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Cold Ashby Parish Council
Wednesday 3rd July 2019, 7.30 p.m.
Village Hall, Cold Ashby

Minutes

Present: Councillors Bailey (chairman), Harpham, Peel, Williams, Williams; the clerk. 3 residents (DS, JH, PM)

Interests: none declared.

1. **Apologies:** none received at the meeting. Councillor Varley sent apologies later.
2. **Minutes:** minutes of the Council held on 5th June 2019 were approved.
3. **Matters arising: none**
4. **Open forum:** residents expressed views on the planning application at item 7. Each had sent letters to the planning authority and these were handed to the clerk. The council **agreed without resolution** to support the objections and add its own comments in opposition to the proposals. The objections covered a range of matters, including privacy, road safety, compatibility with the existing street scene, flooding and more. On a separate issue, the clerk was advised that Japanese Knotweed had not been dealt with on the site of a previous planning application off Church Lane.
5. **Purchase of new printer:** the clerk was granted retrospective approval for the purchase of a new printer.
6. **Accounts:** Members **approved** the accounts presented at the meeting and **authorized** the payments contained in them. The balance reported at the meeting was **£19,939.79** (£13,671.92 current and £6,267.87 investment).
7. **Planning:** DA/2019/0385: 5 dwellings on land at Manor Farm, off Main Street/Stanford Road, Cold Ashby. Following discussions under item 4 the clerk was authorised to make observations on the proposal expressing serious reservations about the proposal on the lines indicated in item 4 above.
8. **VAS unit:** Councillors Richard Williams and Peel presented information on progress in conversations with Siemens on the identification of a new unit. It was clear that the unit in question was too expensive and otherwise inappropriate for village use. It was suggested that improvements did need to be made on the current speeding deterrent system, perhaps along the lines of a camera previously investigated, and the clerk was asked to place this on the agenda for September.
9. **Litter at the tarmac area near A5199 and unexplained removal of bins.** Daventry DC has identified the cost of replacing bins and emptying them on a regular basis. (£428 initially). The council indicated a strong reluctance to accept this responsibility and instructed the clerk to seek the assistance of county councillor Irving-Swift in the first instance.

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- 10. Other bodies:** the following was reported: a) that DIRFT is contemplating a traffic survey of HGV vehicles on local roads; b) NCC had agreed to signage indicating the Church Lane was a single-tracked road; more 'children alert' signs were requested; c) a litter pick was being organised for 21st July; d) Capeg business had been brought back to the PC agenda.
- 11. Post:** it was noted that planning restrictions relating to a residence on the golf course had been lifted, in line with the council's observations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graham Jones', written in a cursive style.

Graham Jones 8th July 2019