

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Sue McDonald
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: None

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 11th January 2016 Proposed by Councillor D Norbury, seconded by Councillor Erlam. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The driveway through Ashley Hall is officially designated as a footpath
All other matters arising had either been dealt with or added to the Agenda

5 POLICE REPORT

PC Mike Dawber explained that he covered 77 square miles, most of which is rural. He reported that there were a total of 8 incidents locally in the past month including::

- Ashley: A Thwaites dumper truck was stolen from Ashley Hall Farm on 16/03/2016 and was subsequently used to vandalise the railings and land at the Church. Investigations into the incident are ongoing
- Rostherne: Sheep had been stolen from a field in Rostherne. This is an ongoing problem as sheep from the same field have been stolen every 4-6 months over the past two years. Investigations into the incident are ongoing. Sheep theft was a big problem with 70,000 thefts annually

Other policing matters:

- Ashley Rose Queen. The Police have a policy decision that no assistance would be given to temporary road closures for events such as this. Applications for a road closure should be made to Cheshire East. However, he would explore the possibility of PCSOs and/or Specials providing general support
- SpeedWatch. PCSO Chris Munroe is now in charge of SpeedWatch and will be holding a series of Training sessions

Mike was told about the difficulties trying to contact local police via the 101 number because most of Ashley has an Altrincham post code meaning calls are automatically directed to Greater Manchester Police. Mike provided attendees with an alternative number which would direct callers to the local Police

6 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was ill and unable to attend the meeting, however he would like to arrange an interim meeting with the Chairman and the Clerk to provide updates

7 HS2

Councillor D Norbury provided the Council with some newspaper cuttings which reported on research which indicated that track failure could be caused if the train travelled at high speeds over soft or unstable ground such as the Cheshire salts flats. To be safe under these conditions, the train would need to travel at speeds as low as 157mph making it barely quicker than existing train services

8 TATTON ESTATE

The Clerk was sent the following report:

- Nicky Paddon is running a successful boot camp in the Event Barn 4 times a week called "Get Fit At The Farm" - it is open to everyone
- The Water Orton Wonderdogs train at the Event Barn at weekends and, next weekend a UK Indoor Fly Ball Qualifying event will take place (not open to the public). There will be about 40 caravans on site
- The Ashley Hall Traction Engine Rally takes place on 28th - 30th May

9 LANDSCAPE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Jo Phillips, from Manchester University, sent the following report:

- Jo has been walking around Ashley with an ecologist, a civil engineer, a map enthusiast, a planner, a landscape architect and some of the Ramblers Association. A few key points of interest were:
 - Looking at the landscape mitigation woodland planting for Airport City, at the edge of Sunbank Wood and going in to Cotterill Clough nature reserve
 - Walking on Mobberley Rd with a retired infrastructure engineer, over the railway bridge where HS2 is planned to cross on the high embankment
 - It was also a good experience pick litter along Back Lane and to look at the views walking at a slow pace
- Jo would still like to help with Ashley's Neighbourhood Plan if it goes ahead. Some fellow students from the School of Architecture have recently contributed to the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan and could set up a meeting for with Bollington so they could pass on their experience of the whole process. If the Neighbourhood Plan does go ahead Jo could offer the following help until the end of her research in Spring 2018:
 - getting local people involved and hearing and recording their views
 - preparing supporting documents, maps, photos and writing reports
 - assistance with IT, workshops and administration
- Jo believes the Neighbourhood Plan process might be the best chance the parish has got of getting some control over the pace and nature of change in Ashley

There was a discussion about Neighbourhood Planning and it was agreed that the topic would be discussed again once the new Councillors had been appointed

10 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

- The heating is now operational
- There is to be a Cheese and Wine party on 28th April 2016

Following the vandalism (see Item 5), the railing had been temporarily put back to secure the area until permanent repairs can be carried out

11 SUNNYSIDE NURSERY

11.1 Rotten Gate Stumps

Repairs to the gate stumps had not started but would commence in the near future

11.2 Removal of Council Documents from Sunnyside

Recorded as an Agenda item to remind the Council that all Council documents will need to be removed from Sunnyside

12 PLANNING MATTERS

12.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

16/1292M	Police House, Cow Lane, Ashley, WA15 0QR Demolition of single-storey side extension and construction of a two-storey and single-storey side extension; part two-storey, part single-storey rear extension and rear conservatory (renewal of application 13/1499M) <i>The Council had neither comments nor objections</i>	13//04/2016
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12.2 15/3096M Land at Castle Mill Lane Ashley - Enforcement

Cheshire East had issued an enforcement notice for the business to cease operations. The Council had not responded to the notice because its objections to the original planning application were still valid and had not changed.

