

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor Emma Capp
Councillor John Erlam Councillor Kevin Gregory
Councillor Angela Norbury Councillor David Norbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Jamie Macrae, Cheshire East
Laura Burton, Tatton Estate
Donna Barber, Tatton Estate
Clerk Sue McDonald

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Atherden and Herbertson

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2015 Proposed by Councillor D Norbury, seconded by Councillor Gregory. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

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

5 POLICE REPORT

5.1 Incidents in Ashley

No crimes had been reported in the Ashley area

5.2 Operation Shield

Sergeant Andy Miller gave a presentation on a Cheshire Police initiative called Operation Shield which encourages households, especially in rural areas, to protect valuable possessions with a DNA marker:

- Areas such as Ashley are vulnerable to thefts by professional thieves travelling along the M6 corridor and from Manchester
- In areas where the DNA marking system has been adopted there has been a 68% drop in the number of burglaries
- Items are marked with a product called SelectaDNA which is invisible to the naked eye and which comes in a package containing DNA that will be unique to a particular household
- The DNA marker area is approximately the size of a postage stamp
- The Police will offer training in the application of the DNA marker. The training takes approximately 30 minutes per household
- A package containing the marker and warning signs retails at c£40 but the cost can be reduced to £8.85 if sufficient numbers are bought. However, Andy suggested offering the packs for £10.00 so that large area warning signs could be purchased as an additional deterrent

The Council was unanimous in its approval of this product and asked the Clerk to include details in Ashley News. It was also agreed that the Council would consider bearing the cost for senior citizens and low income families

6 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae gave the following report:

- Local Area Partnership (LAP) meetings
 - There is a highways forum
 - Funding has been allocated for minor works
 - There will be a bid for funding two SIDs for placing at the crossroads in Ashley
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- Retrospective Planning Applications
Cheshire East are determined to strengthen their resolve regarding retrospective planning applications where developers have ignored planning rules
- Gullies
Councillor Macrae will contact Highways regarding concerning gullies and other highways issues
- Councillor Macrae outlined Neighbourhood Planning and the benefits it could bring to Ashley (see also Item 8).

7 TATTON ESTATE

Laura Burton, of Tatton Estate, provided the following report:

- The Roughrunner event takes place at Ashley Hall next month.
 - There will be approximately 4,000 runners over the two days
 - Heavy goods vehicles will enter/leave via Hale

Laura was asked if the volume of traffic would be the same as the previous event at Ashley Hall. She replied that it would be similar although may be slightly higher

Councillor Capp stated that it was too dangerous to allow vehicles to exit from Ashley Mill Lane because of the limited visibility at the junction. Laura promised to report this to the Estate
- The Estate is drafting its response to Manchester Airport's Strategic Development Plan. Of particular concern was the fact that the Airport has shelved the western rail link

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Donna Barber of Tatton Estate, gave a presentation about Neighbourhood Planning which included:

- The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations gives communities the right to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan
- A Neighbourhood Plan allows communities to control the look and feel of their area by
 - Choosing the site of new homes
 - Providing power to the Parish Council to set standards for determining future development in the area
 - Protecting important green spaces
- A Neighbourhood Plan must usually include:
 - Local policies on housing, environment, transport et al
 - Local priorities
 - Neighbourhood Plan area map
 - In addition the Neighbourhood Plan must be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and Cheshire East's Local Plan
- Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan involves
 - Assembling a project team and getting community buy-in
 - Budgeting and applying for funding
 - Neighbourhood Plan area map
 - Gathering evidence
 - Drafting the plan
- Professional Advice
Donna was of the opinion that preparing a Neighbourhood Plan would be made much easier by employing a professional consultant
- Joint Venture
If the Neighbourhood Plan is developed with another community, there would be a funding increase

9 CHANGES TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

Councillor Gregory reported the following::

- The heating would be completed next week
- The carpeting will be laid in two weeks
- The quote for additional lighting is out
- Six pews are to be removed and placed into storage.
- A number of folding chairs will be acquired
- Broadband could be a problem because the Church has no phone line. However there is a product called Mifi which can provide roaming broadband facilities for a small monthly cost

10 HS2 PHASE 2

There was nothing substantial to report although there was a newspaper report indicating that Euston station was to lose two approach tracks

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

15/3096M	Land At Castle Mill Lane, Ashley, Cheshire Change of use from agricultural land for the seasoning, processing and storage of special local principally hardwood timber and erection of associated buildings (retrospective) <i>The Council had submitted objections based on noise and access</i>	19/08/2015
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12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**12.1 Payments Already Authorised**

£ 39.39 K Gregory Reimbursement for leaflet dispensers

12.2 Payments for Authorisation

To authorise payment now due. Proposed by Councillor Warburton, seconded by Councillor D Norbury.

RESOLVED: The following payments would be authorised for payment

£105.00	HMRC	PAYE Q2
£ 36.00	BDO	External Audit Fee

12.3 Receipts

To record that the second instalment of the precept, for £1,500 had been received

12.4 External Audit

To record that the external audit had been completed

13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**13.1 Swallows Barn**

Highways put the owners of Swallows Barn in touch with a qualified hedge cutter. In addition the road is due for surface dressing

13.2 Blocked Gullies - Ashley Road

Andy Wilson from Highways has not had chance to inspect the gullies when it is raining but he reported that "if they are on the incline with no standing water or causing flooding issues they will take a low priority. He will aim to do a site visit in the near future

13.3 Leaking Hydrants

United Utilities contacted the Clerk a number of times but the operative could not locate any leaks in the area

14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Councillors Warburton and Gregory attended the MIA/Parish Council meeting on 29th September 2015 and reported that the main item of interest was that the Airport is shelving the western rail link.

15 VILLAGE MATTERS**15.1 Notice Board for Hough Green**

A suitable notice board for Hough Green had not yet been acquired

15.2 Leaflet Dispensers

Leaflet dispenser had been installed at the Church and by the village Notice Board

16 TATTON PARK**16.1 General Report**

It was reported that Cheshire East were looking at alternative attractions instead of BeWilderwood

16.2 Speed Limit at Tatton Park Entrance

Councillor Capp was concerned that there was no speed restriction at the main entrance to Tatton Park. It was explained that the entrance was not within Ashley Parish Council's remit and was a matter for Cheshire East

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**17.1 70th Wedding Anniversary**

The Council unanimously offered warm congratulations to Eric & Maud Warburton who celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary on 26th September 2015. Eric and Maud spent most of their married life at Dairy House Farm, Ashley

17.2 Speedwatch

There had been difficulties arranging Speedwatch training but it has now been established that Anthony Hall, the policeman responsible for training volunteers, had left the police force. Immediately prior to leaving Anthony had shown a number of PCSOs (including Sophie Emerson, Ashley's PCSO) how to train volunteers. Sophie is currently on holiday but the Clerk will contact her when she returns

17.3 Mailing List

Councillor Herbertson had previously suggested creating a resident mailing list but the Clerk had been unwilling to look after it. The Clerk has now agreed to be responsible for the mailing list and will set one up

17.4 Christmas Meal

Councillors suggested that the best date for the Christmas meal would be 15th December and the venue probably the Greyhound. Councillor Gregory would enquire.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Highways Agency	Environmental Mitigation Assessment Work - M6 J16-19
Beacon	Newsletter
BDO	Invoice for External Audit
BDO	End of external audit notice
Commercial	General Sales stuff

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th November 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 9th November 2015**