

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PC Mike Dawber  
Clerk Sue McDonald

## **1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

### **1.1 Chairman**

Councillor Gregory proposed, and Councillor Erlam seconded Councillor Warburton as Chairman. The Council unanimously agreed. Councillor Warburton accepted the office and signed an Acceptance of Office Form, witnessed by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: Councillor J Warburton was elected as Chairman of Ashley Parish Council

### **1.2 Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Warburton proposed, and Councillor Erlam seconded Councillor Gregory as Vice-Chairman. The Council unanimously agreed. Councillor Gregory accepted the office and signed an Acceptance of Office Form, witnessed by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: Councillor K Gregory was elected as Vice-Chairman of Ashley Parish Council

**2 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Ed Daniel  
Councillor David Norbury

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

**3.1 Declarations of Interest:** None

**3.2 Dispensations:** None

## **4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct records the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting and the Annual Parish meeting on 19th May 2014. Proposed by Councillor Daniel, seconded by Councillor D Norbury. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings on 19th May 2014 were approved and signed.

## **5 POLICE REPORT**

PC Mike Dawber expressed his pleasure at being back in Ashley as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and his involvement with Ruralwatch. He pointed out that his area was wide-ranging and rural which brought with it special policing challenges. He explained that he has been, and is, a stolen vehicles examiner in Macclesfield.

His report included

- It had been relatively quiet of late although there was a 2 month period when there was a spate of rural burglaries
- An Ashley tree surgeon had had some equipment stolen from locked premises. The case was still being investigated
- Land Rover Defender thefts had increased and although the offenders had been jailed, they were

Mike explained that he never give up on a case, no matter how cold, and looked for similar offences in other areas which might prove useful in solving a local case.

The Chairman welcomed Mike back on behalf of the Council and thanked him for his report

## **6 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT**

Councillor Macrae was on holiday

## **7 CHANGES TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH**

There has been some excellent progress on the project:

- Cheshire East has approved the plans for the changes (does not apply to the interior)
- Approval from the Diocese should go through on 23rd May although an additional 28 days are allowed for objections
- The project currently has £7,800 for the works with promises from donators to cover any shortfall
- Brook House Developments have promised to do the work for free, although it is currently unclear exactly what the work will encompass
- Andy Daniel will provide the stone and a digger

## 8 HS2 PHASE 2

### 8.1 General Report

There was nothing new to report although the Council was concerned about the lack of information emanating from both the Government and HS2. Councillors Gregory and D Norbury reported that the Cheshire representative from HS2 had proved less than helpful

The bill for HS1 is unlikely to get a third reading before the next general election, suggesting that the move through parliament of HS2 is unlikely to happen in the near future.

### 8.2 HS2 Signs

Councillor Herbertson reported that she had done a considerable amount of work collecting information about types and prices of 'stop HS2' type signs plus collecting names of residents who were willing to display the signs on their property. Final sizes and wording was to be finalised. Councillor Warburton suggested that signs showing the width of the HS2 might have a significant impact.

The Clerk will advise Henry Brooks of any signs which are intended for display on Tatton Estate land. Mr Brooks had already given consent in principle.

## 9 MATTERS ARISING

### 9.1 Hedge at Swallow Barns

Ray Britland reported that his daughter had had a crash on the bend, there were no injuries but she was badly shaken. Ray believes the state of the hedge blocking the visibility splay was a contributory factor. The Clerk had been in touch with the owner in March who had said she had arranged for the hedge to be cut back. Councillors reported that this had not happened. The Clerk will contact Cheshire East to request enforcement.

