



Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel Parish Council

To the Members of Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council: You are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.15pm to be held in the Parish Room, Golden Lion Community Hub, Kelsall Rd, Chester CH3 8BH for the transaction of the business set out below.

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Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Signed *Trudy Ryall-Harvey*

Clerk

07/09/2026

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	With explanation	
2.	PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES	To agree any applications for co-option received since the last meeting following the election on 4 th May 2023.	Chair
3.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Members to declare any interest under the following categories: pecuniary, outside bodies and family, friend or close associate.	Chair
4.	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	Council is asked to discuss excluding the Press and public for any item listed on the below Agenda. <i>The Parish Council may exercise their right to exclude the public and press by resolution from a closed meeting due to the confidential nature to be discussed pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</i>	Chair
5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Reports on matters of public concern affecting the Parish. (max. of 5 mins per person unless prior agreement with Chair) <i>This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.</i> <i>N. B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119</i> 1. Including email communications from the public	Chair Clerk
6.	EXTERNAL MATTERS	1. West Cheshire Town and Parish Council Conference – to receive a verbal update. 2. Police & Crime Commissioner CWaC Borough, Town and Parish Council meeting – to receive a verbal update. 3. To note Cheshire West and Chester Council is seeking views on its Boroughwide Design Code, with consultation open until Tuesday 24 November 2026 and agree if Parish Council wishes to respond. 4. Any external matters received since the agenda was circulated.	ID/PM PM Chair Chair/Clerk
7.	MINUTES	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 th September 26.	Chair
8.	ACTIONS	To note actions listed and receive additional updates on items not otherwise covered on the agenda.	Chair
9.	PLANNING	To note planning applications as listed on the planning register, including comments submitted since the last meeting and enforcement matters.	Chair
10.	ACCOUNTS	1. To approve the Cashbook Out-turn Year to Date. 2. To approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation against the Statements 3. To note income received and payments made or for approval.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
11.	GOLDEN LION	To receive a verbal update from the Community Benefit Society.	HD
12.	HIGHWAYS	Speeding Update – to review a verbal update on issues raised since the last meeting.	

13.	ENVIRONMENT	1. Footpath – to receive a verbal update from the Footpath Working Group - To discuss and agree approach to the use of power tools. 2. Flooding – to receive a verbal report 3. Stile Free Footpaths – to produce a list of stiles still in use in the Parish of Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel.	RA ID
14.	CRIME AND DISORDER	To review Crime and Disorder report for the local area, since the last meeting.	Chair
15.	PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS	1. Parish Council Grants for 2027/28 – to agree parameters by which a Community Group may apply for the 2027/28 grant 2. To receive a verbal update from the Working Group Meeting reviewing the Action Plan and Budget/3 year Budget. 3. Parish signs – to discuss updating and replacing the village signs on Ashton Lane and Church Road. 4. Remembrance Corner – to discuss if the Parish Council wishes to create a Remembrance Corner and agree location, equipment required and budget. 5. To note the conclusion of the External Audit for 2025-26.	PV ID/PM/IR PM PM/PV Clerk
17.	COMMUNITY	Community Clean-Up – to discuss arrangements for the Community Clean-up.	PV
18.	AROUND ASHTON	To consider any items for inclusion in next edition of Around Ashton.	PV/ BC
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		Monday 9 th November 2026 at 7.15pm in the Parish Room, Golden Lion Community Hub, Kelsall Rd, Chester CH3 8BH.	

From: clerk@ashtonhayesparishcouncil.gov.uk
Sent: 05 October 2026 11:16
To: 'Barbara Craven'; Chris Nicholas; 'Ian Dossett'; Ian Ridgley; 'Paul Varey'; 'Peter Mitchell'; Rachel Arnold; 'richard-kinsey@sky.com'
Subject: FW: Design Code Consultation

Cheshire West and Chester Council is seeking views on its Boroughwide Design Code, with consultation open until Tuesday 24 November 2026.

The Design Code sets out the vision and design requirements for new development across the borough. It aims to raise the quality of new development and ensure that new streets, spaces and developments are well designed, respond to local character and help create attractive and sustainable places. The Code has been developed through previous engagement with communities and stakeholders and is a joint piece of work involving the Council's Planning and Transport & Highways teams. Once finalised, the Code is intended to form part of the Council's planning framework, helping to inform decisions about future development across the borough. It may also form part of the Local Development Plan.

Further information, including a summary document and details of how to respond, is available on the Design Code consultation page: <https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/design-code-consultation> . The [full Design Code](#) is also available on the Council's website.

Anyone is welcome to respond, and we would be grateful if you could share the consultation with others in your networks who may be interested. The consultation closes on **Tuesday 24 November 2026**.

