

# M Cold Ashby Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th August at 7.30 p.m.

### Minutes

**Present:** Councillors Bailey (chairman), Harpham, Peel, Williams Ra, Williams Ri. **Interests:** None

1. **Apologies:** apologies accepted from councillor Varley (holiday)
2. **Minutes:** minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 3rd July 2019 were **approved**.
3. **Matters arising:** feedback still awaited from NCC on litter bin responsibility in A5199 lay-by.
4. **Open forum:** it was reported that the defibrillator had been used in earnest and the occasion (which proved to be a false alarm) had demonstrated that the 999 authorities were aware of the site and provided the correct access code.
5. **Accounts:** Members **approved** the attached accounts and **authorized** the payments contained in them. The balance reported at the meeting was **£18,691.22** (£12,421.32 current and £6,269.90 investment).
6. **Litter picking:** the chairman reported that the volume of litter had halved over previous collections which might be attributed to the fact that new recycling bins had covers.
7. **Capfa award application:** Capfa has applied for a grant under the council's awards scheme. The application is for £1000 towards the cost of outdoor gym equipment. The award was approved by a majority of 3:1 with one abstention. Councillors were informed that representation on the Capfa committee did not constitute a conflict of interest under the code of conduct.
8. **Streetlights:** members were uneasy at the proposal to install different styles of lamp in different village areas and believed residents would not understand the reason for the need to change the lights in the first place. More investigation on pricing was needed. The clerk reminded members that the grants currently awarded for the work were time-limited.
9. **Daventry DC review of polling stations:** DDC has reviewed polling stations in the district through a wide-ranging consultation. There are no changes for Cold Ashby. The chairman informed members of the operation of a people's panel, of which he was a member, as part of this process.
10. **Communications:** it was **agreed** that a fresh attempt should be made, under GDPR regulations, to collect email addresses from residents who would like personal access to parish council papers and information.
11. **VAS unit:** item to be reconsidered in September, since streetlighting costs had not been determined.
12. **Verbal reports:** the chairman reported that additional new children warning signs had been placed around the village following his request to NCC.
13. **Post:** none



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