

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Henry Brooks, Tatton Estate
Donna Barber, Tatton Estate
Clerk Sue McDonald
Members of the Public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Ed Daniel

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 19th January 2015. Proposed by Councillor Warburton, seconded by Councillor D Norbury. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting on 19th January 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed.

4 POLICE REPORT No police representative was in attendance

5 MATTERS ARISING All matters arising have been dealt with or added as agenda items

6 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT No report was available - Councillor Macrae was attending a meeting in London

7 TATTON ESTATE

Henry Brooks, of Tatton Estate, provided the following report:

- He and his family may move to Arden House
- Henry was thrilled about Libby Lane becoming the first lady Bishop
- The Estate was very keen to support the village shop in conjunction with the Council and Parish and to maintain an open dialogue
- The Traction Engine Rally will take place at Ashley Hall Showground on 23rd - 25th May 2015
- A Tough Runner/Tough Mudder endurance run will take place at the Showground over the weekend
- A helicopter will be landing at Ashley Hall between 10.00 - 11.00 tomorrow (prior agreement)
- Bostock Green - the Hayhurst Arms is now open. The Estate piloted a newsletter which has been very well received
- The Estate is happy to put details of Ashley Rose Queen on its website
- The HS2 and the A556 earthworks will be one third through Estate land
- The Estate is currently working to demonstrate that its land near the M56/A556 junction is, in fact, a development site.

Henry introduced Donna Barber who is working with the estate as a planning consultant on small scale developments.

Donna explained that, in addition to helping the Estate on planning matters, she was involved with neighbourhood plans from a broad perspective covering housing, shops and schools. Donna covered the following:

- A Parish has the right to a neighbourhood plan.
 - There is funding available to assist with its development and some of the funding will go to the Parish
 - A neighbourhood plan would take from one to three years to develop
 - Cheshire East's original local plan met with ferocious opposition, not least because there was too little provision for the north of the borough
 - Jamie Macrae, George Osborne and Peter Raine were working together to try to get a revised local plan
- Donna would be happy to come and talk to the Council about neighbourhood plans and could arrange for a consultant to advise the Council

8 CHANGES TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

The following progress was reported:

- The internal changes have been completed and decorating has commenced
- A different heating system is required and the architect believes that gas is the best heating method
- It was currently uncertain who would administer bookings.

Councillor Gregory announced that March 29th would be the last service by Georgina Whatmore, the curate, who had been a great asset to the Church and would be sorely missed.

9 HS2 PHASE 2

There was nothing new to report

10 PLANNING MATTERS

10.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

15/0794M	Meadow Cottage, Castle Mill Lane, Ashley, WA15 0RA Two Storey Extension to Rear of Existing House - Resubmission of 14/4003M <i>No decision was made because the Council wanted more time to consider the plans</i>	25/03/2015
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11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1 Payments for Authorisation

£75.00	HMRC	PAYE Q4
£120.00	S McDonald	Broadband, Phone and Computer Use

11.2 Signatories

The retirement of Councillors Jackson and Daniel has reduced the number of cheque signatories to three. The Council will consider who will become new signatories at a later date

12 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

12.1 Dog Fouling on Ashley Mill Lane

No further news has been received regarding the dog warden's proposed visit and the provision of signs

12.2 Hedge at Swallow Barns

Councillor Jamie Macrae has spoken with the owner of Swallow Barns about cutting both the height and width back but the owner does not accept the hedge is a hazard to motorists. Councillor Macrae acknowledges that the hedge does force drivers towards the middle of the road

12.3 Gulleys

The Clerk contacted Cheshire East to obtain a map of the gulleys in Ashley but was advised that the information was not freely available. The Clerk also reported the standing water on Hough Green and the damage to the green caused by a waste disposal truck,

12.4 Ivy at Ashley House

The Ivy has now been cut back

12.5 Hedge at the School

The hedge has been cut back and an invoice for the work will be presented for payment in the near future.

13 SPEEDING IN ASHLEY

13.1 Corner of Ashley Road at North Lodge

Councillor Macrae reported he had insisted that the road in this area be fully resurfaced, rather than patched. Councillor Gregory reported that the work had been done but there was debris on the side of the road, the chevrons had not been reinstalled and one gully had a pothole. There had been yet another accident on the bend

14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Councillors Warburton and Gregory will be attending the meeting on 10th March

15 SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

The playground quality bark had been laid but needs finishing off.

The Council extended its grateful thanks to Liz for cutting the grass

16 TATTON PARK

There was nothing new to report

17 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Three people had expressed interest for the two vacancies: John Atherden, Emma Capp and Richard Jackson, all of whom were high calibre candidates. Councillors would make a decision at a later date

18 ELECTION

The Clerk issued the election packs and explained that she would have to hand deliver the completed papers to Cheshire East's offices in Sandbach

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was recognised that a volunteer would be needed to open and close the church for community events

20 CORRESPONDENCE

- All email correspondence was forwarded to Councillors
- Post
Cheshire East Election Information
Commercial

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Meetings: Monday 18 May 2015 at 8.00pm in Sunnyside Nursery, Back Lane Ashley.

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

Signed: _____ Chairman 26th May 2015