

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Henry Brooks, Tatton Estate
Jo Phillips, Manchester University
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 a record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2016. Proposed by Councillor D Norbury, seconded by Councillor Atherden. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting 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

PCs Andrew Roberts and Gary Fulton attended and gave the following report:

- An arrest was made regarding the tampering of cars in Mereside Road
- Scrap metal theft is the most frequent offence of recent times
- A man was seen acting suspiciously at Ashley Hall. He was not apprehended although the police attended. It was thought he may have escaped towards Altrincham
Councillors asked if the two police forces cop-operated
It was explained that not only did they co-operate but they also shared data about criminal activity
- Incidences of fly tipping should be reported to the Environment Agency

Councillors commented that there had been a lot of motorbikes travelling at high speed through Ashley.

Gary Fulton replied that the Police were aware of the problem especially in the middle of the evening along Tatton Wall. It was there intention to enforce speed limits along the road in the near future

The Chairman thanked Andy and Gary for attending before they left to continue with their duties

6 COUNCILLOR MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was unable to attend the meeting

7 TATTON ESTATE

Henry Brooks gave the following report:

7.1 General Report

Henry thanked the Council for their support and help with Ashley Hall events and was sure that everyone would agree that the second event was much better managed than the first.

Carol Clarke had provided the Council with the latest report issued by Cheshire East Council to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the future of the Cheshire Gateway land. This report now places all the Estate's Cheshire Gateway land back in the Green Belt - previously the Council had accepted part would be suitable for future science development and research. Whilst TEM is obviously disappointed, the papers issued by CEC are being reviewed and it is intended to progress representations with the Inspector at the Examination in Public.

Councillor Jackson would like clarification on the implications of land having had its 'safeguarded for future development' status removed. The Clerk would contact TEM.

A meeting has been arranged between TEM and local Parish Councils on 1st October 2016. Attending from Ashley PC will be Councillors Jeff Warburton, David Norbury and John Atherden

7.2 Ashley Hall Driveway

Whilst he understood the frustration about banning cycling on Ashley Hall driveway, Henry pointed out that it was a private drive and cycling was banned for safety reasons.

He thought it a far better idea for TEM and the Council to work together to improve the pavements in Ashley

7.3 Parkside Garage

Councillors explained that the parking of cars at Parkside garage presented a considerable hazard for cars exiting Ashley Road, it was suggested that something should be placed on the verge to prevent parking . Henry replied that he had passed responsibility to Hugh Platt .of Fisher German, and would ensure that the problem was investigate and appropriate action would be taken if required

7.4 Cheshire Gateway

The proposals by TEM for the Cheshire Gateway is full in line with the objectives for the Northern Powerhouse in that it provided a Science Park and a Logistics Park.

The proposed Cheshire Gateway was being furthered via Cheshire East's Local Plan process

TEM had taken into account comments from consultees plus parish councils and will, where appropriate, accommodate them into design considerations

8 LANDSCAPE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Jo Phillips, from Manchester University, provided the following update:

- Jo thanked the residents and Councillors who attended the Village Mapping Meeting on 10th September and said that she had had some very useful comments and views . The most common concerns that emerged were:
 - the amount and associated noise of traffic going through the village
 - excessive speed of cars and their size on small country roads
- HS2 Mitigation

The effect of the HS2 on Ashley will be significant, not least additional light pollution and the problems associated with large scale road construction

However, there is a possibility that Ashley could get some agreement with HS2 Ltd to mitigate some of the concerns, especially if there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

There are many other concerns in addition to those listed above which might be considered for mitigation, including:

 - better connectivity for wild life as there is no doubt that the habitat will be disturbed and/or separated
 - the introduction of cycle routes

9 HS2

Following attendance at an HS2 drop-in session, Councillor Capp reported that a representative from HS2 had intimated that the HS2 Phase 2 bill would be going through parliament in November. The representative had offered to arrange an informal meeting in order for people to express their concerns to him.

However, the Council had previously had dealings with this representative and had not been overly impressed with his ability to influence matters.

It was thought there may be benefits to co-operating with Rostherne Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to contact Jo Gates

10 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

- Entertainment Evening -Thursday 29th September 2016

The community centre is holding its first entertainment evening on Thursday 29th September 2016 . Music provided by the Loose Change buskers who freely give of their time to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Doors open at 6.45pm - starts 7.30pm.
- Key to the Church

A key to the Church was given to Councillor Capp and the Council offered thanks to Catherine Jones who had previously been opening the Church on the Council's behalf.