Design Code Consultation Team
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Email: designcodeconsultation@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Consultation: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/designcodeconsultation
Full Design Code: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/design-code>

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Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel Parish Council

MEETING MINUTES

**Monday 14th September 2026, at 7.15pm in The Parish Room,
Golden Lion Community Hub, Kelsall Road, Chester CH3 8BH.**

Present: Cllr B Craven
Cllr I Dossett – Chair for meeting
Cllr R Kinsey
Cllr C Nicholas
Cllr I Ridgley
Cllr P Varey
Mr J Hannath (PCSO)

Clerk: Mrs T Ryall-Harvey
Members of the Public: 1

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr H Deynem (Ward Councillor), Cllr P Mitchell and Cllr R Arnold due to previous commitments.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

It was reported that since the last meeting Cllr Eadie had submitted his resignation and the notice of vacancy had been displayed, therefore it was confirmed that there were currently four vacancies. It was reported that Mr C Nicholas had applied to be a Parish Councillor and it was proposed by Cllr Dossett, seconded by Cllr Ridgley and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/027** that Mr C Nicholas be co-opted onto the Parish Council until May 2027.

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 Nicholas declared a disclosable 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 applications relating to 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 applications relating to properties at Peel Hall and undertook not to vote on the matter.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

CRIME AND DISORDER

Village of the Week- PCSO Hannath attended the meeting and provided a written report on recent Community Safety initiatives he had organised in Ashton Hayes between 1st July and 8th August.

Parking in Ashton Hayes – Concerns were shared with the PCSO following the recent residents survey over parking in Ashton Hayes and inconsiderate parking issues raised by residents regarding vehicle owners parking on footways and thus causing obstructions which mean that pedestrians have to walk in the road which is especially concerning for those with push chairs or wheelchairs.

The PCSO explained that if residents found issues in relation to parking, then they should call 101 to report it, issues would need to be raised as an incident by those residents who experienced the problem.

Crime and Disorder Report – the most recent Crime and Disorder report dated June 2026 for the Gowy area was circulated for the Parish Council's review. It was noted that there was one incident of crime recorded in the Ashton Hayes area. The next Police Surgery is scheduled for 6th October between 6.00pm & 7.00pm at the Pavilion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Cllr Varey reported a recent contact from another Parish Council seeking advice on how to set up a parish calendar in the same way as Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council. Advice was provided.
- Cllr Varey reported upon concerns relating to a resident whose neighbour has trees causing damage to their property as well as rubbish piling up. The resident felt that during the hot weather the rubbish and overgrown garden could have been a fire risk.
ACTION: Parish Council gave advice to the resident and undertook to monitor the situation.
- Cllr Varey reported upon an enquiry by a resident who had queried the possibility of arranging a bus to take residents to Kelsall and/or Tarvin villages. **ACTION:** Cllr Varey has discussed this with the Rural Together Community Partnership and they had worked with iTravel to find a solution. The issue is now resolved and residents can book a seat on the iTravel service to take them to Kelsall or Tarvin, as required.
- Cllr Varey reported that Rural Together would be interested in working with the parish council on community transport issues, to try and improve the public transport options within the village.
Q: Does the Parish Council want to have a representative on the Rural Together Transport Sub-Group?
ACTION: Put on the Agenda for the next meeting for discussion.
- A resident reported that the 50mph sign on the B5393 Church Road Opposite Grange Road Junction was completely obscured. He had reported this to CWaC on 16th May (HW838446549) and only received an acknowledgement.
ACTION: Clerk undertook to re-report (HW873964299), monitor and escalate.
- A resident reported that he and his neighbours had recently experienced a number of Power Outages since the last Parish Council Meeting.
ACTION: Cllr Dossett undertook to take this up with Scottish Power
- A resident reported that whilst watering the Grange Road village gateway flower bed recently, he noticed that an attempt had been made to remove one of the screws fixing the bench to the concrete base. He had re-tightened the screw and will monitor the situation. Cllr Dossett has reviewed this and reported that the bench had been re-secured.

