



Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel Parish Council

MEETING MINUTES

**Monday 8th June 2026, at 7.15pm in The Parish Room, Golden Lion
Community Hub, Kelsall Road, Chester CH3 8BH.**

Present: Cllr B Craven
Cllr I Dossett
Cllr S Eadie
Cllr R Kinsey
Clerk: Mrs T Ryall-Harvey

Cllr I Ridgley
Cllr P Mitchell - Chairperson
Cllr H Deynem (Ward Councillor)

Members of the Public: 3

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Varey due to family emergency and Cllr R Arnold due to a previous commitment.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

- Cllr Ridgley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in items relating to Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association and undertook not to participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and agreed to leave the room unless the Chairman granted him a dispensation when this item was discussed.
- Cllr Kinsey declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 26/00815/FUL (Peel Hall) and undertook not to participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and agreed to leave the room unless the Chairman granted him a dispensation when this item was discussed.
- Cllr I Dossett declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 26/00815/FUL - Peel Hall and undertook not to vote on the matter.

Cllr H Deynem joined the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items on the agenda were excluded from the press and public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident raised concerns about the new speed limits within the village not being adhered to. He is aware of the work the Parish Council has put in to get the village speed limits changed in the previous years. However, he commented that as he lived on the corner of Peel Hall Lane he saw evidence of an increase in speeding due to the VAS no longer being in place by the Playing Field.

ACTION: Ask PCSO if he would be willing to conduct speed monitoring near ASHRA.

ACTION: Get quote for a VAS speed sign for outside ASHRA for 20mph speed.

Suggest that the 30mph sign be removed before the 20mph as this is causing confusion by being so close.



13/7/26

Speeding – (brought forward from later in the agenda)

Cheshire West and Chester Council have confirmed with regards to the pole mounted SID that the existing 76mm diameter pole would not be suitable, as the pole specification minimum for the SID is 89mm diameter.

Cheshire West and Chester Council agree that the identified location is the best one to achieve results from both directions, providing its radar will not affect current and future Police enforcement and asked us to confirm with Cheshire Police. Cheshire Police have confirmed this location would not hinder them.

Therefore, the Parish Council was asked to confirm if they would be willing to fund the removal of the existing signpost and installation of a new 89mm diameter pole.

Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Dossett and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/016** to approve the removal and installation of an 89 mm diameter pole up to the value of £1,000.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident raised a concern that it was reported in the latest Around Ashton, that OpenReach have fully converted the whole village to full fibre, however when the resident recently approached OpenReach, he was told that his property, which is outside the village boundary, would need to continue to use copper cables for the foreseeable future, therefore the resident felt that the article in Around Ashton was inaccurate.

- A resident reported that the 50mph speed limit sign on Church Road, close to the junction of Grange Road and the B5393, is obscured by the hedge. The sign has suffered from this problem before.

ACTION: Cllr Dossett undertook to collaborate with the resident to resolve this issue.

- A resident raised a concern that the hedge on the corner of Pentre Lane and Church Road is overgrown and is blocking the view of oncoming traffic when exiting Pentre Lane.

ACTION: Cllr Eadie to speak to the hedge owner.

- Cllr Ridgley raised concerns about 3 recent un-notified power cuts. After last year's power cuts Cllr Dossett had spoken in length with Scottish Power. They advised that they were planning to undertake planned maintenance work between May and July 2026. However they refused to notify the Parish Council of planned outages, but they will notify residents. It was suggested that residents monitor and record the time of day and the length of the power cut.

ACTION: monitor for the future.

- Cllr Mitchell reported that Cllr Arnold had been approached by two parishioners walking their dogs. They highlighted the problem of overgrown footpaths, in particular on the Whitegate Way, Andrews Wood and the path behind the nursery. Cllr Arnold suggested that a working group should be arranged to maintain the hedges and footpaths.

ACTION: Report to PROW the need to maintain Whitegate Way.

ACTION: Get in writing landowner permission for a volunteer group to cut the hedges and trim the specific footpaths not covered by CWaC.

- It was also highlighted that the footpath that is currently closed, due to the damage caused by the badgers, no longer has notices up stating that it is closed.

ACTION: Ask PROW to re-issue the closed footpath notice.

- A resident reported via email, that the footway from Peel Hall Lane to the post office via West End is obstructed by the hedge that surrounds the garden on the bend. To cross the road, one has to step out into the road to see the traffic, and this is dangerous.
ACTION: Clerk to ask the resident to confirm the property address to the hedge they are referring to.
ACTION: Cllr Dossett to speak with the property owner.

One resident left the meeting.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- Tarvin Educational Foundation – Cllr Craven provided a verbal and written report from the Trustees of Tarvin Educational Foundation. The Trustees wished to bring those Parish Councils within their grant catchment area up to date with developments, regarding their Charity. In particular, their position in respect of grant awards in 2026 to young people who live in the area. They have undertaken a process to become an incorporated charity rather than an un-incorporated organisation. This is a lengthy and complex process involving the registering and transfer of the properties they hold. This process will not complete until March 2027.

It has unfortunately become increasingly clear that they are not going to be in a position to seek applications for funding and award grants this year in the same way that they were unable to last year. This is regrettable obviously and they will once again canvas other local grant giving Trusts to see whether they will consider applications from students in the area. If they are prepared to then the Tarvin Educational Foundation will alert the Parish Council to this possibility so that we can draw it to the attention of young people living locally who we are aware were hoping to obtain funding for their studies and/or future career.

