

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor John Atherden
Councillor Sarah Atkinson Councillor Emma Capp
Councillor John Erlam Councillor Richard Jackson
Councillor Angela Norbury Councillor David Norbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Jamie Macrae, Cheshire East
Carol Clarke, Tatton Estate
Jo Phillips, Manchester University
Clerk Sue McDonald
Members of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor D Norbury proposed Councillor Warburton as Chairman, seconded by Councillor Erlam.
RESOLVED: Councillor Warburton was unanimously elected as Chairman

2 APOLOGIES

None

3 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN

Councillor A Norbury proposed Councillor D Norbury as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Capp.
RESOLVED: Councillor D Norbury was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman

4 NEW COUNCILLORS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Sarah Atkinson and Richard Jackson to the Council and wished them all success

4.1 Signing of the Declaration of Office

The Clerk had inadvertently omitted to bring the forms to the meeting and they would be signed at the next meeting.

4.2 Return of the Declaration of Interests

The Clerk received one declaration of Interests form but, due to printing problems, the second would be returned at the next meeting

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None

6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2016. The Clerk had omitted to bring the minutes to the meeting and they would be signed at the next meeting

7 MATTERS ARISING

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

8 COUNCILLOR JAMIE MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae stated that Cheshire East's Local Residential Design Guide consultation is currently running. Other matters that Councillor Macrae raised have been added to the appropriate items in these minutes

9 TATTON ESTATE

Carol Clarke from Tatton Estate, introduced herself and explained she was an experienced planner who had joined the Estate's planning team and would be happy to assist the Council in any way she could.

Ashley Hall Events:

- The BBC are filming a children's television series. On site until September but it is a closed site with 24/7 security
- Ashley Hall Traction Rally event from 28th-30th May. Organisers will be on site from 24th May to 1st of June for setting up and de-rigging
- Other events this year
 - 02/07/2016 Private Birthday party
 - 16/07/2016 Happy Festival 4pm-1am c 400 people, ticket only
 - 17/08/2016 JD Parties private corporate event
 - 28/09/2016 Cheshire Ploughing and Hedge Laying Match
 - 15/10 - 16/10/2016 Rough Runner
 - 08/12 - 31/12/2016 The Festival Project

10 LANDSCAPE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Jo Phillips provided the following update:

- HS2
 - A guide for farmers and growers had been published,
 - There was a two year information gap
- Hampton in Arden
 - Jo had been looking at Hampton in Arden which, although larger than Ashley, has a similar infrastructure and, therefore, similar issues. Hampton in Arden is developing a Neighbourhood Plan which may be of interest to Ashley
- Rose Queen
 - Jo had a stall at the Rose Queen which proved successful and she wished to thank Nick Turnbull and Richard Wright

Jo concluded by explaining her report, on this occasion only was brief, following a request from the Council

11 PLANNING MATTERS**11.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

16/2364M	Station Yard, Ashley Road, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0QP	15/06/2016
	New roof extensions	

Councillors and residents were concerned that the roof lights would be an invasion of privacy to neighbouring properties. In addition, a laurel hedge planted by the applicant was overgrown and damaging neighbours' fences. Although the applicant was happy for it to be cut back it was not possible due to its location.

Councillors agreed that a decision on this planning application would be deferred until they had conducted a site visit

11.2 15/3096M Land at Castle Mill Lane Ashley - Enforcement

The enforcement is subject to an appeal and there will be a hearing by the Planning Inspectorate (PI), the date of which is, as yet unknown.

- A letter sent by FTS to the PI suggested that, after a site visit by Councillors, Ashley PC no longer had any strong objections to its operation. The Council was not sent a copy of this letter
- The letter came to the notice of the Clerk after the closing date for submissions but a response to the letter refuting this assertion was sent to the PI in the hope that it would be accepted.
- The Clerk's late submission was refused and the letter was returned. The PI do not retain any record of returned submissions

Councillors firmly reiterated that the objections it had lodged with Cheshire still stood and there had been no change of opinion

11.3 Other Planning Matters

- **16/0040M Stock Farm - Change of Use**

Further to questions raised at the previous meeting about planning permission for the changes at Stock Farm, it had been established that the planning rules changed in 2015 allowing agricultural building change of use without prior planning approval. There are a number of conditions attached but it is a general relaxation of planning law

The change of use for Stock Farm falls within the permitted changes and no prior approval is required for the current plan to use the barns as storage.

