

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor John Erlam
Councillor Kevin Gregory Councillor Gemma Herbertson
Councillor Peter Jackson Councillor David Norbury
Councillor Gemma Herbertson (from 9.00pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the Public
Clerk Sue McDonald

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Ed Daniel
Councillor Angela Norbury

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 correct records the minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Council meetings on 19th May . Proposed by Councillor Warburton, seconded by Councillor D Norbury. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings on 19th July 2014 were approved and signed.

4 POLICE REPORT

No police officer was available to attend.

5 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was on holiday but he did provide a verbal report to the Clerk which has been added to the minutes as information where appropriate

6 CHANGES TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

There has been some excellent progress on the project:

- It is nearing the end of the 28 day period for objections to the plans. If no objections are received, the diocese will issue a faculty (planning permission equivalent)
- Brook House will fund works up to £25,000
- A person (name not provided) has offered to pick up any shortfall in funds
- Andy Daniel will provide manpower and machinery to dig the foundations
- Other work undertaken included:
 - Councillor Jackson removed waste for composting
 - Councillor Warburton carried out some rooting works
 - Chris Frankland carried out tree surgery

7 HS2 PHASE 2

7.1 General Report

Councillor Gregory reported that everything was very quiet regarding the HS2. The HS2 phase 2 passage through parliament is not likely to be in the near future especially so because the bill for Phase 1 had not yet had its final reading and it is unlikely this will happen prior to the general election

7.2 HS2 Signs

The Council commended Councillor Herbertson for her work on identifying residents wanting to display 'Stop HS2' and 'HS2 Crosses Here' signs and for identifying a supplier. The Clerk will order the signs once the final number is known.

The Chairman suggested that some larger signs would be sensible to place near the highway. The Clerk will make enquiries

7.3 Letter to George Osborne

The Clerk had written a letter to George Osborne regarding the lack of information being provided to residents but had not yet had a reply

8 MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising have either been dealt with or have been added to the Agenda

9 PLANNING MATTERS**9.1 Planning Applications Already Considered**

14/2377M	The Stables, Mill Lane, Ashley, Altrincham, WA15 0RD Conversion and extension of existing building to a dwelling and landscaping works to form a curtilage The Council lodged neither objections nor comments	07/07/2014
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Note: Planning Application 14/2845M - Create a path on land behind Dairy House Farm. Cheshire East stated that no planning permission was required for this application

9.2 Planning Applications to be Considered

None

9.3 The Greyhound

Councillor Macrae reported that, although the planning application for the Greyhound had been withdrawn, it would be resubmitted but on a smaller scale

9.4 Peaks and Plains

Peaks and Plains are to attend the Council meeting on September 8th 2014. Councillor Macrae was of the opinion that, as leaseholders, Ashley Parish Council would be the final decision makers.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**10.1 Authorised Payments**

Payments already authorised since the last meeting: None

10.2 Payments for Authorisation

£ 75.00 HMRC PAYE Q1 2014-2015

11 HEDGE AT SWALLOW BARNS

The visibility splay on the corner at Swallow Barns is obscured by a very overgrown hedge. The Clerk had contacted Highways but had had no response. Councillor Macrae reported that Cheshire East had won a test case relating to hedges/Cheshire railings. He would be meeting with a senior Highways officer on his return from holiday and will raise this matter at that time. .

12 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

There was nothing to report except a notice of a runway closure

13 SPEEDING IN ASHLEY

There was concern about speeding in Ashley in general but more specifically near the bend at North Lodge. The Clerk had received word from Cheshire East that the road surface at this point was in a good state of repair - a statement the Council disputes. Councillor Macrae will raise this matter at the meeting with the senior Highways officer

14 SPEEDWATCH

All the information required for training the volunteers has been gathered with the exception of one person. Once this has been received, the Clerk will contact the Police regarding training.

15 SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

Some improvements had been carried out but no major progress had been made. Councillors reiterated that the materials would be purchased by the Council to remove the VAT liability.

16 TATTON PARK**16.1 RHS Meeting**

Councillor D Norbury reported that the traffic management system would be the same as last year and that the show would go back to 5 days (rather than the 4 last year)

Councillors commented that the traffic management system was proving to be very efficient

16.2 BeWilderwood

There was no progress nor information to report

17 STOCK CAR RACING AT CASTLE HILL FARM

The Council had received a complaint from Councillor Audrey O'Donovan, of Ringway Council, regarding the noise created by the stock car racing and the disco at Castle Hill Farm. She had complained to Manchester City Council and was looking for support from Ashley Parish Council

The Council was informed that:

- there were c. 8 meetings a year
- all cars were monitored for excessive noise
- there was 1 disco a year which took place from 9pm to midnight
- Macclesfield Borough Council had previously investigated a similar complaint and had concluded that the noise levels were minimal and largely drowned out by the noise from the airport runway

Councillors discussed this matter in depth and concluded that, without further information, it would not be possible to reach a decision, especially since the Council had not received any complaints.

The Clerk will contact Cheshire East regarding this matter and also make a general enquiry about cut off times for outside music. The Clerk will email Councillor O'Donovan and the owner of Castle Hill Farm once the information was to hand

18 CHESHIRE PLOUGHING MATCH

18.1 Traffic Management Plan

The organisers had sent a copy of the traffic management plan for this event. Councillor Herbertson was concerned that, regardless of the system, the use of satnav may create problems. She also commented that she hoped that residents would be given advance warning of the increase in traffic

18.2 Rostherne Stall

Rostherne was hosting a stall at the show to advertise local businesses. The organisers had said that Ashley PC could share the stall if interested

19 TATTON ESTATE

No report was to hand

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20.1 Safety on the School Playing Field

The Council had received a complaint about the concrete slabs which were considered hazardous to children, should they fall on to them.

The Chairman stated that this would be taken into account with the annual Playground inspection, due in August, which he would arrange

20.2 Meeting with Councillor Macrae

Councillor Macrae had expressed interest in meeting the Chairman and the Clerk prior to the next meeting which, if agreed, he would arrange upon his return from holiday

20.3 Council Laptop

The Clerk asked if the Council would consider the purchase of a laptop for council business (cost to be shared with Styal PC) so that all information is to hand for every meeting. The Council agreed in principle and asked the Clerk to make further enquiries

21 CORRESPONDENCE

Email correspondence - all information only emails forwarded to Councillors

Postal correspondence:

- Manchester Airport runway closure notice
- Letter from Michael Jones, Cheshire East
- Beacon Newsletter

22 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 8th September 2014