

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Charlotte Leach, CEC  
Janet Nazum, Tatton Estate  
Joanne Wright, Tatton Estate  
Clerk Sue McDonald  
Members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES:** None

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** Councillor Jackson Item 9.1.1 Tanyard Farm

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 11th November 2019. Proposed by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Unwin. **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meetings were accepted as true records.

**4 POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police presence due to shift patterns and there was nothing to report

**5 COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE LEACH'S REPORT**

Charlotte had been asked to report about potholes etc. on Castle Mill Lane. It was her understanding that the work had been done. Councillor Jackson pointed out that Cheshire East was frequently coming out to redo unsatisfactory repairs rather than doing a good job first time round

Councillor Warburton stated that there were a number of Highways issues which really needed a site visit because there were too many to report through the normal channels.

However, Councillors and the Clerk had been advised that they should only use the online reporting system rather than making direct contact with a Highways officer. Charlotte was of the opinion that this advice was wrong and that direct contact was permissible. She offered to contact the Highways officer on the Council's behalf.

**6 TATTON ESTATE**

**6.1 General Report**

Janet Nazum provided the following report:

- **The repainting of Ashley Hall.**  
Ashley Hall will take place in the near future and there will be engagement with planning at Cheshire East to rectify and outstanding planning matters
- **Health and Safety**  
A review is being undertaken which will include traffic management and Ashley Hall/Showgrounds. The outcome will be shared with the Council in due course  
A review of Ashley Hall will be undertaken and it will include the pedestrian problem
- **Compound Site on Ashley Road**  
The compound is used by Network Rail and will be retained for future rail safety works but 2 issues were raised which Janet was unable to answer immediately but she will follow up and clarify:
  - Can the compound be tidied up to make it look more appealing now its is empty (removal of weeds etc)
  - It was understood that the compound was created for speed restrictions works on the line. This work is now complete so what is the justification for keeping it?
- **River Bollin Project**  
The Estate is very keen to hear more about, and get involved with, this project at an appropriate time.
- **Egerton Hall**  
The open day at Egerton was reported and Councillors were encouraged to attend
- **Community Forum**  
The Estate would welcome feedback on the Community Forum. Councillors Unwin and Erlam will meet with Janet off line.

**Jo Wright, the head of Sales at Tatton Estate**, talked through the aspirations for the Estate to obtain its own license for events to enable increased control over the events held etc..

This would replace the current system of Temporary Event Licenses being applied for by the clients

Jo would welcome any feedback from the Forum on the type of events Ashley would prefer to be seen at the Showgrounds

Forthcoming events coming up in 2020 include Muddy Dog, Wedding Fayres and Running events

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All Councillors concerns about the aspiration to hold larger events from a noise, light, safety, land management and security perspective

Jo explained that there will be opportunity to engage further on this matter once a public consultation is held in spring

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Janet explained that Jo will be the representative at Council meetings from this meeting onwards but . will be the rep on the council meeting from now on but she (Jan) will be the focus for the Community and Business Forum

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There were complaints about the size of the commercial boards outside the showgrounds. It was felt that they were too big and not in keeping with the village

There was also concern over the visual impact of the vehicles when filming is ongoing. The Estate was asked if there could be some planting which would reduce the visual impact/ light pollution

One councillor raised the Estate's carbon footprint in relation to filming and what was being done to make a meaningful impact on reducing that.

## 7 ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

There is a new editor for the magazine but the person concerned wishes to stay anonymous for the time being

## 8 M56 SMART MOTORWAY

Councillor Jackson recently attended a public event and had asked questions of Highways England (HE) as follows:

- Tree removal (near Councillor Sherratt's home). Highways England have scaled back slightly on what is needing to be removed. There may be one or two other trees needing removal due to Ash dieback.
- HE are going to use the same compound as used for the A556, although the deal has not been signed of as yet.
- Work will commence on the hard shoulder on the North side, then the hard shoulder on the South side, followed by the central reservation.
- It was reiterated that there will be low noise tarmac on all lanes
- HE will ensure that the Council is contacted regarding the scheduling of works.
- There will be no motorway closures until after September.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

### 9.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

#### 9.1.1 19/5860M Tanyard Farm

19/5860M	Tanyard Farm, Castle Mill Lane, Ashley, Cheshire, WA15 0QT Listed building consent for replacement windows (11no.) and door (1no.)	30/01/2020
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*Councillor Jackson took no part in the considerations for this planning application*

The Council offered positive support for this planning application

#### 9.1.2 19/5763M Ashley House

19/5763M	Ashley House, Ashley Road, Ashley, WA14 3QE Erection of a carport on the site of the former double garage.	06/02/2020
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The Council had no objections to or comments on this planning application

Planning continues....