- A resident had reported that his neighbour had once again cut back the hedge and encroaching vegetation adjacent to the Millennium Pathway. The resident had thanked him and told him that he would inform the PC of this gesture.
ACTION: Clerk to write to thank resident.
- A resident had emailed the clerk to report a commercial sign that had been screwed onto one of the posts on the green space at the junction of Peel Hall Lane and Ashton Lane.
ACTION: The Clerk confirmed she had reported this to CWaC and requested that it be removed.
- Cllr Dossett has reported to United Utilities the overflow of wastewater pollution at the pumping station on Friday 28th August following a very heavy rain shower. During the event a resident witnessed the pumping station being overwhelmed and effluent overflowing into Gongar Brook.
ACTION: Cllr Dossett to seek feedback from United Utilities.
- Cllr Varey reported that a resident had informed him that a manhole in the field downstream from the pumping station had sunk again and there is a gaping hole around it. The resident was concerned that if a pedestrian strayed from the footpath they could trip and fall.
ACTION Cllr Varey had reported it to UU but has not received a response back.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- Cheshire West and Chester Council –the Parish Council had received a request from Cheshire West and Chester Council to test their new report form. Several councillors reported several items over week commencing 31st August and provided their feedback to Officers of Cheshire West and Chester Council. The process requires several amendments.
- Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Dossett to review and prepare a response on behalf of the Parish Council
- West Cheshire Town and Parish Council Conference – New Date – 30th September 2026 – the Parish Council was reminded that the West Cheshire Town and Parish Council event will take place on 30th September and Cllr Dossett and Cllr Mitchell have agreed to attend.
- Connection Planning: 22nd October 2026 6pm to 7pm Speaker - Rob Charnley, Head of Planning and Placemaking -Cllr Dossett and Cllr Craven to attend
- Police & Crime Commissioner CWaC Borough, Town and Parish Council meeting 06/10/26 – Cllr Mitchell to attend.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Cllr Varey and seconded by Cllr Ridgley and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/028** that Cllr I Dossett, as Chairperson for the meeting, sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th July 2026 as a true and correct record.

ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

The Action List dated 13th July 2026 was circulated with the agenda for the attention of Parish Councillors.

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

- It was reported that Ashton House Day Nursery's hedge along Pentre Lane was still overhanging the road. The Parish Council were advised that it was scheduled to be cut in September.
- Approved invoices have been paid
- Minutes have been added to website.

- Cllr Varey has requested the details for accessing the PC storage at the Pavilion.
- Clerk had requested information from CWaC as to who assesses areas for pedestrian crossings and where the Parish Council would legally be allowed to put one in the Parish. Cheshire West and Chester Council had confirmed that they would not assess the whole village, they would need a location identifying. They said that there would need to be a clear line of sight both ways thus only Church Road or opposite the playing field would be possibilities.
- Report PROW obstruction on AHFP6 – Badger Holes on Baker Way path – it was reported that the Cheshire West and Chester Council had confirmed that the ecological survey completed last year identified that there were some badger sets remaining active. CWaC have now cleared the path and filled in the inactive holes, The 4 holes found to be active were not touched. CWaC carried out action only as per their responsibilities, on the public right of way and not the adjoining field. CWaC considered all options in respect of the badgers, but based on the advice of the ecologist they chose not to rehome them and instead they will monitor the existing sets.
ACTION: FP6 Baker Way - Wooden bridge is leaning – PROW were informed and have surveyed the bridge and sent out tenders for replacement or repair.
- Cllr Varey had, via Rural Together, contacted the community transport providers and shared information that had been received from the resident's survey regarding where they would like to see a bus service provided. Discussions are ongoing.
- Parking, speeding and road safety information from the Residents Survey had been shared with the PCSO.
- Cllr Varey had updated the parish demographics data and analysed the residents survey.
- The amended Co-option Procedures was on the agenda for consideration.

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 03/09/2026.

25/03942/PIP – Cllr Dossett reported that an objection had been submitted by the LLFA regarding dealing with I rainwater, and that special measures to address this had been proposed.

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

- 25/02738/FUL – Peel Hall, Gongar Lane, Moulsworth, Chester CH3 8AY – Construction of an all-weather horse exercise area with post and rail fencing as part of the existing equine business – **Withdrawn**.
- 26/00043/REF – Land at Old Lane Ashton – Erection of steel framed agricultural building - **Appeal Dismissed**

It was noted that the following application had been reviewed, and a response had been submitted to the principal authority since the last meeting:

- 26/02268/FUL – Grange Cottage, Grange Road, Ashton Hayes CH3 8AF – Two Storey side extension and porch. The Parish Council had submitted a **Neutral** response to this consultation.

ACCOUNTS

Cashbook & Outturn

The year-to-date Cashbook and Outturn reports dated 01/07/2026, were provided to the meeting.

Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED 26/029 that following the review by the meeting, of the bank reconciliation and bank statements dated 03/09/2026, that they be signed by Cllr C Nicholas as accepted.