### 9.2 Website

The website has been refreshed and pages have been updated. The Clerk will undertake maintenance of the website at an annual fee of £50.00 per annum

The Clerk made a request for photographs of the 2014 Rose Fete. Councillor Warburton suggested that his daughters, Laura and Kate, may be able to provide some

## 10 PLANNING MATTERS

### 10.1 Planning Applications Already Considered

None

### 10.2 Planning Applications to be Considered

14/2019M	18, Hough Green, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0QS New part single part double side and front extension and new highway access  <i>The Council had no objections or comments</i>	28/04/2014
14/1861M	The Greyhound, Cow Lane, Ashley, Altrincham, WA15 0QR Demolition of 2no existing extensions and outbuilding. Erection of single storey extension and entrance porch. Extension to existing car park to create an additional 4no car park spaces  <i>There is to be a meeting at the Greyhound on Wednesday 21st May when the plans will be discussed. The Council will defer consideration of the planning application until after this meeting</i>	30/05/2014
14/1861M	14/0519M Coppice Farm Barn, Ashley Road, Ashley, Altrincham, WA14 3PT Installation of a poly-tunnel  <i>The Council had no objections in principle but would defer its decision until after a site visit by Councillors Warburton and Gregory</i>	04/06/2014

### 10.3 Peaks and Plains

The Clerk had contacted Peaks and Plains regarding the plans to build houses on Hough Green car park. They were aware of the ownership of the land issue and stated that their plans may change. The Clerk will invite Peaks and Plains to the next Council meeting in July.

**11 FINANCIAL MATTERS****11.1 Approval of Accounts for 2013-2014**

The Council unanimously approved the accounts for 2013-2014 and the Chairman signed each account sheet.

**11.2 Risk Assessment Statement**

The Council unanimously approved the risk assessment statement for 2013-2014, which the Chairman signed

**11.3 Audit Commission Annual Return 2013-2014**

Having formally approved the accounts, the Council unanimously approved the statements on the Audit Commission Annual Return which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk,

**11.4 Budget for 2014-2015**

The Clerk had accidentally forgotten to bring the figures to the meeting but would email them to Councillors following the meeting.

**11.5 Authorised Payments**

£120.00	J Warburton	Playground Table and Chairs
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**11.6 Payments for Authorisation**

£180.00	Sunnyside Nursery	Room Hire 2013-2014
£ 65.40	ChALC	Subscription Fee
£325.99	Zurich Insurance	Insurance Premium
£ 60.23	S McDonald	Website maintenance + Computer paper
£ 6.00	P Gregory	Plants for Station Planters
£ 18.00	Cheshire Playing Fields Assoc	Annual Subscription

**11.7 Receipts**

£1,500.00	Precept Instalment 1
£ 162.00	Cheshire East Grant

**12 MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

No-one was available to attend the rearranged Manchester Airport/Parish Council Meeting. No other updates or information has been received.

**13 TATTON PARK****13.1 Tatton Park/Parish Council Meeting**

Councillor D Norbury, who attended this meeting, was absent from the Council meeting thus no report of the Tatton Park meeting was available

**13.2 RHS Meeting**

Councillor D Norbury, who attended this meeting, was absent from the Council meeting thus no report of the RHS meeting was available

**13.3 BeWilderwood**

The planning application has been approved by the Strategic Planning Board Meeting. No further updates were available.

**14 CHESHIRE PLOUGHING MATCH**

Councillor Herbertson stated that it was important for the Council to have sight of any traffic management plan for this event since the increased traffic would have a direct impact upon Ashley. The Clerk had not obtained the plan as yet but would ensure one was available for the next Council meeting

**15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS****15.1 Ashley Road at North Lodge**

Cheshire East are of the opinion that the state of the road on the bend is in good order, although Councillors were not of this opinion. To minimise the impact of the accidents on the bend, Councillors suggested that a raised kerb from the far side of North Lodge to the Bollin Bridge may improve matters

**15.2 Playground Refurbishment**

Replacing the steps for the slide had commenced.

Councillors unanimously agreed the Council should pay for the materials necessary for the playground refurbishment to minimise costs

**15.3 Cheshire Playing Fields Association**

The Clerk had enquired if the Council wished to renew its subscription. The Council unanimously agreed that the subscription be renewed and the cheque was authorised (see Item 11.6).

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Email correspondence - all information only emails forwarded to Councillors

Postal correspondence:

- Letter from George Osborne - re HS2y
- Zurich Insurance Renewal Notice
- Beacon Newsletter

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8th September 2014 at 8.00pm in Sunnyside Nursery, Back Lane Ashley.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 14th July 2014