

Cold Ashby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30 pm

at Cold Ashby Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Roper (Chairman), Peel, RD Williams, RL Williams, Bailey. Councillor Irving-Swift.
2 Village Residents.

This meeting was recorded by a member of the public.

Meeting Started 19:30

Meeting Ended 21:26

Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.

22.12.1 - Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Harpham (work commitment) and Cllr Taylor were **approved**.

22.12.2 - Minutes: of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 2nd November were unanimously **approved** as an accurate record by all Councillors present at the November meeting.

22.12.3 - Matters arising: none raised.

22.12.4 - Open forum:

Representations were made on:

Planning application WND/2022/0976 – Councillors were asked if they could recall when stairs were originally put in place. Councillors could not recall due to limited access to the property until a few years ago.

Bush/Hedge impeding the highway on Church Lane. **The clerk** to investigate and contact the land owner.

Junction 18 Meeting forum 12th December – to be attended by Cllr Bailey.

Boundary review proposal from Councillor Irving-Swift – decision expected May 2023.

Buses in the layby – new contract expected 2023. WNC are looking at connecting residential and school buses.

Rough Sleeping – Emergency process in place due to severe weather.

Footpaths – WNC are cleaning footpaths. **The clerk** will report footpaths that require attention to Councillor Irving Swift.

22.12.5 - Accounts: Members approved the accounts for December.

22.12.6 - Clerk Salary: It was resolved that NCALC will be instructed to process payroll on the PayrollLite1 Quarterly proposal.

Proposer: Cllr RL Williams

Seconder: Cllr Bailey

22.12.7 – War memorial: Councillor Peel proposed the £3,500 previously agreed for purchase and erection of a war memorial from the special projects budget (23-24) is removed from the 23-24 budget. Councillor Roper requested the War memorial is added to the agenda of the April 2024 Parish Council Meeting. **It was resolved that** £3,500 would be removed from the 2023-2024 budget.

Proposer: Cllr Peel

Seconder: Cllr Bailey

22.12.8 - Budget: All councillors **unanimously approved** the 23-24 budget including an increase to the precept of £2000.00 (20%)

Proposer: Cllr RD Williams

Seconder: Cllr Bailey

22.12.9 - New Banking Arrangements: Cllr Roper experienced some challenges with requirements from NatWest. Overall changes still in progress.

22.12.10 - Planning applications:

WND/2022/0737 Cold Ashby Hall, Church Lane, Cold Ashby, Northamptonshire, NN6 6EG

No observations from Councillors.

WND/2022/0738 Cold Ashby Hall, Church Lane, Cold Ashby, Northamptonshire, NN6 6EG

No observations from Councillors.

WND/2022/0976 The Black Horse, Main Street, Cold Ashby, Northamptonshire, NN6 6EL

No observations from Councillors.

22.12.11 - Environment:

Traffic monitoring survey: A number of observations were raised and summarised by Cllr RD Williams; these observations have been fed back to WSP.

22.12.12 - Verbal Reports: Cllr Bailey informed Councillors of the Hire rate increase of the village hall to £15/hour.

22.12.13 - Post:

NCALC request for information related to Legal Costs – Councillors confirmed no legal costs were incurred during the financial year ending 31st March 2022.

Response received from WNC regarding enforcement case ER414488381 – the Parish Council will respond to WNC.

Councillor Peel suggested the councillors do not meet in January – 2022 did not allow for the usual summer break in meetings. **It was resolved** that the council would next meet in February.

Proposer: Cllr Peel

Seconder: Cllr RL Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natalie Heath', is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Natalie Heath 9th December 2022