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

Proposed by Cllr Varey and seconded by Cllr Dossett and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/030** 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
15/07/2026	Compound Interest			£52.16	Skipton's Interest Payment July
15/08/2026	Compound Interest			£53.99	Skipton's Interest Payment August
Payments made since the last meeting for approval					
Date	Payable to	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
11/08/2026	CHALC	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	New Members Training – I. Ridgley
28/08/2026	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	£729.11	£0.00	£729.11	Salary Tax Point 5
28/08/2026	HMRC PAYE	£62.23	£0.00	£62.23	PAYE Tax Month 5
06/08/2026	Nest	£16.15	£0.00	£16.15	Pension Contribution
06/09/2026	Nest	£16.15	£0.00	£16.15	Pension Contribution
02/09/2026	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	£266.00	£0.00	£266.00	Street Furniture Licence Application
Payments not yet made for approval					
Payable to		Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
HMRC PAYE		£199.46	£0.00	£199.46	PAYE Tax Month 6
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		£1,008.03	£0.00	£1,008.03	Salary Tax Point 6
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		£143.50	£6.42	£149.92	Expenses

GOLDEN LION COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY – Nothing raised.

HIGHWAYS

- Installation of SID on Church Road – Cllr Dossett confirmed that the circulated Method Statement and Risk Assessment had been submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council. It was unanimously **RESOLVED 26/031** to adopt the Risk Assessment and Method Statement.
It was reported that CWaC confirmed the PC element for the works for installing a pole on Church Road to be £467.99 + VAT. The Clerk had confirmed back to Cheshire West and Chester to proceed with this work and submitted a Street Furniture Licence application (Ref No:5196407) to Cheshire West and Chester Council and the notice had been installed on site on 3rd September with a consultation period of 28 days.
- A54 Junction _ Cllr Kinsey raised concerns about the delay to the proposed blocking off of the slipway at the junction on Ashton Lane and A54.
ACTION: Clerk to chase Cllr Deynem to escalate.

ENVIRONMENT

Footpaths – Cllr Arnold sent a written report confirming there is a small group of 6 volunteers from the village who have successfully cleared several local paths of vegetation, to make them much more useable than previously. All have adhered to the risk assessment and have completed and signed the form before work was undertaken.

An outstanding issue was discussed in relation to the presence of livestock in the fields adjacent to footpaths.

ACTION: It was agreed that the risk assessment should be amended to include – “the Working Group should work with the landowners to ensure that livestock are not on the land whilst work using motorised equipment is being undertaken. If livestock is present on or adjacent to the path being worked on, then no motorised equipment should be used.”

It was reported that going forward, the group would like to see all paths open and accessible. Long term on the agenda would be working towards reopening the top of Andrew's wood which has been closed for some time, and the woods at Brines Brow - to be able to reopen the paths around the wood and make it an accessible space again.

ACTION: it was agreed that no work should be undertaken by the Parish Council in Brines Brow.

Hedges

Cllr I Dossett reported under Actions from the last meeting.

Flooding

Cllr I Dossett reported that Cllr Deynem had shared information with the Parish Council about a forthcoming Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Flood Management that he was attending. Included in this was:

- information relating to the proposed planned works to install a pump on Gongar Lane, Ashton Hayes. It was reported that CWaC were currently liaising with pump suppliers.
- confirmation that all Section 19 reports and been completed and just need approval to release them.
- That household flood preventative measures were being discussed by CWaC with 7 properties at risk of flooding. This to be funded by CWaC.

Cllr Dossett had responded to Cllr Deynem to confirm that the Parish Council also had concerns about:

- The delay by the Environment Agency in installing an early warning system for the overflow from the culvert. They planned to install it in July.
- Also, that the UU pumping station overflowed yet again, into Gongar Brook in the recent heavy rain. It has been reported to UU. This will become worse when the 16 new houses are built despite a SUDS for the surface water.
- Blocked gullies in the parish we reported (repeatedly) months ago have still not been addressed.
- Lack of action to clear the slit drains in the middle of the A54 dual carriageway, resulting in surface waters still running into Kelsall Road.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Resident's Survey – Cllr Varey provided a written report on the parish demographics analysis using the 2021 census and residents survey, this was reviewed at the meeting.

Co-option Procedures – a draft Co-option Procedures were circulated with the agenda pack and reviewed at the meeting. It was **RESOLVED 26/032** to adopt this procedure with immediate effect.

Review of Business Plan - the updated Business Plan for 2024-2029 was circulated and approved for adoption **RESOLVED 26/033** to publish it on the Parish Council website.

Review of Action Plan and Budget/3 Year Budget – it was suggested last year that a working group be set up to review the Action Plan and Budget/3 Year Budget, therefore the clerk sought confirmation as to who wished to be included in this working group. It was agreed that Cllrs Dossett, Mitchell & Ridgley would be included in the working group.

ACTION: Clerk to send over the draft Action Plan initially for comment to them.

