

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Wilbraham, Tatton Estate
PC Gary Fulton and colleague
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 17th July 2017. The minutes were not available for signing due to technical problems and will be signed at the next meeting.

4 MATTERS ARISING

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

5 NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed Chris Frankland to the Council and hoped he would be happy in his new role

6 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Gary Fulton reported that there has been little crime in the area recently although there had been an attempted burglary at Dairy House Farm on Ashley Road.

7 COUNCILLOR MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was unable to attend the meeting

8 TATTON ESTATE

Rachel Wilbraham, of TEM, explained that there was little to report for this meeting although she reminded everyone that the Rough Runner Event will take place on 21st and 22nd October 2017.

Rachel excused herself and left the meeting after providing her report

9 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

Rev. Keith Addenbrooke cannot attend the meeting but sent the following report:

- Thank you to everyone who supported St Elizabeth's Harvest Celebrations on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September. 71 people came to our Harvest Service, with music from Dom and the Choir as part of our worship
- The Ashley Centre evening events continue. A good crowd heard the amazing story of Canon David Wyatt's 50 years of Parish Ministry in Salford in September. Details of the Wine and Cheese Evening on Thursday 19th October and the Cadishead Brass Band on Thursday 30th November are in the October Ashley Parish Magazine.
- Special Services coming up - all welcome:
 - All Souls' Memorial Service - 11am on Sunday 29th October. A Service of Matins at which there will be the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away.
 - Remembrance Sunday Service at 11.00am, concluding with an Act of Remembrance and Wreath laying at the War Memorial Plaque on Sunday 12th November.
 - Community Nativity and Toy Service on Sunday 3rd December at 11.00am.
 - Christingle Service 4pm on Sunday 17th December.
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 - Midnight Service at 11.30pm on Sunday 24th December and Christmas Morning Service at 11.00am on Tuesday 25th December.

10 PLANNING MATTERS**10.1 Planning Applications for Consideration**

17/4916M	North Range, Ashley Hall, Ashley Road, Ashley, WA14 3QA	17/10/2017
	Prior approval for the proposed change of agricultural building to a flexible use class A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1 & D2.	

Councillors unanimously objected to this application for the following reasons:

- Potential for a significant increase in traffic accessing the already busy Ashley Hall complex
- Ashley Hall Driveway is designated as a footpath but pedestrians are put at risk by speeding vehicles and an apparent lack of traffic management
- Insufficient signage indicating there is a 5 mph speed limit (which is not enforced) and also a lack of signage indicating the driveway is a footpath

The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's objections in a response to Planning

10.2 Other Planning Matters

- Cheshire East Local Plan. The next stage is rural allocation and a consultation will commence in the Autumn. CE Spatial Planning will be writing to all Parish Councils
- Station Yard Leisure Complex. The owner has breached all three conditions of planning approval i.e. obscured glass, non-opening roof windows and use restricted to leisure activities only. The Clerk will contact Planning Enforcement

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS**11.1 Receipts**

To report the Council had received the following:

£1,500.00	Cheshire East	2nd half of precept
£ 166.69	HMRC	VAT Refund
£ 431.88	ChALC	Transparency fund grant for laptop & software

11.2 Pensions Registration

To record that Ashley PC is fully compliant with the requirements of the Pensions Regulator regarding workplace pensions and to thank Councillor Atherden for his help in this matter

11.3 Payments for Authorisation

Proposed by Councillor Atherden seconded by Councillor Jackson

£ 90.00	HMRC	PAYE Q2
£ 36.00	BDO	External Audit Fee
£216.00	A&G Blackburn	Playground maintenance

11.4 Other Financial Matters

None

12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Unwin provided the following report

- The questionnaires have provided a good view of resident opinions and can, once analysed, provide a baseline for policies
- Once skeleton policies have been identified the group will apply for funding
- It is intended to put the results on the website
- The next step to enable the Neighbourhood Plan to progress is to apply for and obtain funding

13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**13.1 Overgrown Pavements, Gulleys, Drains and Potholes**

There is a new senior highways engineer - John Tickle - who has been liaising with Councillor Macrae on these issues and has expressed interest in visiting Ashley to observe the issues first hand

13.2 Crashes at Cross Roads

Councillor Macrae has taken up the reins of this issue and has been in talks with the Police. He suggested that the Council considers contacting Esther McVey who seems to relish a challenge

13.3 Other Highways Matters

None

14 VILLAGE MATTERS

14.1 Speedwatch

Councillor Capp reported that Speedwatch had seven volunteers
It was hoped to obtain a Community Speedwatch area sign.

14.2 Telephone Box

The BT telephone box has been removed although it is unclear when. The Council was not notified of its removal. The Clerk has contacted BT and Cheshire East to seek clarification

14.3 Gate at Entrance to Station from Hough Green

There is a suggestion that a gate should be installed between Hough Green and the station approach to prevent children wandering on to the station. The Clerk was asked to obtain some quotes.

14.4 DNA Kits

It was agreed that Councillor Capp and the Clerk would contact the people who expressed interest in the kits and arrange a suitable date and place for them to be distributed

14.5 Other Village Matters

- The main notice board is in a very bad state of repair. The Chairman suggested that Richard Winwood may be able to help in this matter
- The path to the station is in very bad repair. The Clerk was asked to contact Northern
- The field next to the garage needs some attention to reinstate the hedge, repair the damaged footpath and to reinstate a listing road sign The Clerk was asked to contact Stirling properties

15 HS2

Councillor Erlam reported that the meeting with HS2 proved to be of some use in that they seemed to appreciate some of the issues facing Ashley. However, it is unlikely that anything will change the design of the HS2 through Ashley. It was agreed that a walk along the route of the HS2 through Ashley would be beneficial and a meeting some time in November was suggested when HS2 would bring some environmental specialists
The meeting with HS2.

16 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

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 General Report

- There was a report of increased aircraft noise in the village
- There have been complaints about air pollution and the smell of kerosene
- Councillor Frankland was concerned about the foul air in the airport tunnels and questioned whether or not the air had been tested

The Clerk will contact the Airport about the above issues.

16.2 Feedback from Airport/Parish Council Meeting 19th September 2017

Unfortunately, no Councillor was available to attend the meeting.

17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Erlam requested that the following be recorded. It concerns the Cross England Rail Link

"I am writing to you to get a better understanding of the cross England rail link that has been given funding by the Government.

I would be very grateful if you could answer the following questions with regards to the above link. I am a parish councillor for the village of Ashley in Cheshire, I have copied the clerk to the Council into this message. Ashley is under the threat of major incursion by HS2.

1. How will Manchester Airport be involved in the proposed cross rail link?
2. Our MP has suggested a southern link into the airport from Knutsford to allow access from Chester and North Wales, is this part of your plans?
3. Can you envisage any encroachment into the parish of Ashley from your proposals?
4. Will your proposals have an effect upon HS2 i.e. will your works supplant the need for HS2 going much further than Crewe?
5. Do you have a timescale as to when your works will start?"

19 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post

Pensions Regulator

BDO

Manchester Airport

Informatory letters x 3

Invoice for External Audit

Offer of Concert Tickets

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th November 2017 at 8.00 pm in St Elizabeth's Church.

21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

Signed: _____ Chairman 27th November 2017