

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Warburton Clerk Sue McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor John Atherden Councillor Sarah Atkinson
Councillor Emma Capp Councillor John Erlam
Councillor Richard Jackson Councillor Amy Unwin
Councillor Jamie Macrae
Jo Phillips, Manchester University
Carol Clarke, Tatton Estate
Members of the Public

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

1 ASHLEY NEWS

Following the sad news of Nick Turnbull's death, who was editor in chief of Ashley News, there is some uncertainty over arrangements for the production of the magazine.

Kathryn Wright, who is now the main editor, explained that Ashley News will still be printed and issued but it may be on an ad hoc basis for a short time and hoped everyone would be patient and understand

Nick had always done the layout for the magazine and Kathryn was meeting with the printers later in the week to determine what information she has to provide and what assistance she will be given with the production

Kathryn also went on to say that she would endeavour to provide an electronic copy of the magazine for uploading to the Council's website

2 BONFIRES

Residents of Hough Green had had serious problems with noxious bonfires at Ashley House. They had been lit 3-4 times a week and smouldered overnight.

The smoke from these bonfires was thick and acrid and was preventing people from using their bedrooms due to the health risk both to themselves and their children.

At the end of April the fire was so troublesome that the fire brigade was called out overnight.

Following representations from the Council and residents, an Environmental Health Officer had visited and gained an undertaking that the bonfires would cease. Residents were given direct contact details for the officer.

Although the bonfires had stopped, residents were sceptical that wouldn't return after a period of grace

The Clerk reported that the issue of the bonfires would be referred to at the Parish Council meeting at 8.00pm.

3 SPEEDWATCH

Residents are very concerned about speeding traffic and the number of crashes and near misses that were occurring in the village and wondered if Speedwatch was active

Councillor Capp explained that Speedwatch was active and would become much more so in the near future.

She went on to describe the Speedwatch system:

- The police train volunteers on the use of the speed gun and where it can be used in the village. Sites include near the motorway bridge and Sunnyside
- A team of two people are needed - one to use the gun, the other to record a vehicle's details. These details are reported to the police
- The speeding rules are the speed limit + 10% + 3. In a 30mph zone 36mph is recordable

Some speeds recordings during the day were as high as 47-49mph and 10 motorists were caught in one morning

4 GREYHOUND LIGHTS

Residents are very upset about the light pollution caused by the lights from the Greyhound shining directly into their bedrooms at night.

The residents were assured that the Council had been dealing with the matter and it would be discussed in detail, at the Parish Council meeting commencing at 8.00pm

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: _____ Chairman 17th July 2017