Parish Council Grants for 2027-28 – The clerk sought confirmation of any specific guidelines/ criteria the Parish Council wished to include within the grant scheme for 2027-28. It was confirmed that sustainability, wellbeing and youth categories should be included.

ACTION: Cllr Varey to circulate around the Parish Council with draft wellbeing criteria for the next round of grants for 2027-28.

ACTION: Circulate grant specification and advert to community groups in October, once agreed.

Staff Matters

Local Council Pay Rise for 2026-27 - It was reported that NALC has advised that the LGA has notified that they have come to an agreement on the new pay scales for 2026-27 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Varey, seconded by Cllr Craven and unanimously **RESOLVED 26/034** to the agreed new pay scales for 2026-27 and this be backdated to 1st April 2026.

Correspondence Address - following the recent information from NALC it was unanimously **RESOLVED 26/035** for the clerk to set up a PO Box Address for the Clerk assuming the costs can be shared between all Parish Councils she works with.

Community Clean-up

Cllr Varey had provided a list of potential dates. It was agreed that the next Community Clean Up will be undertaken on Saturday 17th October 2026.

AROUND ASHTON

Items for inclusion in next Around Ashton:

- Road Safety, speeding and parking
- Right of Way – Bakers Way – re-opening
- Resident Survey

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.15pm in the Parish Room, Golden Lion Community Hub, Kelsall Road, Ashton Hayes CH3 8BH.

The meeting closed at 21:25

Signed:..... Dated:.....

ACTION LIST

Action:		Undertaken by	Status
Public Participation:			
- Monitor progress of the remaining hedge that CWAC are actioning. - Monitor CWaC actions to resolve reported faulty streetlights		ID Cllr Craven/ Dossett	
- Parish Council to monitor property reported to be at risk due to being overgrown. - Does the Parish Council want to have a representative on the Rural Together Transport Sub-Group? - Re-report 50mph sign on B5293 Church Road (HW873964299), monitor and escalate. - A resident reported that he and his neighbours had recently experienced a number of Power Outages since the last Parish Council Meeting. - Take up with Scottish Power the recent power outages - Write to thank resident for cutting back hedge and encroaching vegetation opposite Millenium Pathway. - Seek feedback from United Utilities regarding the recent overflow of wastewater pollution at the pumping station. - Reported to UU a sunk manhole in field downstream to the pumping station.		Clerk to put on agenda Clerk Cllr Dossett Clerk Cllr Dossett Cllr Varey	
Accounts:			
- Pay approved invoices		Cllrs Dossett / Varey / Mitchell	Completed
- Put minutes on website		Clerk	Completed
Planning:			
Golden Lion Community Benefit Society:			
- Chase Golden Lion Community Benefit Society regarding registering a charge on the land that is currently used as the Car Park at the Golden Lion			On-going
Environmental Matters:			
- Chase with CWaC LLFA for an update on the funding for the proposed additional pipe to remove water from Gongar Lane - Cllr Deynem to seek official confirmation and next steps for the installation of the pump. - Create the early warning action group process as proposed at the recent resident's mtg. - Draft action plan for an Early Warning Action Group.		Clerk Cllr Deynem Cllrs Mitchel / Dossett	
- Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Varey to review the Community Resilience Plan.		Cllrs Mitchell / Varey	
Highways:			
- CWaC investigating the flooding on Peel Hall Lane. - CWAC to change the status of Shay Lane to be gated		CWAC CWaC (S Bateman) Clerk emailed	Ongoing Ongoing
- Chase Cllr Deynem to escalate the proposed closing of slip road at junction of Ashton Lane & A54			
PROW:			
- FP6 Baker Way - Wooden bridge is leaning – PROW has been and reviewed and sent out work for tender to replace or repair - Risk Assessment be amended for tidying of Footpaths/PROW by Working Group		With PROW Officer Cllr Arnold	
Parish Council Matters:			
- Transfer all items stored on Parish Councillors/Clerk premises to the new storage rack at AHSRA - Circulate Draft Action plan between Cllr Dossett, Ridgley and Mitchell - Circulate draft wellbeing criteria for next ground of grants - Circulate specifications and advert to community groups in October once policy had been clarified		Cllrs Craven / Kinsey / Clerk Clerk Cllr Varey Clerk	Circulated
Printed Publication Date	Electronic Publication Date	Deadline for Receipt of Articles	
Monday 2nd November 2026	Saturday 31st Saturday 31st October October	Friday 9th October	Friday 9th October

Ashton Hayes Parish Council Planning Register 2022-23

	Received	No.	Location	Description	PC Observation	Result
	Tuesday 10th May 2022	PL421249347	Proposed new Agricultural Access to Village Farm, Church Road Ashton CH3 8AB	Reported lack of dropped kerb on entrance to new agricultural access to Village Farm.	Reported to Planning Enforcement	

