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**COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA
Wednesday 4th November 2020**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30 p.m.
By ZOOM**

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Bailey, Williams Rd, Williams RI, Harpham, Peel. The Clerk.

Interests: No pecuniary interests. Chairman had supported a NCF 'windfarm' bid for the project in item 8.

1. **Apologies:** None received. Cllr Varley absent.
2. **Minutes:** minutes of the meeting on the 7th October 2020 were approved
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Open forum:** it was noted that no members of the public were present and that an open invitation with the Zoom link to the meeting had been posted with due notice on the PC website. Because of this, no individual invitations had been sent, though the website continues to offer this as an additional service for those requesting it.
5. **Accounts:** Details of revised payments and receipts for November 2020 and the new balance were reported in **Annex 1** and shown on the meeting screen. Members **approved** them and **authorised** the payments shown in them. The balance was 17,890.88 (11,607.08 and 6,283.80).
6. **Streetlighting:** discussions continue with Eon over the calculation of consumption and other bills for the new streetlights. Several disputed bills are outstanding and the clerk has entered a £650 placeholder in the December accounts to ensure the final figures do not mislead members. Members agreed that no further payments should be made until a satisfactory agreement had been reached.
7. **Planning:** DA/2020/0843: St Denys Church: rebuild section of retaining dry stone wall alongside footpath to entrance etc. Members supported the planning application and noted that the churchyard and gardens were an important feature in the village environment and that there were safety aspects to the application.
8. **Application for a grant under the council's awards scheme.**
9. (NB: the PC chairman has sponsored an application to NCF from the organisation referred to below and thus has a non-pecuniary interest in the scheme, which does not exclude him from participating in the debate and vote on the matter.)

The meeting papers include a completed application form from the 'Friends of St Denys Church' (FoSDC) alongside an explanatory note requesting a sum of £750 - £1000 to help with the rebuilding of a stone retaining wall, which was the subject of the earlier planning item (7) on this agenda. In considering whether to support the application members were clear that they were not endorsing any religious aims or views, but were supporting a much-used village amenity (the walkway past the church) on amenity, safety and environmental grounds.

It was resolved to award £1000 from the 2020-21 budget to the FoSDC solely as a contribution to the building of the retaining wall and on the understanding that the funds will be returned if the project does not go ahead for any reason. The Parish Council understands that the project is scheduled for May 2021 and depends on funds from other sources.

- 10. Batteries for VAS unit:** the request for funding was withdrawn pending investigations into a solar powered solution. The clerk had received costings which could now be used as the basis for a bid to the police road safety committee.
- 11. Budget:** Budget proposals for 2021-22 as a basis for the precept. Members considered the budget under each of the existing headings and arrived at a preliminary figure of £14,804, with a precept of £10,000 and a reserve of £8,596, to be confirmed at the December meeting. The figures are attached to these minutes.
- 12. To receive any verbal updates from members representing the council on other bodies.** Members noted the loss of income to both Capfa and the Village Hall as a result of the pandemic measures. The Village Hall AGM had been cancelled this month and would now be incorporated into the annual village assembly next May. Accounts had been posted.
- 13. Post:** the council had received an email asking for a progress report on the cemetery garden waste bin and the drain at the end of Stanford Road. **Cemetery bin:** the PC cannot pay by direct debit and the renewal certificate had been overlooked last May. Two emails have since been sent to Norse and a response is awaited and will be followed-up once more. **Stanford Rd drain:** it was noted that the drain had been the subject of numerous 'Street Doctor' reports and that the road at the site had been painted for action. Since these road markings were not a guarantee of immediate action, the clerk undertook to pursue the matter once more. There was some uncertainty over the nature of the required repair and whether the drain was blocked, missing a cover or had a loose and noisy cover. The email had not made this clear.

Graham Jones 5th November 2020



CAPC Proposed budget 21-22

	20-21 Budget	21-22 proposed
Audit Fees	100	100
Cemetery Rates		0
Cemetery Maintenance	500	750
premises and other costs	360	360
Clerks Salary/PAYE	1,353	1,353
HMRC	856	856
Data Protection	35	35
Election		
Grants	2,000	2,000
Grass Cutting	3,500	4,000
Insurance	1,500	1,600
NCALC - Acre	300	250
Neighbourhood Watch		
Consumables/IT	200	250
Room Hire - Meetings	250	200
Small Works	500	500
Special Projects	2,800	1,500
Streetlights	1,500	750
Sundry - Newsletter	100	
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Training		200
Water Charges	80	100
V.A.T	500	0
	16,434	14,804

	estimated
	c/o to 21-22
0.00	13,399.93
	add precept
	10,000.00
	23,399.93
	minus budget =

predicted reserve

8,595.93