

PRESENT: Councillor John Atherden - Acting Chairman
Councillor Sarah Atkinson Councillor John Erlam
Councillor Chris Frankland Councillor Richard Jackson
Councillor John Sherratt Councillor Amy Unwin

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Quinn, Tatton Estate
PCSO Emma Darroch
Clerk Sue McDonald
Members of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Frankland proposed Councillor Warburton (in absentia) as Chairman, seconded by Councillor Sherratt.

RESOLVED: Councillor Warburton was unanimously elected as Chairman. The acceptance of office form, which included adherence to the code of conduct, would be signed at the next meeting

2 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN

Councillor Unwin proposed Councillor Atherden as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED: Councillor Atherden was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman and the acceptance of office form, which included adherence to the code of conduct, was signed

3 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - COUNCILLORS

All Councillors signed the acceptance of office form which included adherence to the code of conduct was signed.

4 APOLOGIES

Councillor Jeff Warburton

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as correct records the minutes of the meetings held on 7th January 2019 and 9th July 2018 (deferred). Proposed by Councillor Unwin, seconded by Councillor Frankland. RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved as correct records.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Emma Darroch summarised crime in the Ashley area in the past twelve months as:

- 1 outside burglary
- 3 residential burglaries
- 1 car theft
- 5 other types of theft
- 2 instances of criminal damage

Emma advised the attendees that Rural Watch should be considered again

Councillor Jackson thanked Emma, on behalf of the Council for the splendid work she is doing in Ashley

8 TATTON ESTATE

Beth Chinn of Tatton Estate provided the following report:

- The BBC will be at Ashley Hall until the end of August
- Other notable filming included Tolkien, The Worst Witch and Peaky Blinders

Beth was asked about the AMCO hard standing which the Council had thought would have been removed. She responded by saying that the area might be put to some other use

9 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

- The new vicar will be starting in June
- The Rose Queen was a huge success although there were fewer attendees than last year. £4,000 was raised of which approximately £2,500 will be profit for the Church funds.

A general request was put out for volunteers for next year's fête. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

10 HS2

The HS2 subgroup will be meeting Carol Evans of HS2 on 12th June 2019. It is expected that mitigation and damaged wildlife sites will be included on the Agenda.

HS2 are continuing to carry out wildlife surveys

11 M56 SMART MOTORWAY

Councillor Jackson reported that the Smart Motorway subgroup had a positive meeting with Tatton Estate on 22nd January 2019 in which Mike Bull, a senior employee of HS2, that there would be no sound barriers but low noise tarmac would be laid on all lanes which would have cost benefits

12 PLANNING MATTERS**12.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

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| 19/2045M | One Castle Mill, Mill Lane, Ashley, WA15 0RD Proposed part single/two storey extension to side and rear and new first floor over existing ground floor accommodation | 29/05/2019 |
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Councillor Frankland was of the opinion the extension would not be noticeable

The Council agreed to offer positive support for this application

12.2 Other Planning Matters

None

13 FINANCIAL MATTERS**13.1 Risk Assessment Statement**

Councillor Jackson proposed acceptance of the Risk Assessment Statement for 2018-2019, Councillor Atkinson seconded. RESOLVED: The Risk Assessment for was unanimously approved and signed by the acting Chairman and the Clerk

13.2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018-2019

To approve the components of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018-2019

13.2.1 Certificate of Exemption

To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption 2018-2019 to certify Ashley Council's income and gross expenditure is below £25,000. Proposed by Councillor Unwin, seconded by Councillor Frankland. The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the acting Chairman and the Clerk

13.2.2 Governance Statement 2018-2019

To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2018-2019. Proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Atkinson. The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the acting Chairman and the Clerk Accounting Statement 2018-2019

13.2.3 Accounting Statement

To approve and sign the Accounting Statement for 2018-2019. Proposed by Councillor Unwin, seconded by Councillor Jackson. The Accounting Statement was approved and signed by the acting Chairman and the Clerk

13.3 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Erlam and unanimously approved:

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| £355.16 | Zurich | Annual Insurance |
| £120.00 | S McDonald | Annual Administration |
| £ 86.40 | ChALC | Annual Subscription |
| £ 60.00 | Ray Britland | Hedge Cutting |
| £ 21.60 | K Gregory | Reimbursement for Hi-viz Vests (for litter picking) |
| £ 20.00 | CCA | Annual Subscription |
| £ 10.00 | HRB | Rent for car park |
| £ 50.26 | S McDonald | Reimbursement for website hosting |
| £ 35.00 | ChALC | Training |

13.4 Other Financial Matters

Councillors discussed the budget for next year in view of some of the comments made in the Annual Parish meeting. Items such as a defibrillator and SIDs would be considered.

14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Council discussed current and ongoing highways problems which were itemised as follows:

- footpath to be uplifted/widened between North lodge and Bollin bridge
- road subsidence on Ashley road/Ashley Hall railway bridge
- road subsidence on Mobberley Road railway bridge
- blocked drain from tree roots at Lane End
- blocked road drain Westwinds to Lane End
- blocked road drain between Thorns Green and Barley Brow
- requirement for regular gulley emptying schedule
- footpath repairing, siding out and maintenance
- improve quality of pot hole repairs - a one time fix, rather than a bodged job needing repair again within a few weeks
- replacement railings at Hough Green Farm corner (Swallows Barn)
- mini roundabout at cross roads
- Ashley sign coming into Ashley from Mobberley is in a very bad state of repair

Councillors raised other issues:

- Blocked Gulley outside the Church
- Blocked Gulleys at Mill Lane, Sugar Brook and Primrose Cottage

The Clerk was asked to contact the replacement highways person who took over from John Tickle and suggest a walk through the problem spots with Councillor Warburton

It was also suggested that an invitation to attend the next meeting should be extended to the new Ward Councillor, Charlotte Leach

14.1 Other Highways Matters

Councillor Jackson reported that there was graffiti on the motorway bridge over Castle Mill Lane. He explained that it was an eyesore but not offensive so it may be very low on Cheshire East's priority list

15 VILLAGE MATTERS**15.1 Parking on Hough Green**

The perennial problem of parking on Hough Green was raised again due to inconsiderate parking on the corners. Various options were discussed but each had its own problems/limitations and merited further discussion in the future. For example:

- Residents Only permits
- Increase the parking areas by reducing the size of the green itself

15.2 Other Village Matters

- **RHS Flower Show**

Dave Norbury will attend a meeting on 29th May 2019 to learn about traffic arrangements for the Flower Show at Tatton Park

- **Parking near I Want Trees**

Councillor Warburton had been in contact with the owners who stated they have removed the container from the lay by area and had also created a new car park within the Coppice Barn curtilage

- **Access gate to United Utilities Land**

Contact had been made about the lack of a gate on to United Utilities land and also temporary access rights but nothing has been resolved

- **Station Car Park**

Residents are being told, rather forcefully, that there is no car park at Ashley Station in spite of there being marked spaces on the Chester to Altrincham Line. The Clerk will contact Northern again in an attempt to get the matter resolved

16 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

There is a significant amount of litter near Manchester Airport and, although it is not the Airport's responsibility to clear the mess, Councillors were of the opinion that there would not be so much litter were Manchester Airport not there. Litter clearing in this area is the responsibility of Manchester City Council.

Councillor Frankland stated that he would be happy to take on responsibility for Airport matters on behalf of Ashley Council.

17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents raised the following issues:

- The car park lights at the Greyhound are still on at 6.00 am and they are set at the wrong angle
The Clerk will contact the Brewery
- Satellite Navigation directs cars to park on Hough Green
The Clerk will attempt to find out which companies are using Hough Green as a parking spot
- The Large Dome at Stock Farm is a form of Light Pollution
The Clerk will report this to Tatton Estate

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was raised.

19 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Manchester Airport

Departures Information Packs

HMRC VAT

Specific details regarding changes for reclaiming VAT

Commercial

Mail Shots

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th July 2019 at 8.00pm in the Community Centre at St Elizabeth's

21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members of the press and public will be excluded from this part of the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: _____ Chairman 8th July 2019