Ashton Hayes Parish Council Planning Register 2023-24

	Fri 26 Jan 2024	EN580873910	Dunham Barn, Longley Lane, Kelsall CW6 0TG	The installation of a pole with camera's	Reported to Planning Enforcement	
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Ashton Hayes Parish Council Planning Register 2024-25

	Mon 23rd Sep 2024	EN649055382	Ashwood Barn, Shay Lane Kelsall Tarporley CW6 0UT	Cement Mixers and large vehicles reported to attend the site on 20th Sept which PC believe may mean he is undertaking work prior to the appeal being agreed.		
	21/02/20 25	EN689547811 25/00076/EHH OLD	1 Brookside, Ashton Hayes CH3 8BZ	new 7+ft high fence erected along the boundary of 1 Brookside in Ashton Hayes.		

Ashton Hayes Parish Council Planning Register 2025-26

9.	Wed 19 Nov 2025	25/03159/FUL	Land To The North of Delamere Lane Ashton Hayes Chester	Erection of a general agricultural storage barn	Neutral	Awaiting Decision
10.	Wed 10 Dec 2025	25/03942/PIP	Land at Delamere Road, Ashton Hayes, Chester	Construction of a dwelling house	Object	Awaiting Decision
	Tues 10 th Feb 2026	EN797218413	Field with barn on Knightwood land	Notification from Woodland Champions Club for small glamp site		

13.	Fri 16 Jan 2026	26/00135/FUL	Parish Room West End Ashton Hayes Chester CH3 8DG	Change of use from Parish Meeting Room to Residential Dwelling including addition of single window to front and rooflights	Supported	Awaiting Decision
14.	Mon 02 Feb 2026	26/00339/FUL	41 Peel Hall Lane Ashton Hayes Chester CH3 8DE	Side extension to existing bungalow and small change of use of land to residential curtilage.	Neutral	Approved
15.	Wed 18 Feb 2026	26/00373/OUT	Land at Ashton Lane, Ashton Hayes, Chester	Erection of up to 16 no. dwellings (C3) and all associated infrastructure works	Response Submitted	

Ashton Hayes Parish Council Planning Register 2026-27

1.	Thu 26 Mar 2026	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.	Supported	Decided
2.	Fri 20 Mar 2026	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	Neutral	Approved
3.	Thu 12 Mar 2026	26/00815/FUL	Peel Hall Gongar Lane Mouldsworth Chester CH3 8AY	Retrospective change of use of building from agriculture to commercial stud use	Neutral	
4.	29 April 2026	26/01084/FUL	19 Pentre Close, Ashton Hayes, Chester, CH3 8BR	Conversion of an existing garage into bedroom accommodation with a pitched roof and rooflight, alterations to windows and doors, rendering to all elevations, and demolition of existing conservatory.	Neutral	Approved
	24 April 2026	26/00043/REF 25/03884/AGR	Land At Old Lane Ashton Hayes Chester	Erection of steel framed agricultural building.		APPEAL DISMISSED

5.	22 May 2026	26/01575/FUL	4 Gladston Barns, Church Road, Ashton Hayes CH3 8AS	Single Storey rear extension and oak porch canopy	Neutral	Approved
	Tues 30 June 2026	EN852442509	Knightswood Longley Lane Kelsall Tarporley CW6 0TG	Breaches in planning relating to landscaping, installation of jetty and water feature and structures outside of the development boundary.		
6.	Tues 4 Aug 2026	26/02268/FUL	Grange Cottage, Grange Road, Ashton Hayes CH3 8AF	Two Storey side extension and porch	Neutral	Refused

Clerk: *Mrs T Ryall-Harvey*
05/10/2026

ASHTON HAYES and HORTON-cum-PEEL PARISH COUNCIL

Bank Reconciliation to Cashbook 2026-27

Presented at Council Meeting 12th October 2026

Balance shown on Cashbook	£46,273.16
Accounts at 5th October 2026	
Barclays Current Account	£797.10
Barclays Deposit Account	£14,054.58
Skipton's Community Savings Account	£31,421.48
Less: Unpresented Payments	
TOTAL	£46,273.16
Less: Payments on Cashbook not yet made:	£0.00
Plus: Deposits on Cashbook not yet credited	£0.00
TOTAL	£46,273.16
Reconciliation	YES



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£797.10

Available balance

Last night's balance £297.10



ASHTON HAYES PARISH COUNCIL

Ashton Hayes PC - Deposit >

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£14,054.58

Available balance

Last night's balance £14,554.58

Skipton's Building Society

Community Saver Issue 10 Monthly

Current Balance ?

