

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Councillor Sarah Atkinson
Councillor John Erlam Councillor Chris Frankland
Councillor Richard Jackson Councillor Amy Unwin

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Sue McDonald
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor John Atherden, Councillor Emma Capp

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct records the minutes of the meetings held on 17th July 2017 and 27th November 2017. Proposed by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Frankland. RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a correct record

4 MATTERS ARISING

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

5 POLICE REPORT

Very little activity in the area
From April 2018 vehicle owners can be fined for fly tipping

6 COUNCILLOR MACRAE'S REPORT

Councillor Macrae was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following information:
SASPD (Site allocations small development Local Plan: The SASPD will be consulted on by the summer.
There is no indication whether or not Ashley will be included
Likewise the minerals and waste plan will be consulted on by the summer

7 TATTON ESTATE

7.1 General Report

Nobody from Tatton Estate was available to attend the meeting

7.2 Submitted Sites

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting with Tatton Estate to discuss this matter

8 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

The Reverend Keith Addenbrooke was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

- It was good to see many people in Church again over the Christmas season, with the Christingle Service again seeing the largest attendance. Particular thanks are due to Dom and Catherine Jones for organising the choir and making of Christingles for this important annual celebration. Thanks also to everyone who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, and who supported our Services and events, including the second annual Christmas Craft Fair.
- Looking ahead to 2018, the biggest challenge faced is one shared with many Parish Churches (and indeed, many other voluntary organisations), that of increasing regular week by week attendance and participation. We are greatly blessed with a wonderful worship space at St Elizabeth's, and would love to make of the most of the opportunity it gives us for regular fellowship.
- Our usual pattern of Services is as follows:
 - 11.00am 1st Sunday of the month - our short, informal Ashley Service, inspired by Nick Turnbull and led by different members of the congregation each month.
 - 11.00am 2nd Sunday of the month - our more traditional Service of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer, usually led by our experienced Lay Reader, John Moss.
 - 11.00am 3rd Sunday of the month - our Family Communion Service, incorporating Young Church, with activities for children and adults of all ages. Led by our Vicar Keith, with children's activities organised by Jane Addenbrooke.
 - 11.00am 4th Sunday of the month - our regular Holy Communion Service with Sermon, led for us by Revd John Varty.Where there are five Sundays in the month, the final Sunday will usually be a Service of Matins.

With our Curates having moved on, my time as Vicar is spread across the two Parishes of Hale and Ashley, but do get in touch with any questions or queries

9 HS2

Councillor Erlam reported that there was to be a follow up meeting with HS2 in February although no date had been set as yet.

There is to be a cluster meeting on 1st February 2018 in High Legh. Members of the subgroup have been invited to attend.

The proposed new road in Lamb Lane effectively cut Ashley in two and made part of Ashley a large cul-de-sac. Councillors were generally opposed to this proposal. In addition the new road would be built on a Wildlife Trust area

Councillor Erlam had been in contact with Wendy Sinfield, from Manchester Airport, who recommended that the HS2 subgroup get in contact with the lead HS2 person in Lach Dennis Parish Council who is a geologist and it could be that a dialogue between the two parishes could be of mutual benefit. The Clerk was asked to contact Lach Dennis

Although the west coast link land had been safeguarded, the HS2 would cut off the west link.

Transport for the North had published details of the Northern Powerhouse rail link which appears to be link in with the HS2 although details are, as yet unclear

Councillors agreed that the Council should be proactive and compile a list of compensation/mitigation proposals, even at this early stage

10 M56 SMART MOTORWAY

Councillor Jackson reported that Highways England had been in contact and were prepared to meet with the M56 Smart Motorway subgroup. The Clerk had contacted Clare Bond of Highways England with potential dates for a meeting in February

11 PLANNING MATTERS

11.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

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| 18/0102M | 4, Egerton Moss, Ashley, WA15 0QE Domestic garage extensions and external stair | 31/01/2018 |
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The Council had no objections or comments

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| 17/6432M | The Cottage, Ashley Road, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0QP Changes to fenestration and minor alterations to approved conservatory and link | 08/02/2018 |
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The Council had no objections or comments

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| 17/6206M | Swimming Pool Building, Station Yard, Ashley Road, Ashley Proposed change of use of swimming pool building to dwelling house, with associated landscaping, parking and access. | 06/02/2018 |
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The Council were unanimous in their strong objections to this planning application on the following grounds:

- It is an inappropriate change of use in the green belt
- Loss of privacy. The roof lights at the rear of the building overlook the bedrooms of neighbouring properties some of which are young children's bedrooms

Further the site is the subject of a breach of planning conditions which, in spite of complaints, have not been rectified.

