

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Janet Nazum, Tatton Estate
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 correct records the minutes of the meetings on 23rd September 2019 and the Planning meeting on 28th October 2019. Proposed by Councillor Erlam, seconded by Councillor Unwin. **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meetings were accepted as true records.

4 POLICE REPORT

It was reported that there had been an armed robbery at the Co-op in Mobberley on 4th November. This was the third such robbery in the space of eight months.

5 TATTON ESTATE

5.1 General Report

Janet Nazum provided the following report:

- **Joanne Wright** has been appointed as Head of Sales
- **Event Buddha** will be leaving the Showground site
- **Ashley Hall** is filming Intergalactic. There will be some night filming but information will have been sent to residents
- **The Compound on Ashley Road** near to North Lodge Entrance is in use by AMEY/Network Rail to upgrade the mid-Cheshire line. It will be in use for a limited duration.
- **Footpaths** - the Estate is working with Tatton Park with a view to footpaths between Tatton Park and Dunham Massey
- **River Bollin** - the Estate will support improvements to the River Bollin such as access and flood management. Many of the banks along the Bollin valley are deteriorating.
- **Showground Licensing** - the Estate will submit an application to change the temporary event licensing permissions into a permanent, full license which would include:
 - 3 - 4 events per year such as food festivals, Christmas fairs etc..
 - up to 15,000 attendees
 - a safety advisory committee
- **Community Forum** - the Estate is keen to create a community forum which would possibly meet twice a year to discuss issues associated with the village. The Estate would welcome feedback on this matter.

Councillors had the following points and questions - it was appreciated that Janet had only recently joined Tatton Estate and could not be expected to provide immediate answers to many of the questions:

- **Ashley Hall is green!** *Janet explained that this was to do with the filming and it would revert to normal very soon*
- **Ashley Hall Driveway.** There is been great concern that the driveway has become increasingly unsafe for pedestrians especially since the number of vehicles accessing the site has significantly increased. There needs to be a dedicated footpath for pedestrians. *Janet stated she would get back to the Council*
- **Ashley Hall is an Historic Site** Is the Estate considering a heritage scheme? *Janet replied that a strategy was being developed but she had no further details*
- **Stock Farm.** The telephone number provided for out of hours complaints was never answered. Can this please be rectified? *Janet stated she would obtain the information and get back to the Council*

- **The AMEY Compound near North Lodge.** A number of points were raised about this issue:
 - The Council had been informed that the compound was being offered as a commercial venture
 - It is an exceptionally ugly site to see on entrance to the village
 - It is not a safe access point because lorries have to use the whole width of the road to enter and exit the site and it is very close to a hump backed bridge.
 - There is concern that the gate is not always kept locked and that it could fall prey to fly tipping and/or travellers camping on the site
 - It is hoped that this compound would not be considered for any of HS2, NPR or the M56 works. It would be in a very odd and unsafe place. In addition it would not be an efficient site for such works

Janet took on board the comments made and stated she would get back to the Council on the specific questions

5.2 Meeting on 9th October 2019

The topics raised at this meeting were covered in 5.1 General Report above

6 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

Kathryn Wright, editor of the Ashley Parish News, had announced that she would be resigning after the December edition of the magazine had been produced.

Everyone present expressed their sadness at Kathryn's departure as she had done a wonderful job as editor and would be a hard act to follow.

Currently there is nobody to step into Kathryn's shoes and therefore production of the magazine could be erratic for a time

7 M56 SMART MOTORWAY

Councillor Jackson reiterated that Highways England have agreed to lay low noise tarmac in all lanes although there would be no acoustic fencing based on cost.

It was hoped that the subgroup would meet with Highways England on Thursday 14th November to discuss the Landscape Plan. The subgroup wanted to ensure that there were evergreen trees amongst any that were planted.

