose Queen Quiz

The quiz will take place on 25th March at 8.00 in the Greyhound

22.2 Rostherne Parish Council

The Clerk from Rostherne PC sent a courtesy note to enquire if the Council would object to them having a stand at the Cheshire Ploughing Match at Ashley Hall. Councillors were happy with this and had no objections

22.3 Speedwatch

The Clerk will restart arrangements for getting the Speedwatch group started

23 CORRESPONDENCE

Email correspondence - all information only emails forwarded to Councillors

Postal correspondence:

- Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy
- Trafford Council Local Plan
- Planning Inspectorate re A556
- Commercial - payroll company
- MIA runway closure notice

24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Meetings: Monday 19th May 2014 at 8.00pm in Sunnyside Nursery, Back Lane Ashley.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 19th May 2014