

**PRESENT:** Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor Kevin Gregory  
Councillor Gemma Herbertson Councillor Angela Norbury

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Loveday Gimson, Laura Astwood, Redmond Hodgkinson, Peaks and Plains  
Members of the Public  
Clerk Sue McDonald

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Ed Daniel Councillor John Erlam  
Councillor Peter Jackson Councillor David 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 meeting on 14th July 2014. Proposed by Councillor Warburton, seconded by Councillor Gregory. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2014 were approved and signed.

## **4 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Sophie Emmerson attended but could not stay for the meeting and provided a verbal report before leaving:

Incidents included: Theft of a bicycle from Ashley during the previous week  
Eggs had been thrown at the vehicles on Ashley Smithy Garage forecourt.

## **5 SPEEDWATCH**

There had been a misunderstanding regarding contacting the officer who trains the volunteers in using the speed gun. PCSO Sophie Emmerson promised to sort things out.

## **6 PRESENTATION FROM PEAKS AND PLAINS**

Loveday Gimson, Laura Astwood, Redmond Hodgkinson outlined their plans for building houses on Hough Green car park. This, contrary to a previous understanding, was the only option they were looking at.

Residents expressed their concerns which included overcrowding, parking, the wrong type of housing and a general feeling that the car park was unsuitable. Residents felt that building bungalows for older residents would be more sensible to enable older villagers (many of whom have lived in Ashley all their lives) to stay in the village and so release the larger housing stock to families. Other suggestions included using a developer to build private housing.

There was a discussion about potentially using the Tatton Estate land opposite the garage as a site for new houses. This received an enthusiastic reception and it was felt that it would also balance the centre of the village. Realistically this cannot be considered an option at the moment since, at the time of writing, Tatton Estate has not even been approached. However, the fact that there used to be cottages on the site, prior to the straightening of the road, does add weight to the suitability of the site

Peaks and Plains agreed to approach Tatton Estate and also promised to hold an open session for residents when their plans were more advanced (whether the plans will ultimately be for Hough Green or another site).

## **7 MATTERS ARISING**

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

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

Councillor Macrae was unable to attend the meeting

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

There has been some excellent progress on the project:

- The roof on the single storey toilet and kitchenette extension has been installed and is almost ready for breaking the entrance into the main church. It is a flat rather than pitched roof
- The font has been moved to the right hand side at the front of the church  
Prices for heating is being researched

**10 HS2 PHASE 2****10.1 General Report**

Everything has been quiet on the HS2 front

**10.2 George Osborne's Letter**

The reply from George Osborne to the Council's letter regarding lack of information on HS2 matters for affected residents referred the Council to other sources which had already been explored and which did not answer the Council's and residents' concerns

**10.3 Stop HS2 Signs**

- 10 Stop HS2 and 5 HS2 Crosses Here signs have been purchased at a cost of £88.00.
- 4ft x 4 ft signs can be made but they must be bought in multiple of 2 at a cost of £45 each
- Tatton Estates not informed yet until final numbers and sites of signs known

**11 PLANNING MATTERS****11.1 Planning Applications Already Considered**

14/3462M	Ashley Smithy Garage, Mobberley Road, Ashley, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 0QW Change of use to fabric trade/retail showroom and digital printing operation <b><i>The Council had no objections but would be concerned if the operation emits odours and/or is very noisy</i></b>	20/08/2014
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**11.2 Planning Applications to be Considered**

14/3462M	Meadow Cottage, Castle Mill Lane, Ashley, WA15 0RA Two storey rear extension <b><i>The Council had no objections or comments</i></b>	24/09/2014
14/4078M	The Greyhound, Cow Lane, Ashley, Altrincham, WA15 0QR The construction of a single storey side and rear extension, an entrance porch, an addition 4 car parking spaces and the demolition of two outbuildings in the existing car park. re-submission of 14/1861M <b><i>The Council agreed that the plans were too complex to discuss at this meeting and would arrange a separate planning meeting</i></b>	26/09/2014

**12 FINANCIAL MATTERS****12.1 Authorised Payments**

Payments already authorised since the last meeting: None

**12.2 Payments for Authorisation**

£75.00	HMRC	PAYE Q2 2014-2015
£88.00	S McDonald	Reimbursement for HS2 signs

**13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS****13.1 Hedge at Swallow Barns**

This hedge, on a visibility splay, is very overgrown and is becoming a potential hazard to motorists Andy Wilson (Cheshire East ) had advised waiting until the nesting season over before he would issue an enforcement notice.

**13.2 Pavement on Ashley Road near Coppice Barn**

The pavement is very over-run with undergrowth and it is less than six inches wide in places forcing pedestrians into the road. A pedestrian was brushed by a wing mirror.

The Clerk had reported it to Cheshire East but it is unclear who owns the hedge

**14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

Councillors Jeff Warburton and Kevin Gregory will attend the morning session of the Manchester Airport/Parish Council meeting on 30th September 2014

**15 SPEEDING IN ASHLEY**

There are no updates regarding the bend at North Lodge. Councillor Macrae had promised to intervene on the Council's behalf

**16 SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD**

- The Council has been very disappointed in the contractor selected to make the improvements because little or no progress has been made.
- The Playground inspection had been carried out disappointed in the contractor selected to make the improvements because little or no progress has been made.

**17 TATTON PARK**

Nothing to report at present

**18 STOCK CAR RACING AT CASTLE HILL FARM**

The Council had contacted Manchester City Council regarding the noise complaint but no reply was received. Cheshire East advised that it had no input because the complainant lived in Manchester Council's area

**19 CHESHIRE PLOUGHING MATCH**

There was nothing new to report. Details about the event had been included in Ashley News and on the website

**20 COUNCIL LAPTOP**

Ashley and Styal Councils were to share the costs of a laptop for council use but Styal PC have decided to buy the PC outright although it is quite happy for Ashley PC to use it too

**21 TATTON ESTATE**

Nothing to report for this meeting

**22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**22.1 Buses and Trains**

A resident had requested that the bus from Knutsford to Altrincham stops in Rostherne and Ashley. He was of the opinion that Cheshire East owned the buses. The Clerk will investigate

The same resident also felt the train service from Ashley started too late and had insufficient coaches

**22.2 New Internal Auditor**

The Clerk reported that the current internal auditor had felt unable to continue. Consequently the Council needs a new internal auditor. Councillors agreed to try and identify a suitable replacement.

**22.3 Daffodil Bulbs**

As agreed at a previous meeting, Councillor Gregory had purchased a number of daffodils for planting in public areas of the village. Many had been planted but there were still some bulbs available to residents.

**23 CORRESPONDENCE**

Emails: Sent to Councillors  
Website Enquiry: Resident expressing objections to the HS2  
Post:

- Planning Inspectorate about the A556
- BDO - audit notice. Charge of £30 will be levied for incorrect annual return form completion
- Manchester Airport - Concert Tickets
- Cheshire East - notice of payment of second instalment of precept
- George Osborne in reply to letter from the Council

**24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 17th November 2014 at 8.00pm in Sunnyside Nursery, Back Lane Ashley.

*The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.15pm*

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 17th November 2014**