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Each of Items 12.1 through 12.5 were proposed by Councillor D Norbury, seconded by Councillor A Norbury and were unanimously approved

12.1 Approval of Accounts for 2015-2016

Ashley Parish Accounts for 2015-2106 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

12.2 Risk Assessment Statement 2015-2016

The Risk Assessment for 2015-2106 was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

12.3 Annual Return 2015-2016**12.3.1 Governance Statement 2015-2016**

The External Audit Governance Statement for 2015-2016 was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

12.3.2 Annual Accounting Statement 2015-2016

The External Audit Governance Statement for 2015-2016 was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

12.4 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were authorised:

£120.00 Millington Power Cleaning	Repair to School Gate
£ 20.00 Cheshire Community Action	Annual Subscription
£ 18.00 Cheshire Playing Fields	Annual Subscription
£ 76.30 ChALC	Annual Subscription
£ 23.94 S B McDonald	Reimbursement for Land Registry Map
£144.00 A & G Blackburn	Maintenance
£ 60.00 R Britland	Hedge Cutting

12.5 Budget 2016-2017

Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Gregory, unanimously carried
The precept for 2016-2017 will be £3,000, the same as last year

12.6 Other Financial Matters

Councillors discussed potential acquisitions prior to year end although no decision was reached

13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**13.1 Blocked Gullies**

No progress had been made to date. Councillor Macrae will chase this matter up

13.2 Extension of 30mph Zone

Councillor Macrae had reported that he was still progressing this matter in spite of objections from the Police.

13.3 SIDS

Councillor Macrae had reported that there may be SIDS available for each side of the crossroads. The Council had previously stated that it would want the SIDS

13.4 Overgrown Pavements

Nothing had been done about the over grown pavements in spite of requests from the Clerk. Councillor Macrae will chase the matter up

13.5 Cheshire Railings

Cheshire railings are maintained by Cheshire East but they are more likely to get fixed if there is a joint operation between Cheshire East and the local Council. It was agreed that this matter should be followed up

13.6 Other Highways Matters

- **Heavy Goods Vehicles on Back Lane**
The removal of heavy goods vehicles from Back Lane was on Cheshire East Highways action list although nothing had been done to date
- **Speeding on Cow Lane**
The number of cars speeding through the village is making the road extremely dangerous. Unfortunately this is ultimately a matter of enforcement by the Police

14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Two tickets for a concert at Oldham Coliseum. No recipients were identified immediately although it was suggested that they could be either be advertised on the notice boards or on advertised on Facebook

15 VILLAGE MATTERS**15.1 Speedwatch**

There is to be a training session on 2nd June 2016. Councillor Capp, who is heading the Speedwatch project, is on holiday at this time and requested that the Speedwatch volunteers attended the next training session

15.2 Operation Shield

The price of the kits had gone back to £10.00. The Clerk had order 20 kits, included 3 spares. Councillors Atkinson and Jackson stated that they would like a pack each. The Council would pay the £200 pounds required

15.3 Rose Queen

The Rose Queen event went very well and £4,000 was raised. The Council offered thanks to all who help the occasion to be a success

15.4 Other Village Matters

- **Broadband Speeds**
Speeds in the heart of the village is very good but still very slow and unreliable in outlying areas. Councillor Macrae will follow this matter up

16 TATTON PARK

- No one was available to attend the Tatton Park liaison meeting on 7th April 2016
- There is to be an RHS Flower Show meeting on 2nd June 2016. Councillor D Norbury will attend.
- A resident was concerned that the number of resident passes for Flower Show road closures may be insufficient. Councillor D Norbury explained that the number of passes and their delivery will be sorted out nearer the time

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The trees in the River Bollin have still not been moved
- Peaks and Plains had fenced off half a Hough Green resident's garden although no explanation was available

18 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

- Cheshire East Confirmation that no election is required
- Fisher German Notification they have taken over from Meller Braggins
- Pensions Regulator Duties start date for workplace pensions

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th July 2016 at 8.00pm in St Elizabeth's Church.

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

Signed: _____ Chairman 18th July 2016