**9.1.3 20/0117M 23, Hough Green**

20/0117M	23, Hough Green, Ashley, WA15 0QS  Proposed single storey front porch extension. Proposed single storey rear extension. Proposed dormer window.	12/02/2020
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The Council had no objections to or comments on this planning application

**9.2 Other Planning Matters**

Nothing was raised

**10 COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Council regrets to report that Councillor Sarah Atkinson has resigned from the Council. Sarah was a strong member of the team who provided many invaluable contributions to proceedings. Sarah will be sadly missed

There is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor - the Clerk will arrange for advertising the post

**11 FINANCIAL MATTERS****11.1 Payments for Authorisation**

Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Frankland  
£ 90.00            S B McDonald            Reimbursement HMRC PAYE Q2

**11.2 Budget for 2020-2021**

To finalise the budget for financial year 2020-2021  
Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Unwin

**11.3 Precept for 2020-2021**

It was agreed that the precept for 2020-2021 would be £4,600  
Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Jackson

**11.4 Signatories**

To record that Councillors Unwin, Frankland and Atherden are now signatories on the bank account (along with Councillors Warburton and Erlam).

**11.5 Accounts Review**

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

**11.6 Other Financial Matters**

The Pensions Regulator needs to know if Ashley would be enrolling in the Pensions scheme. There is no need to do so as there is no employee requiring pension facilities

**12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Work on the plan has been in abeyance but will be attended to in the next few weeks

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

There had been a serious problem with a number of potholes, flooding and failing road surfaces on Castle Mill Lane. The Clerk had contacted a senior officer at Cheshire East Highways who advised that various works will be scheduled to be carried out as from 23rd January 2020.

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

**13.2 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

**13.3 Other Highways Matters**

Nothing

**14 HS2 AND NORTHERN POWERHOUSE RAIL**

Various articles have been emerging questioning the feasibility of HS2 given its projected cost - latest estimates putting the cost at £108 billion

Wildlife Trust Cheshire started a campaign to send a letter to the Prime Minister asking him to rethink HS2 given the wanton destruction of wildlife habitats and ecological systems. The campaign was started last Wednesday and already has nearly 36,000 signatures

It needs to be reiterated that the Northern Powerhouse Railway (NPR) is intent on using the HS2 spur to the airport as "the most important hub on the line". If this happens then it will have equally as much impact as the HS2 would and would also require the supporting maintenance areas. In other words it would just be as bad as HS2. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Esther McVey

**15 VILLAGE MATTERS**

**15.1 United Utilities Access**

Councillor Atkinson had been dealing with this matter before her resignation. The Clerk has contacted her to determine what the next steps are but has not heard back as yet

**15.2 Ashley Station Car Park**

There is confusing information about the parking spaces at Ashley station but, nonetheless, it has been established that cars must be allowed to drive down to the main entrance to the station  
Network Rail cannot allow parking on the land at the back of the station because it is part of the station lease.  
Ashley Station is not due to ge public information signs

**15.3 Brereton Trust**

The hamper was presented to Kathryn Wright who sent a thank you card to everyone on the Council - she and Peter were delighted!!

**15.4 Other Village Matters**

The litter pick will take place on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 10.00, starting at the Greyhound

**16 MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

The area near the new Marks and Spencer's is strewn with a lot of litter. The Clerk will contact Wendy Sinfield

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

Nothing was raised

**18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing was raised

**19 CORRESPONDENCE**

*All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors*

**Post:**

The Pensions Regulator	Information regarding Pensions Re-enrolment
Commercial	Mail shots

**20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 23rd March 2020 at 8.00pm in the Community Centre

**21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

*The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 29/07/2020