£31,421.48

Available Balance:

£31,421.48

Current interest rate (gross)%

2.03%

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Maturity Date:

N/A

Income received since the last meeting for noting:				Gross Amount	Comment
07/09/2026	Interest Paid			14.34	Barclays Bank Interest Payment
15/09/2026	Compound Interest			54.08	Skipton's Interest Payment
Payments made since the last meeting for approval					
Date	Payable to	Net Amour	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
01/10/2026	Morecambe Town Coun	£140.00	£0.00	£140.00	Poppy field' Remembrance Poppies
17/09/2026	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00	External Audit
06/10/2026	Nest	£42.39	£0.00	£42.39	Pension Contribution
Payments not yet made for approval:-					
Payable to		Net Amour	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
HMRC PAYE		£68.07	£0.00	£68.07	PAYE Tax Month 7
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		£735.27	£0.00	£735.27	Salary Tax Point 7
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		£36.30	£0.00	£36.30	Expenses



Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel Parish Council

Crime and Disorder Report – August 2026 Kingsley and Gowy

Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Aug 2026

Violence and sexual offences	6
Public order	2
Anti-social behaviour	1
Criminal damage and arson	1

[Crime prevention](#)

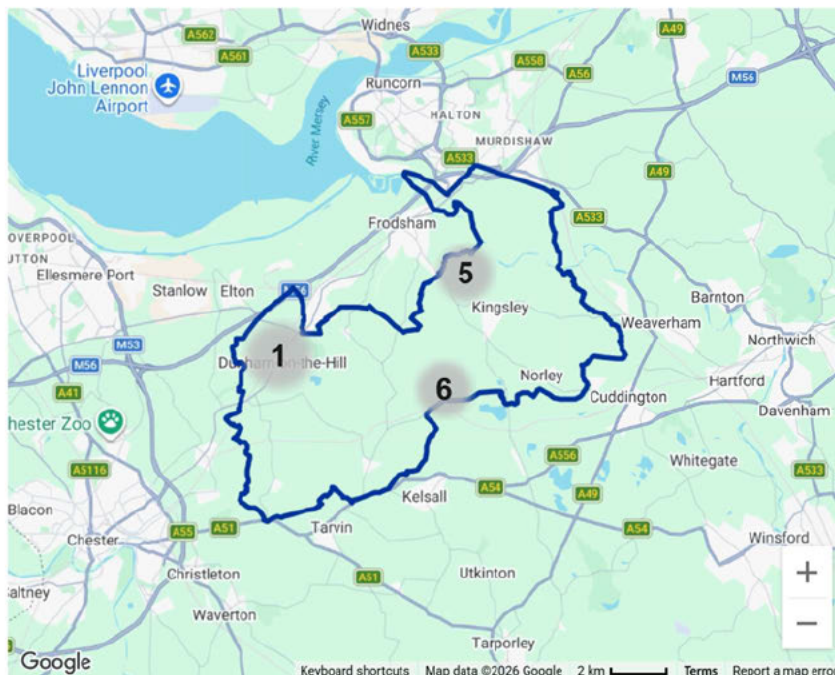
Crime levels in your area

Crime for last year



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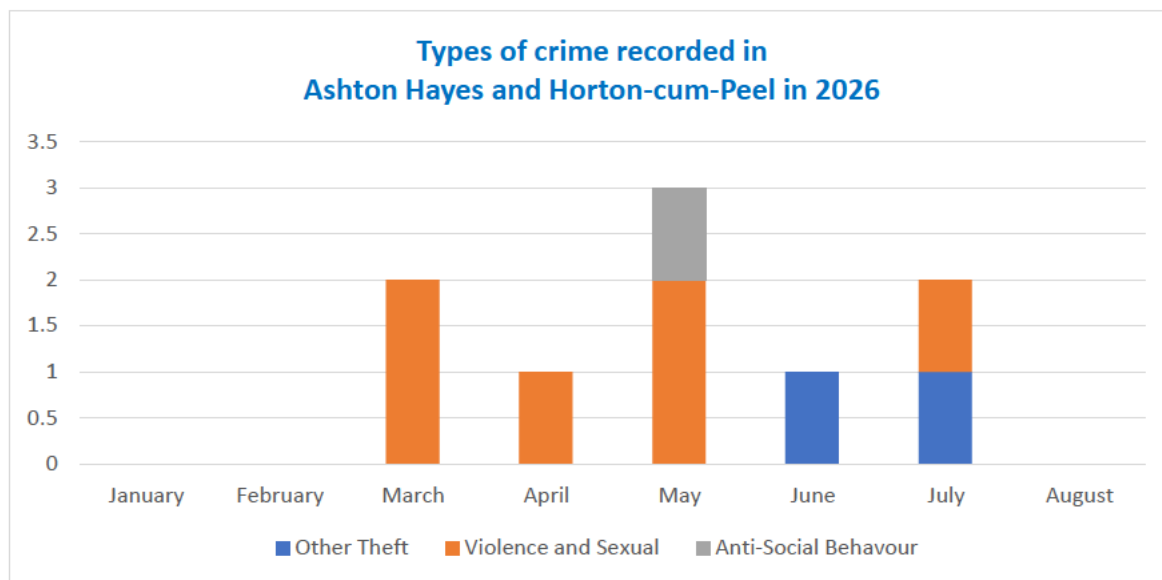
Crime type and time period title