The applicant had been in contact with the Council but Councillors were of the opinion that they could not comment further and had done as much as they were able within the rules

12.3 16/0040M Stock Farm - Change of Use

Stock Farm barn is currently authorised for the following classes:

- **B1** for all or any of the following purposes:
 - as an office other than a use within class A2 (financial and professional services),
 - for research and development of products or processes, or
 - for any industrial process, being a use which can be carried out in any residential area without detriment to the amenity of that area by reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit.

- **B8** building use is for storage or as a distribution centre

The Estate wants to let the whole of Stock Farm as a unit and is unsure what, if any, other purposes for the barn will be applied for

The Council was asked for clarification of the application. The Clerk would investigate

12.4 Other Planning Matters

- Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy Meeting
There is a meeting in Macclesfield on 23rd March 2016 aimed at Knutsford amongst other areas. No Councillor is available to go
- Cheshire East Local Plan Consultation
Any response to the consultation must be received by 19th April 2016

13 FINANCIAL MATTERS

13.1 Payments for Authorisation

Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Norbury, unanimously carried

£ 90.00	HMRC	PAYE Q4
£300.00	Sunnyside	Room Hire
£300.00	Gardening Company	Work on Playground
£120.00	S McDonald	Computer and office use / phone / Internet
£ 10.00	HRB Settlement	Rent

13.2 Other Financial Matters

The submission date for the External Audit is 27th June 2016

14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

14.1 Blocked Gullies

There has been no response from Cheshire East regarding the progress on the blocked gullies.

The manhole near the Old Vicarage is on the Highways works list but it requires a road closure - no progress nor a date for the work has been reported

14.2 Extension of 30mph Zone

Councillor Macrae reported he was pursuing this matter even though the Police had objected

14.3 SIDS

Councillor Macrae had reported that this is on the Cheshire East Area action list for funding but no further updates had been received

14.4 Overgrown Pavements

Yet again nothing has been done about the pavements in spite of a number of requests to Highways

14.5 Cheshire Railings

Councillors were very concerned about the state of the railings at Hough Green Farm and South Lodge Cheshire Railings are maintained by Cheshire East but they are more likely to get fixed if there is a joint initiative with the local Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate further

14.6 Other Highways Matters

- Heavy Goods Vehicles, Back Lane
Councillor Macrae had been discussing this with Cheshire East but no decision had been reached to date.
The Clerk was having difficulties changing the Satnav maps

15 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

- Report from meeting on 23rd February 2016
 - An Amazon Depot is to be built near Cotterill Clough with an extra set of lights near the Romper. Councillors unanimously agreed that this was a bad idea considering the existing traffic problems in the area
 - In the long term Terminal 1 will be demolished and Terminal 2 will be rebuilt. It is expected the completion date will be 2027
 - Nothing positive was mentioned regarding the Western Link

16 VILLAGE MATTERS

16.1 Notice Board for Hough Green

The notice board had been acquired and installed

16.2 Main Notice Board

The main notice board is leaking and it was agreed that a new one would be purchased

16.3 Operation Shield

There was a need to finalise the list and get the money from residents. There are currently about 12 residents interested

16.4 Rose Queen

The Rose Queen Fete will take place on Saturday 14th May 2016

16.5 Other Village Matters

- Litter Pick
Councillors reported that the litter pick resulted in 40+ bags of rubbish
- Website
The website was very out of date. The Clerk agreed but said that there had been a complete lack of interest in the website and felt it should be a joint responsibility. The Clerk agreed to look into updating the website

17 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATIONS AND VACANCIES

Councillors Kevin Gregory and Gemma Herbertson resigned at the last meeting and four applications to fill the two vacancies had been received

18 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

There is a big form to be filled in for each item identified as an asset. In particular the name of the owner and a map from the land registry (£14.99) per request. Whilst it is not essential to get a land registry map it was advised that a nomination is more likely to be successful with the correct map

Car parks such as Hough Green car park cannot be nominated as an asset

The proposed list comprises:

- shop
- school and playground
- Church, church grounds and graveyard
- Hough Green
- Cricket Ground
- Grassed area behind the telephone box
- Pond down Back Lane

It was agreed that the first priority should be the shop although its sale might present a problem. It was noted that the shop premises and the residential part were being dealt with separately. The estate agents are Wright Marshall.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- There is to be a Tatton Park meeting on 7th April 2016. The Clerk will attend
- There had been no progress on the trees fallen into the river Bollin

20 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

- BDO Annual Return
- HMRC PAYE Payment Book
- George Osborne 2nd Poster

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd May 2016 at 8.00pm in St Elizabeth's Church, Ashley.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: _____ Chairman 23rd May 2016