The new planning application does not address these breaches especially the conditions relating to the non-opening and obscurely glazed (grade 5) roof lights

11.2 Other Planning Matters

None

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**12.1 Payments for Authorisation**

Proposed by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Unwin

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| £431.88 | ChALC | Repayment of duplicate payment of Transparency Fund |
| £400.00 | Richard Winward | Gate in Hough Green passage and new notice board |
| £ 45.00 | Jeff Warburton | Reimbursement for printing of large maps |
| £ 90.00 | HMRC | PAYE Q3 |

12.2 Precept 2018 - 2019

It was unanimously agreed that the precept for financial year 2018-2019 will be £4,000. Proposed by Councillor Frankland, seconded by Councillor Unwin

12.3 Other Financial Matters

None

13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Unwin reported that the next step to progress the Neighbourhood Plan was to create a baseline of policies which could be used as evidence for applying for funding.

Councillor Unwin would arrange a meeting with Lucy Hughes from Cheshire Community Action who would guide the group on the next steps.

The Clerk will put the results of the questionnaires on the website

14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**14.1 Overgrown Pavements, Gulleys, Drains and Potholes**

Councillor Macrae arranged for John Tickle and himself to visit Ashley on 25th January to visit problem areas with the Chairman.

He requested that the problem areas be marked on a map and sent to him prior to the visit

14.2 Crashes at Cross Roads

Councillor Macrae stated he had again discussed urgent safety matters at Ashley Cross Road: CEC Road Safety will be installing speed monitors to register the speed and traffic flows on the main road. He had also requested the engineering feasibility for a mini roundabout at the junction. Councillor Macrae will follow this up with Natalie Maltese. He has also discussed placing additional safety signs on the bends on Cow Lane.

14.3 Field Near Gallaghers

The gates had been reinstalled presumably by Stirling Properties. The hedge is still missing and the pavement broken. The Clerk will contact Stirling Properties again

14.4 Other Highways Matters

The drain on Ashley Road near North Lodge was very poorly mended

15 VILLAGE MATTERS**15.1 Speedwatch**

There had been no activity on Speedwatch mainly due to the poor weather

15.2 Telephone Box

The box was identified as being underused on September 23rd 2016

A 42 day notice of intention to remove was posted in the box 2 days later and details also sent to Cheshire East. No objections were received

The line was disconnected in July 2017 but no objections were received

The kit was removed some time later and finally the box itself was removed

15.3 Gate at Entrance to Station from Hough Green

The gate has been installed

15.4 DNA Kits

The DNA kits were registered with the Police and distributed to interested residents

15.5 Hough Green Car Park

There are several cars and vans parked on the car park which do not belong to residents and the car park is also being used to park business vehicles overnight. These actions result in a full car park causing Hough Green residents to park on the Green. This in turn makes it difficult, if not impossible, for large vehicles (waste removal) to travel around the Green

This is a matter for Peaks and Plains

15.6 Other Village Matters

- **The main notice board has now been installed**
- **Pay Phone on the station**
BT will repair this phone as soon as possible
- **Litter Pick**
It was agreed that the Litter Pick will take place on Sunday 11th February 2018 (weather permitting), meeting at 10.00 in the Greyhound car park

16 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

There had been a general belief that aircraft noise over Ashley had increased recently
Councillor Erlam contacted the Airport who explained it was for operational reasons and a temporary change.

17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

A resident remarked that taking children on a litter pick was not advisable given the narrowness of the roads in Ashley and the speed of the traffic

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing

19 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post

Lloyds Bank

Changes to business account conditions

HMRC

Changes in reclaiming VAT forewarning

Richard Winwood

Invoice for gate and notice board

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th March 2018 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 10.00 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 19th March 2018