ASHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday 15th July 2024

1	**APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Richard Jackson, Phil Smith and Ralph Warrington.
2	**MINUTES** The minutes of the previous meetings on 22nd January 2024 and 24th May 2024 were confirmed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chair. Proposer John Atherden Seconder John Irlam.
3	**POLICE REPORT** No Police representative available to attend as no PCSO is currently allocated to Ashley.
4	**TATTON ESTATE** No report was received from a representative of Tatton Estate and they did not attend.
4.1	**The Brit Fest Cheshire** Many Ashley residents given free tickets attended the event which took place on 5-7th July 2024, which was stated to have 15,000 attendees over the three days. There were no complaints regarding noise, traffic, parking, rubbish or other issues before, during or after the event. Another event is planned for 4-6th July 2025.
5	**PLANNING MATTERS** Planning Application 24/0959M – Stock Farm The application requests removal of the capacity limit of 200 people for weddings and 120 for any other event, which was imposed mainly due to highway safety. In the application it is stated that Stock Farm barn and open areas is capable of accommodating over 500 people without any health and safety concerns. This application was again objected to by highways. However, there is no mention of the issue of additional noise which would be generated with an increase in numbers at the site. This is especially concerning as they are not adhering to conditions currently in place to limit the impact of noise produced at the site on local residents where barn doors are to be closed at 9pm and all music is to played through a limiter. For this was not the case on 9 June 2024, where the barn doors were found to be open and music was not played through a limiter and again on 9 July 2024 where the barn door was propped open after 9pm. Date for comments to be received on this application has closed, but the Parish Council voted in favour of submitting late comments to say more than doubling numbers at the site would have a detrimental impact on residents in terms of noise and Environmental Health do not appear to have ben consulted on this -Clerk to draft letter to council
5.1	**Other Planning Matters**
6	**M56 SMART MOTORWAY** No matters were identified with the M56 Smart Motorway.
6.1	**Ragwort** Tatton Estate will be contacted to ask if the ragwort on their estate will be dealt with before going to seed -Clerk to email Richard Jackson has been assured by Cheshire East Highways that ragwort treatment will be carried out before the end of July.
7	**NETWORK RAIL** There is to be a meeting arranged with representatives from Grappenhall & Thelwall, Lymm, High Legh, Millington and Rostherne to discuss NPR. John from Ashley Cricket Club has said that they are happy to host meeting -Chair to organise
8	**VILLAGE MATTERS** To identify and discuss any matters affecting Ashley Village.

8.1	**Registration of fingerposts** This is being advanced by Phil Smith, assisted by Richard Jackson, who is awaiting confirmation from Hannah Moss as to the ownership of these (Mobberley PC own theirs) as Sue has registered with Historic England North but not progressed the application. A register of other item to be considered for registration is also being compiled.
8.2	**Website** A new domain has been acquired by Pete Harrop. Quotes needed for hosting service -Pete Harrop to arrange
8.3	**Defibrillators** There is matched finding available from the government through the DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator (CAED) Fund, however there is also the opportunity to apply for a free defib from the British Heart Foundation and the criteria it appears would apply to Ashley Parish Council -applications for this open in September and this route would be preferable -Pete Harrop to look at application Map of all defibrillators in the area (one currently at Ashley Cricket Club and another at the pub) would be helpful.
8.4	**Tatton RHS** Traffic management seems to be in place and the show will then rotate locations and take place every three years at Tatton.
8.5	**Ashley Rose Queen Saturday 21st September 2024** All planned.
8.6	**Other Village Matters** Two candidates have applied for the position of vicar and this is to be decided on for covering both Ashley and Hale.
9	**COUNCILLOR HANNAH MOSS** To receive a report from Councillor Hannah Moss Britfest organiser had completed a lot of strimming of hedges, and other had been carried out done by Cheshire East Council. Some areas need digging back to reinstate the pavement areas. Hannah Moss to inform council. Gulley wagon had been carrying out work in the area but because of Britfest had left some. She assured the meeting that she does keep reporting gulley issues. Cheshire East Council are now on getting on top of routine works e.g. patching, pot holes. Cheshire East stance on NPR was canvassed. Hannah Moss to speak with council.
	FINANCIAL MATTERS
10.1	**Authorisation of Payments** Payment to ChALC made for annual subscription and confirmation that paperwork received for precept request. HMRC sorted -owe PAYE for last quarter of last year and first quarter of this Insurance premium due.

	Church fees have increased due to the rising cost of utilities. John Atherden was appointed acting Responsible Officer.
10.2	**Risk Assessment Statement** Risk assessment statement for 2023-2024 was approved and signed by the Chair.
10.3	**Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023-2024** Governance and accountability Return 2023-2024 was approved and signed by the Chair.
10.3.1	**Certificate of Exemption** Certificate of Exemption for 2023-2024 to certify Ashley Parish Council's income and goss expenditure is below £25,000 was approved and signed by the Chair.
10.3.2	**Governance Statement** Annual Governance Statement for 2023-2024 was approved and signed by the Chair.
10.3.4	**Accounting Statement** Accounting Statement for 2023-2024 was approved and signed by the Chair.
11	**HIGHWAYS MATTERS** Decay on the Cow Lane Bridge has been reported; this is maintained by National Highways.
12	**MANCHESTER AIRPORT** There were no matters arising with Manchester Airport.
13	**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)** Mr David Coleman owner of Civvy to Commando, a training company to help people pass first time to join the Marines attended. He has previously run training camps in the village in May, where trainee recruits are met at Ashly train station and run to local fields where activities take place. There are 32 max attendees per event with an instructor to trainee ratio of 1:8. Future events are planned for 30 Aug -1 Sept, 7-8 Sept, 10-12 Oct. Recruits are told to arrive by train as would be the scenario in the military, however some had come by car previously and parked on residential roads. Discussion was had as to more alternative parking abridgments. John from Ashley Cricket Club attended the meeting interested in learning more about NPR, he was given maps of the intended route.
14	**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** There was no other business.
15	**CORRESPONDENCE** Filling cabinet to be moved to vestry.
16	**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** Monday 16th September 2024 at 8.00pm in St Elizabeth's Church.
17	**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.