For information, the subgroup comprises:
 Councillor Richard Jackson - Co-ordinator
 Councillor John Sherratt
 Councillor Chris Frankland
 Councillor John Atherden

8 PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

8.1.1 19/4913M One Castle Mill

19/4913M	One Castle Mill, Mill Lane, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0RD Certificate of proposed lawful use for a single storey, two storey and outbuildings as described on attached drawings to extend existing detached single family dwelling	15/11/2019
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The Council had neither objections nor comments

8.1.2 19/5028M The Cottage

19/5028M	The Cottage, Ashley Road, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0QP New garage with gym & facilities in roof space	04/12/2019
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The Council had no objections to the application in principle although it was commented that a previous garage was integrated into the main building to make a large kitchen in this already very large building. The addition of a new separate garage will significantly increase the square footage of the overall building. It was also noted that the lights on the outside of the property were too bright.

8.2 Other Planning Matters

Nothing was raised

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS**9.1 Payments for Authorisation**

Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Atkinson

£190.00	A & G Blackburn	Grass Cutting at the Playground
£179.98	J Sherratt	Reimbursement for Sound Meters x 2
£ 26.60	S B McDonald	Bulk envelopes & printer paper (50% cost share with Styal)

9.2 Budget for 2020-2021

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred until the January meeting to allow for more time to research ANPR cameras

9.3 Precept for 2020-2021

The final precept figure would be deferred until the January meeting in order to reflect the final budget figure

9.4 Re-signing of the Bank Mandates

There was an error on the mandates signed in July to add additional signatories to the Council's bank and to enable the Clerk to view bank account details online. The correct mandates were signed by Councillor Warburton and Councillor Erlam

9.5 Accounts Review

It was agreed that Councillor Atherden would carry out the review of the accounts

9.6 Other Financial Matters

None

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work on the plan had stalled temporarily but work will resume in the near future

11 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**11.1 Overgrown Pavements, Gulleys, Drains and Potholes**

The grass on the pavements going towards Tatton Park has been cut. Unfortunately it makes little difference because the pavement is still obscured.

Flood notices have been placed outside a couple of places, including Westwinds.

The situation is really not acceptable and the Clerk was asked to contact Cheshire East again.

11.2 CCTV or ANPR

The Clerk had contacted David Keane to put forward an argument about why Ashley village was a prime candidate for the installation of ANPR cameras - not least because the four roads in and out of the village afford excellent escape routes for criminals. A member of David Keane's team responded and explained the Clerk's email would be forwarded to the Roads Policing Support Manager in Cheshire Constabulary as he would be best placed to provide expert advice

11.3 Other Highways Matters

None

12 HS2 AND NORTHERN POWERHOUSE RAIL

With the advent of a map showing Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) and its integration with part of the HS2 railway line to the airport, it has become apparent that the two can no longer be regarded as separate initiatives.

NPR stated that the HS2 spur to the airport was "the most important hub on the line".

Given there is a route shown by NPR for passenger travel to and from Liverpool (and Sheffield) and the airport via a very high frequency/speed link without needing the airport spur, suggests that the sole, or at least, main purpose of the spur has to be for freight.

HS2 contacted the Clerk to request that she tried to persuade the Nursery, the Church and the Cricket Club to contact them to arrange a meeting. A meeting did take place on 6th November but the cricket club had not responded. No further details were available

13 VILLAGE MATTERS**13.1 United Utilities Access**

Councillor Atkinson reported that she had not been able to progress this matter and requested additional information from the Clerk.

13.2 Ashley Station Car Park

The Clerk had contacted the Operations Director at Northern Rail and a member of his team responded in a very timely matter.

According to Network Rail:

- The existing parking places should never have been designated as such because they cover a right of way.
- The area beyond the 'car park', where the cottages were, is let as part of the lease for the station house.
- The approach road is part of the station lease and can and will be used by cars. Network Rail's Retained Estates Property team have identified the tenant and will make contact to remind him of this fact.

13.3 Other Village Matters

None

14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

There was nothing to report

15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Nothing was raised

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was raised

17 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Commercial Mail shots

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th January 2020 at 8.00pm in the Community Centre

19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: _____ Chairman 20th January 2020