

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting for the Parish of Ash
held on Monday 9 March 2009
at 7.30 p.m in the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash

Present:

Cllr Nigel Manning - Chairman Ash Parish Council
Carole Olive - Clerk of the Council

28 members of the public including Ash Parish Councillors and Residents of the Parish of Ash

The Meeting Opened with Prayers

1. The Chairman of the Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Graham Hawes and Cllr Steven Evans.
3. There were no declarations of interest to report.
4. The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 March 2008 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman of Ash Parish Council.
5. A Financial Report of the Trustees of the Parochial Charity (Smith's Charity) was received and noted.
6. A Report of the Trustees of the James Payne Memorial Fund was received and noted.
7. A Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council was received and noted.
8. The Annual Reports of the Chairmen of the Parish Council Committees and the reports submitted by the representatives on other bodies were received and noted.
9. **OPEN MEETING:** Items raised for discussion of local concern or interest are detailed at Appendix A.

The meeting concluded at 8:40pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

Mr Haig: Ash Station Level Crossing – gates closed for longer periods causing traffic problems.
Ash Station customers parking in Foreman Road causing traffic problems and restricting sight lines.
Network Rail providing inadequate parking.

Cllr Tony Rooth advised a Surrey County Highways meeting will be taking place at Ash Manor School on Wednesday 11 March 2009, commencing at 7pm, where matters of this nature would be discussed.

The Chairman of Council advised that Guildford Borough Council's next Parking Strategy Consultation will take place in two years time and that the parking officer at Guildford Borough Council should be informed of the problem areas in order to include them in the consultation process.

Ash Street Parking issues causing oncoming vehicles too close to the gutter and pot holes caused by the cold winter.

The Chairman of Ash Parish Council advised the previously carried out temporary fixes had not stood up to the cold weather and that all council's were facing a similar problem. Repairs using heated tarmac instead of cold filling would be introduced.

Cllr Tony Rooth advised that pot holes measuring more than 40mm deep and larger than the size of a side plate would be dealt with quickly. Four extra community gangs have been introduced to deal with the problems.

Graffiti at Ash Vale Station – bridge over towpath. This matter has been reported to the Basingstoke Canal Society.

Mr Faulkner: Towpath closure between Ash Vale Station bridge and Mytchett Lake – Basingstoke Canal Society to be contacted to ascertain reason.

Mr Davies: Requested a definition of the responsibilities of Ash Parish Council – to which the Chairman of Council responded.

Street Light not working corner of Grenadier Road and Wharf Road.

Traffic calming measures – Manor Road – Surrey County Council responsibility.

Enforcement of double yellow lines in Wharf Road – to be reported to Guildford Borough Council (Kevin McGee). Lack of car parking at Ash Vale Health Centre, despite additional spaces in Chandlers Road is increasing parking in Wharf Road.

Mr Tolley: Queried the outcome of previous discussions with the MOD regarding additional land for parking at Ash Vale Health Centre. The Chairman of Council advised that the MOD were not looking to release any land for Parish use.

- Mr Haig: Parking on grass verge at Ash Station – under discussion with Network Rail for the installation of bollards.
- Cars for sale on public highway – registration numbers to be notified to Parish office and passed on to the police.
- Network Rail – items being left on verges in foreman Road.
- Mr Tolley: Footpath at bottom of Ash Cemetery/Ash Grange School exceedingly muddy. Cllr Tony Rooth to report to Surrey County Council.
- Mr Salter: Provision of salt bin following snow and ice at Ashbourne Close. Surrey County Council to supply – additional request made for salt bin at Old Farm Place.
- Mr Monk: Salt bins to be filled once in situ.
- Mr Thomas: Slow signs eroded, potholes and surfacing problems in Prospect Road, Hutton Road and Heathvale Bridge Road following bridge works at Ash Wharf. Cllr Marsha Moseley is in discussion with Surrey County Council regarding these matters.
A non slip surfacing was due to be installed in the S bend in Hutton Road. The Chairman of Council is pursuing this item.
- Mr Salter: Contractors should restore road surfaces correctly following any works completed, and should ensure adequate lighting at night.
The Chairman of Council advised that utility trench subsidence is reported by the Parish office. Contractors should fix any subsidence within a five year period of the work being carried out.
- Mr Davies: Flooding in Wharf Road following heavy snow and a blocked drain at the Methodist Church. Guildford Borough Council investigating.
- Cllr Norgrove: Water leak at pedestrian crossing at Ash Vale Station.
- Mr Davies: Ongoing flooding issues in Grenadier Road. Not a Parish issue.
- Mr Thomas: Elleray Court Residents Association – visibility issues from parking at junctions. Parking on brow of hill in Prospect Road.
The Police should deal with issues of dangerous parking.
- Mr Salter: Problems caused by post codes and recognition of Surrey as the correct county for Ash addresses.
- Cllr Norgrove: Problems of receiving Basingstoke area telephone books which cover Hampshire. Surrey addresses should receive Guildford area telephone books giving Surrey Police numbers.