

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Charlotte Leach, CEC
Henry Brooks, Tatton Estate
Daniel Osborne, Tatton Estate
Clerk Sue McDonald
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Amy Unwin

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as correct records the minutes of the meeting on 20th January 2020 and 17th February 2020. Proposed by Councillor Erlam, seconded by Councillor Atherden. **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meetings were accepted as true records.

4 TATTON ESTATE

4.1 General Report

Mr Henry Brooks provided the following report:

- **Daniel Osborne**
Mr Brooks introduced Daniel and explained that he would be Tatton Estate's new regular contact for the Council and will provide also information on social events
- **Tatton Socials**
The Tatton Socials at Ashley Hall have proved to be a great success and the next one will be a distance edition due to the Covid-19 restrictions
- **Local Businesses and Charities**
Cheshire Community Foundation is an organisation which provides funds for local businesses and charities. It gives grants of £2,000 up to £25,000, though obviously with conditions. There is currently a fund for Knutsford and surrounding local areas
- **HS2 and Smart Motorway**
Tatton Estate is in dialogue with HS2 Ltd and is actively working to get the best outcome for Ashley Village. However, the Estate is bound by a non-disclosure agreement and cannot provide much detail on the discussions.
Balfour Beatty has set up a compound near the junction of the M56 and A556 which will be used for both HS2 and the smart motorway. The company is currently undertaking ground works for HS2
In the past HGVs have used Cherry Tree Lane which is a narrow country road. It caused many problems and HGVs should not use the road which should have a mandatory 2 ton limit
- **Ashley School**
The school is currently being advertised for letting. Any viable community use would be considered
- **Miscellaneous**
 - A wall is falling down in the Showground and must be repaired
 - It is currently tree planting season
 - The licensing applications have not yet been submitted
 - There have been break in attempts at Ashley Hall

Daniel Osborne introduced himself and said he was looking forward to building a relationship with the Council. He explained that he would provide the Council with information about Tatton Estate activities and that he would, where possible, be happy to answer any questions Councillors might have.

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5 PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

5.1.1 20/2826M Stock Farm, Ashley Road

20/2826M	Stock Farm, Ashley Road, Ashley, WA14 3QF	20/08/2020
	Variation of condition 1 on approved application 17/1509M - Change of use and full application for a proposed wedding, conference, events (sui generis) and leisure venue (D2) use of the barn, change of use of the former agricultural building to a flexible studio (sui generis)/ wedding office (B1a), the flexible use of the house and garden (C3) also as a short-term let and for wedding ceremony, with access, car parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure for a five year temporary period.	

The Council had neither objections nor comments on this planning application

6 M56 SMART MOTORWAY

Councillor Jackson provided the following report:

- Low tarmac will be installed on all lanes of the M56 between junctions 6 and 8
- The landscape plan was ready at the end of June
- Both deciduous and evergreen trees will be planted. Currently there is sparse planting and the planting needs to be increased
- There is no possibility of acoustic fencing being installed
- Discussions regarding hedgerow planting from Ashley to the motorway could prove advantageous
- Works are being carried out for central drainage

Much of the project has been based on DEFRA computer modelling

7 HS2 AND NORTHERN POWERHOUSE RAIL

Councillor Erlam stated that there had been little information forthcoming from HS2 recently and Carol Evans of HS2 should be contacted for the latest updates. Councillor Leach offered support where necessary

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Authorisation of Payments

Proposed by Councillor Atherden, seconded by Councillor Frankland

£ 90.00	S McDonald	Reimbursement for HMRC PAYE Q1
£ 86.40	ChALC	Annual Subscription
£ 20.00	CCA	Annual Subscription
£ 46.94	S McDonald	PPE Equipment (masks, gel, gloves, wipes, sanitiser spray)

8.2 Risk Assessment Statement

The Council approved the Risk Assessment Statement for 2019-2020 which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

8.3 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019-2020

8.3.1 Certificate of Exemption

There was an error on the Certificate of Exemption for 2019-2020. It was agreed that, subject to amendment, the Certificate of Exemption Certificate was approved and would be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

8.3.2 Governance Statement

The Council approved the Governance Statement for 2019-2020 and was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

8.3.3 Accounting Statement

There was an error on the Accounting Statement for 2019-2020. It was agreed that, subject to amendment, the Accounting Statement was approved and would be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

8.4 Other Financial Matters

None

9 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

9.1 Overgrown Pavements, Gulleys, Drains and Potholes

It was hoped that Lee Glover, of CEC Highways, would be doing a walkthrough of Ashley within the next two weeks to look at the village's highways issues including the gulleys and pavements.

Highway Matters continue...

9.2 Other Highways Matters

Councillor Sherratt expressed concern about the problem of speeding in the Ashley village 30mph zone, especially on Cow Lane. He wondered if traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps, could be employed. Councillors discussed various options but stated that there could be an issue with measures such as speed bumps if Cow Lane was an emergency services main route.

Councillor Leach stated that she would support the Council in attempting to resolve this issue and would contact Highways on the Council's behalf

10 ASHLEY STATION**10.1 Manchester Bound Side Business**

Mr Ralph Warrington, a resident, was invited to explain to the Council what he understood was happening. He reported that

- A new building was being erected on the land beyond Station House. It is understood that this building is intended for commercial purposes
- The area near the disputed car parking for the station has been made inaccessible by the introduction of traffic cones and blocking equipment
- Hoardings and posters have been erected to advertise the new enterprise. Some had been badly erected and were removed, although they reappeared soon after
- It is believed that the site of the building breaks Health & Safety Rules regarding proximity to the railway line

Councillors expressed concern about this situation, not least because entrance to and exit from the site was hazardous as Ashley Road has a 60mph limit and the station approach is very close to a hump back bridge

The Clerk will contact Network Rail and Northern Trains

10.2 Chester Bound Side Issue

Tree branches had been dumped on the track side of the approach to the Chester bound approach to the station

10.3 Station Yard

It would conjectured that the car port may be being converted into a full garage as bricks were being laid to its sides

What appears to be a sun deck has been erected over the car port. This directly overlooks houses on Hough Green.

The Clerk will contact Planning Enforcement

11 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

The Council agreed that Lucy Gianferrari would be co-opted on to the Council at the next Council meeting.

12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

- Ashley House
The owner of the house had arranged for the badly overgrown grounds to be cut back to a satisfactory level. Unfortunately a tree had fallen down and had broken a window
Teenagers had broken in to the house, had left wine bottles, beer cans and other rubbish and had also left external doors open. The owner had been advised

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Annual Meetings
Due to Covid-19 issue, neither the Annual Parish Council Meeting nor the Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year.

Both Councillor Jeff Warburton will remain in place as the Chairman and Councillor John Atherden will remain as Vice-Chairmen. The next annual meetings will take place in 2021

- Speed Indicator Device (SID)
The Council discussed acquiring a SID for the village and it was agreed that Councillor Atherden would apply for a Community grant from Manchester Airport. Proposed by Councillor Warburton, seconded by Councillor Erlam. RESOLVED: the Council would apply to Manchester Airport for a grant towards the purchase of a SID

14 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence forwarded to Councillors

Post:

CEC

Letter to state an election was not needed, the Council can co-opt

Manchester Airport
Highways England
Commercial
Mail shots

Departure and Arrivals Brochures
Notification of Drainage Repair Work
Mail Shots

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

~~16th September~~ Changed to 7th October at 8.00pm in the Community Centre

16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: _____ Chairman 07/10/2020