All Crimes (12)

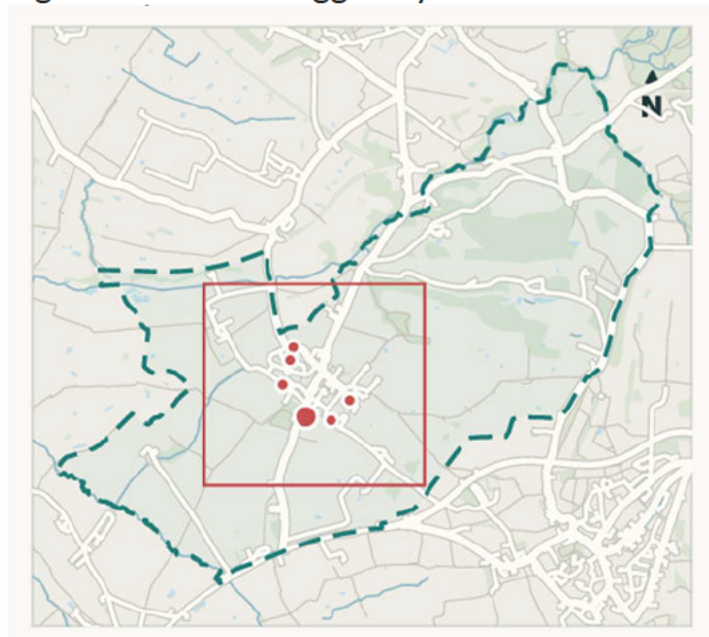
August 2026

12 crimes were reported here in August 2026

Violence and sexual offences	6
Public order	2
Anti-social behaviour	1
All other crime	3



Map indicating areas of crime logged by Cheshire Constabulary in 2026



Meetings & Events:

Police Surgery - Playing Field Pavilion (Gowy)

🕒 6:00PM - 7:00PM, Tue 06 October 2026

📍 Ashton Hayes Playing Field, Ashton Lane Chester

Police Surgery Norley Village Hall

🕒 4:00PM - 5:00PM, Thu 08 October 2026

📍 Norley Village Hall, High Street Frodsham

Police Surgery Norley Village Hall

🕒 3:00PM - 4:00PM, Tue 10 November 2026

📍 Norley Village Hall, High Street Frodsham

Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2025/26

In respect of **Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council – CH0017**

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2026; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2025/26

Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR.

- Information received from the smaller authority indicates that the smaller authority was a sole managing trustee during part of the year. Therefore, the response to Section 1, Assertion 9 is incorrect and should be 'yes'.
- Information received from the smaller authority indicates that the fixed asset register for the prior year and current year has not been maintained accurately. Consequently, the figures reported in Section 2, Box 9 of the AGAR for both years are incorrect. The correct figures for Section 2, Box 9 are £268,927 for the prior year, and £115,502 for the current year.

The smaller authority has confirmed that it owns the fixed asset of a large foldable display board, but that the recognition policy for this asset is to value it at £Nil. This policy does not give a reader of the Accounting Statements the ability to draw any meaning from the Box 9 figures stated on the AGAR or to recognise any changes in those assets year to year. The Practitioners' Guide (the Guide) states that smaller authorities 'need to apply a reasonable approach to asset valuation which is consistent from year to year'. Under this range of possible approaches, all assets are expected to carry some value, no matter how small. In particular, the Guide states that where assets are gifted at zero cost to the authority, they should be recorded at a nominal value of £1. The smaller authority should therefore reconsider the valuation policy for all fixed assets and draw up a policy to be approved by the authority and recorded in both the authority's minutes and in the asset register. When submitting the 2026/27 AGAR, the smaller authority should ensure that the 2025/26 comparative figure in Box 9 is restated for consistency and comparability.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None.

3 External auditor certificate 2025/26

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2026.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature



Date

11/08/2026