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# Cold Ashby Parish Council

## Wednesday 5th February 2020

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30 p.m.  
at Cold Ashby Sports Pavilion, Stanford Road

**Present:** Councillors Bailey, Harpham, Peel, Williams RD, Williams RI; the clerk.  
District Councillor Alan Chantler.

**Interests: none**

- 1. Apologies:** Councillor Varley (holiday)
- 2. Minutes:** minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 8th January 2020 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising: drainage:** drains/sewer works had been undertaken in the village. It had not been possible to verify a link between the work and the original blockage and maintenance issue at Stanford Road and consequently the clerk would continue to pursue the matter.
- 4. Open forum:** to receive and discuss matters raised by members of the public present at the meeting. Mrs Carla Cooper attended and spoke on item 5.
- 5. Environment project:** Mrs Cooper outlined ideas she had to encourage involvement in small environmental projects in the village and asked for Council endorsement on advertising literature. The council agreed to give consideration to potential information submitted to it, with an agreement to endorse suitable materials.
- 6. ACRE conference on PCs and environmental matters.** Members agreed to subsidise attendance and travelling costs for Mrs Cooper if she wished to attend the conference. Clerk to provide details to Mrs Cooper.
- 7. Accounts:** the balance reported at the January meeting was **£25,320.45** (£19048.32 current (including £5000 windfarm grant) and £6272.13 investment). Members **approved for payment** the items listed in the accounts.

- 8. Community road gang:** it was unclear whether the road gang would operate in 2020. The clerk was instructed to ask for similar tasks to those carried out in previous years.
- 9. Streetlighting:** feedback on the lighting installed so far has been very positive and the speed and effectiveness of the work undertaken by EoN was also noted by residents.
- 10. Parish Assembly agenda:** items suggested include: streetlights, environment, village hall.
- 11. To receive any verbal reports from councillors with representative functions on other bodies.** Capfa AGM next week
- 12. Post: DDC** had responded swiftly to the chairman's contact about the damaged street sign in Crabtree Lane.

NB. Councillor Chantler provided a thoughtful and informative update on progress towards new authorities, potential impact on planning matters and related issues. It was noted that parish elections in Cold Ashby would take place in 2025, meaning a 7-year term of office for the current councillors.



**Graham Jones 30th January 2020**