- Police & Parish Clerks Engagement & Problem-Solving Forum – the Clerk shared prior to the meeting, information on the launch of the pilot Police & Parish Engagement & Problem-Solving Forum on the 18th of July 2026, 10am - 11am, at Tarvin Community Centre.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Cllr Dossett and seconded by Cllr Craven and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/018** that Cllr P Mitchell, as Chairperson, sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th May 2026 as a true and correct record.

ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

The Action List dated 11th May 2026 was circulated with the agenda for the attention of Parish Councillors.

The following items were reported and closed on the action list:

- Clerk confirmed the meeting with the Police Officer schedule for 27th May had been cancelled and this had been shared with Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.
- Clerk had responded to Kelsall Parish Council about the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- PROW Officer site meeting with Richard Kinsey took place.
 - RK would like to have a meeting with the badger protection group.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to chase PROW for the closure of the footpath or can the Parish Council padlock the gate to the footpath?
- The AHPC, AHSRA and AHCHL agreement for the provision of storage space has been agreed and was signed at the meeting.

- Parish Council Racking has been purchased and installed at the Pavilion.
- Cllr Deynem was reminded of the outstanding issues with him to progress.
- Cllr Dossett had chased the EA about the installation of early flood warning sensors near to the top entrance of the culvert. Work to prepare for this is imminent and it is hoped that the sensors will be in place by July/Early August.
- The Clerk had asked for larger dog fouling signs – CWAC have said that these are not available.
- The Clerk has asked CWAC why some of the dog fouling was not picked up during the recent pink poo campaign – CWaC have not responded to this.
- Invoices paid
- Put minutes on website
- Put AGAR on website.
- Submit AGAR to External Auditor
- Publish Notice of Public Rights.

All other actions remain outstanding and will be brought to future meetings.

PLANNING

The council noted the Planning Register as circulated at the meeting dated 01/06/2026.

It was noted that the following planning application had received a determination from the principal authority since the last meeting:

- 26/00966/CAT – Ivydene Kelsall Road Ashton Hayes Chester CH3 8BH – Holly tree - Removal/felling due to concerns about contact with neighbouring property garage roof and concerns about roots affecting foundations of a small brick outbuilding on our property over time. Intend to replant Silver Birch in a more suitable location– **decided.**
- 26/00898/FUL - 4 Old Hall Court Ashton Hayes Chester CH3 8BS - Installation of two dormers both side elevations to first floor and application of render – **approved.**

It was noted that the following application had been received since the agenda had been circulated:-

- 26/01575/FUL - 4 Gladstone Barns Church Road Ashton Hayes Chester CH3 8AS - Single storey rear extension and oak porch canopy – the Planning Committee undertook to review this application and circulate a proposed response around the Parish Council as per the Planning Standing Orders.

ACTION: Cllrs Craven and Dossett to review

ACCOUNTS

Cashbook & Outturn

The year-to-date Cashbook and Outturn reports dated 01/05/2026, were provided to the meeting.

Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED 26/019 that following the review by the meeting, of the bank reconciliation and bank statements dated 01-06-2026, that they be signed by Cllr Craven as accepted.

Poppy Wreath

RESOLVED 26/020 that a Type 'G' Poppy Wreath be purchased for Remembrance Sunday at a special order cost of £55.

To note income received and expenditure paid out since the last meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Dossett and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/021** that the council note and accept the income and expenditure presented to the meeting for approval as set out below:

Income received since the last meeting for noting:				Gross Amount	Comment
15/05/2026	Compound Interest			£51.98	Skipton Interest Payment May
08/06/2026	Interest Paid			£11.62	Barclays Bank Interest @ 1.05%
Payments made since the last meeting for approval					
Date	Payable to	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
21/05/2026	Costco Online	£224.98	£45.00	£269.98	PC Storage Racking for use at AHSRA
Payments not yet made for approval:-					
Payable to		Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
HMRC PAYE		£62.23	£0.00	£62.23	PAYE Payment for June
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		£729.11	£0.00	£729.11	Salary Tax Point 3
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		£59.96	£4.03	£63.99	Expenses
Ashton Hayes Gardening Club		£187.07	£37.41	£224.48	Plants for village planters
Ashton Hayes Primary School		£259.40	£0.00	£259.40	Printing of Around Ashton
The Golden Lion		£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	Prize for Residents Survey
Nest Payment		£16.15	£0.00	£16.15	Employee and Employer Pension Contributions

GOLDEN LION COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

Previous discussions between AHSRA, AHPC and AHCHL regarding the proposed agreement for the storage of the Parish Council Equipment were successfully concluded. It was proposed by Cllr Dossett and seconded by Cllr Mitchell and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/022** that the clerk sign the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Deynem reported on the AHCHL's recent Annual General Meeting. He also reported on the progress with registering the land.

HIGHWAYS

Parish Councillors raised concerns about the level of the vegetation in gutters around the village. The clerk reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council were scheduled to spray the weeds in July and October.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Resident's Survey - The Resident Survey has now closed and 120 responses were received out of the 430 surveys distributed i.e. a 28% response rate. The responses await analysis such that a report can be presented to the next Parish Council meeting.

The names of the residents who had agreed to take part in the competition were put in a hat for one to be selected. The draw was made by a member of the public at the parish Council meeting. The winner was announced as being Michael Handley.

Cllr Deynem left the meeting.

AROUND ASHTON

Items for inclusion in next Around Ashton:-

- Residents Survey Results
- Sensor on culvert

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.15pm in the Parish Room, Golden Lion Community Hub, Kelsall Road, Ashton Hayes CH3 8BH.

Cllr Ridgley – apologies for next meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.57

Sign



Dated:.....12/7/26.....