It was noted that the Church would need to be opened early - at approximately 6.45pm on 14th November to enable Wendy Sinfield of Manchester Airport to set up for her presentation (See Item 14)

11 PLANNING MATTERS

11.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

None

11.2 Other Planning Matters

16/2364M Station Yard

This application has been approved and all the conditions requested by the Council have been imposed (non-opening windows, grade 5 obscure glazing, occasional use only)

In addition the applicant had satisfactorily cut back the laurel hedge

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**12.1 Payments for Authorisation**

Proposed by Councillor D Norbury seconded by Councillor Atherden

£ 90.00	HMRC	PAYE Q2
£120.00	S McDonald	Re-issue of stopped cheque
£288.00	A&G Blackburn	Playground maintenance
£180.00	St Elizabeth's Church	Hire of Church

12.2 Conclusion of the External Audit

The Council was asked to approve the conclusion of the external audit. Proposed by Councillor A Norbury, seconded by Councillor Capp. RESOLVED: the conclusion of the external audit was unanimously approved

12.3 Other Financial Matters

A letter to the bank was signed to stop an un-presented cheque, made payable to the Police and Crime Commissioner for £200.00, on the advice of the Police

13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**13.1 Blocked Gullies**

Councillor Atkinson had had problems with flooding at her home and had contacted United Utilities as a resident. She provided the Council with the following information:

- A gully at White Gables had been jetted
- There was a need to dig down
- Highways England is responsible for the drain that runs parallel to the motorway and it suspected this is blocked leading to back up of the gullies on Cow Lane
- She had arranged a meeting with Cheshire East Council, United Utilities and Highways England on 2nd November 2016

Councillor had concerns about blocked gullies in other parts of Ashley and asked Councillor Atkinson if she could raise these, on the Council's behalf, at her meeting

13.2 Overgrown Pavements

Siding back is at last on the Cheshire East works schedule although no date has been assigned as yet

13.3 Cheshire Railings

The Cheshire railings are completely obscured on the corner of Swallow Barn, and the hedge is so overgrown it is encroaching on to the road. Councillor Macrae has been chasing this up but nothing has been done so far.

13.4 Other Highways Matters

- Water Pressure in Castle Mill Lane

A United Utilities engineer had visited the area, identified a technical issue (unspecified) and had installed a logger to monitor the water flow. It would take about a week to log and then analyse the data. United Utilities will contact the Clerk once the results of the logger had been analysed

14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Wendy Sinfield, of Manchester Airport is to give a presentation on proposed changes to the airspace on 14th November 2016, starting at 7.00pm.

She would like to arrive early so she can set things up prior to the presentation. Councillor Capp will open the Church

Rostherne Parish Council has been invited to the presentation and will attend

15 VILLAGE MATTERS**15.1 Main Notice Board**

A new notice board had been acquired

15.2 Operation Shield

No progress as the cheque to purchase the DNA kits was not received and had to be stopped. A new cheque will be issued once the bank had confirmed that the cheque had been stopped (see Item 12.3)

15.3 SpeedWatch

Councillor Capp had assumed responsibility for co-ordinating SpeedWatch but was having difficulties arranging a suitable date

15.4 Ashley Station

The problem about parking at the station had been reported to Northern (Trains) but no updates had been received

It was suggested that the space at the site of the demolished cottages could be utilised for parking

15.5 Village Projects

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred to a later date

15.6 Other Village Matters

- Hough Green - Dog Fouling on the Green
It was suggested that a sign be created requesting people to keep their dogs on leads and not allow them to foul the green
- Hough Green - Speeding Cars
Again it was suggested that a sign be created requesting people to ask visitors and tradesmen to drive slowly

Councillors considered it would be good idea to hold a competition for children to design the signs and the winning ones would be installed. The Clerk will put details in Ashley News

The Clerk pointed out that it was important that the sign for the green must not obstruct grass cutting and the sign for visiting cars could not be placed on the highway without permission from Cheshire East (which would be a long process, possibly taking many months)

16 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairman stated that this item would be deferred to a later date

17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillors Atkinson reported that she had formed a working group of 5 people and there was to be a meeting in the near future

18 ANNUAL MEETINGS

It was agreed that the annual Parish and Council meetings would continue to be held on the same evening and the start time for the Parish Meeting would be 7.00pm rather than 8.00pm

19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

A resident raised the matter of the Proposed Boundary changes. The Council was aware of the matter but had not had chance to consider it in any detail so would raise it at the next meeting

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

21 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

BDO	Annual Return
CFPA	Annual General Meeting Details
MIA	Outreach Program
Commercial	Mail shots

22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

~~Monday 12th September 2016~~ Monday 26th September 2016 at 8.00 pm in St Elizabeth's Church.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.30 pm

Signed: _____ **Chairman 14th November 2016**