

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Henry Brooks, Tatton Estate  
Rev. Keith Addenbrooke, St Elizabeth's Church  
Clerk Sue McDonald  
Members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Angela Norbury

**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 26th September 2016. Proposed by Councillor D Norbury, seconded by Councillor Atherden. **RESOLVED:** the minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

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

**5 POLICE REPORT**

No representative from the Police was able to attend

**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**

He relayed information regarding a combined authority/Greater Manchester single plan for Manchester Airport which included green belt land. Airport City is gradually expanding towards Ashley and he felt it important that Ashley PC make representation to the Airport

**7.2 Ashley Hall Driveway**

Mr Brooks expressed his disappointment about the aggressive manner in which the objections to the ban on cycling on the driveway had been made.

Councillor Atkinson strongly stated that she was frustrated by Tatton Estate's stance on the ban in that she believed it was being more rigorously pursued ever since the focus had changed from largely farming to a commercial venture

Mr Brooks refuted this assertion and stated there had been no change. The ban had always been in place, cyclists had been challenged over the years and signs advertising the ban had been always been clearly displayed. He also stated that he understood the problems for the safety of children but considered that an adversarial approach was not beneficial

A number of Councillors stated that they had cycled the route without being challenged

Councillor Atkinson stated that, as a resident, she had received a change of use application to re-designate the footpath as a bridleway and wanted the Council do discuss it. The Clerk intervened to explain that it was a new topic which was not on the Agenda and it was appropriate to close the discussion down

**7.3 Parkside Garage**

Large stones were being laid on the verge at Parkside Garage to prevent cars parking there

**8 LANDSCAPE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

Jo Phillips was unable to attend the meeting

**9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Atkinson provided the following report

- A steering group had been set up and had met to consider the current status and how best to reach the end goal.
- A comprehensive action plan had been drawn up detailing the steps required to complete the Neighbourhood Plan
- It is intended that a series of workshops will be held which will work with the community to obtain wider views

The group had met with Lucy Hughes from Cheshire Community Action who offered advice and guidance on the Neighbourhood Plan process. She explained that the Neighbourhood Plan could be as large or small as desired

- The group was advised that it would be beneficial to examine the Neighbourhood Plans of other, similar sized, parishes. Marton village was cited as an example
- It would assist in spreading the word about the Neighbourhood Plan if details were posted in Ashley News and on the Council website. The Clerk agreed to include the information on the website
- Councillor Atkinson concluded by stating that everyone was very enthusiastic about the project

Mr Brooks asked what evidence base was being used. Councillor Atkinson explained that they were working with a Cheshire East template which encompassed questions such as population, growth, highways et al

**10 BOUNDARY CHANGES**

There is a proposal by the Boundary Commission to move the constituency boundary for Mobberley Ward, which includes Ashley, from Cheshire East to Trafford, Greater Manchester.

Councillors discussed the matter and voted on whether or not to support the move. Councillors voted and there was a five to two majority to keep the boundary unchanged. The Clerk will send a response to the Boundary Commission

**11 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH**

Rev. Keith Addenbrooke provided the following report about events at the Church:

- Sundays 11.00 Service
- 4th December Tree decoration
- 10th December The Nativity
- 18th December Christingle
- Christmas Eve Midnight Service
- Christmas Day 11.00 Service

It is also intended to hold a musical evening on the final Thursday of each month. The next one will be a classical music event

**12 PLANNING MATTERS**

**12.1 Planning Applications for Consideration**

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| 16/5020M | Post Office, Ashley Road, Ashley WA15 0QP<br>Two storey extension to the rear | 16/11/2016 |
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Councillors unanimously objected to this application because the extension removed the shop's storage room potentially rendering the shop unusable

It was agreed that the Clerk would submit an objection stressing the need for the viability of the shop to be maintained

**12.2 Other Planning Matters**

Land at Castle Mill - appeal to the Inspectorate

This appeal was denied and the enforcement to cease trading and to remove all equipment from the site would be enforced

**13 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**13.1 Payments for Authorisation**

Proposed by Councillor D Norbury seconded by Councillor Atherden  
£108.00 A&G Blackburn Playground maintenance

**13.2 Other Financial Matters**

None

**14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS****14.1 Blocked Gullies**

Councillor Atkinson had had a meeting with Cheshire East following recent flooding problems at her home. She provided the following information:

- Cheshire East confirmed there were blocked gullies
- Part of the problem was concerned with Highways England gullies which were an 18" carrier and a 9 inch ceramic drains which was fully blocked.
- Approximately 10-12 years ago there had been a similar problem with tree root incursion
- There had been no inspections not root cutting in recent times
- There was also a problem with surface water

United Utilities had contacted the Clerk to report that the pressure on Castle Mill Lane had been increased. Councillor Jackson felt that had been some slight improvement

**14.2 Other Highways Matters**

None

**15 VILLAGE MATTERS****15.1 Christmas Party**

It was agreed that Councillor Capp would arrange the Christmas party and that it would be held at the Greyhound.

It was further agreed that, in addition to the Council, resident members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Jo Phillips and past Councillors would be invited

**15.2 Brereton Trust**

It was agreed that the Brereton Trust hamper would be awarded to Meg Wright

**16 DEFERRED ITEMS**

These items were intended to be deferred until the next meeting. However, the Chairman stated that brief mention of some of the topics could be made at the meeting

**16.1 Overgrown Pavements**

A significant amount of clearing had been done but there was a still a lot outstanding especially near the most dangerous stretch of Ashley Road

**16.2 Operation Shield**

The cheque for the DNA kits had not been received, the Clerk had asked the bank to stop the cheque but no confirmation from the Bank had been received to date

**16.3 Main Notice Board**

The new notice board has been installed

**16.4 Speedwatch**

Volunteers had been out and had recorded speeding motorists

**16.5 Ashley Station**

There are still ongoing problems with parking. Northern Trains had been contacted again but no response had been received to date

**16.6 Ashley Smithy Garage Field**

Councillors unanimously agreed that the work being carried out, to create a car sales business, on the field adjacent to the by the Smithy garage was an eyesore and out of keeping with the surrounding area.

Mr Brooks thought there may be a restricted covenant on the land which limited it to car storage and suggested the Council investigate further

**17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)**

A resident wished to add information about the planning application for the shop (Item 12.1) as follows:

- The Post Box is being removed and re-sited nearer the phone box
- There would no longer be any public liability insurance on the shop site

*The Council thanked the resident for the information.*

**18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**19 CORRESPONDENCE**

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

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| George Osborne     | Letter concerning the Constituency Boundary changes |
| Manchester Airport | Offer of Concert Tickets                            |
| Commercial         | Mail shots  |

**20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

~~Monday 16th January 2017~~ Monday 30th January 2017 at 8.00 pm in St Elizabeth's Church.

**21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

- The Clerk asked the Council to whom the airport concert tickets should be donated. It was agreed to offer them to Catherine Jones
- Councillors agreed that that Councillors Jackson and Atkinson should attend the next ChALC Councillor induction course. The Clerk will book them on the course

*The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50 pm*

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman 30th January 2017**