

# Cold Ashby Parish Council

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020, at 7.30 p.m.  
By ZOOM

Councillors are summoned to attend this meeting of the Parish Council.  
Members of the public and press are invited to attend

## Agenda

**Present:** to record the presence of Cold Ashby Parish Councillors, Officers, members of external authorities and others in official attendance at the meeting.

**Interests:** Members' attention is drawn to the need to disclose pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not already registered before any relevant agenda item.

1. **Apologies:** to receive and consider apologies for absence
2. **Minutes:** to **approve** minutes of the Council meeting on the 2nd September 2020
3. **Matters arising:** to consider *for information only* any matter arising from the approved minutes
4. **Open forum:** to receive and discuss matters raised by members of the public present at the meeting.
5. **Accounts:** Details of payments for October 2020 and receipts and the new balance are reported in **Annex 1**. Members are asked to **approve** the accounts and **authorise** the payments shown in them. The balance at the September meeting was £17,139.06 (£10,857.49 current and 6,281.57 investment).
6. **VAS Unit on West Haddon Road:** Councillor Peel has requested that the council consider the following resolution:

**It is resolved that the council attempt to secure the funding for the installation of a new solar-powered VAS unit on West Haddon Road in 2021-22. The proposed unit would need to include features not currently available. If external funding is not available the council should consider committing up to £10,000 of its own resources in the 2022-23 budget. Detailed costings will be considered once agreement in principle has been secured through this resolution.**

7. **Additional Grass cutting:** our current contractor has requested that funds be made available for one additional early season grass cutting from 2021 onwards. The annual cost would be £540. The current budget is £3500, of which £2,840 has been currently spent, with October cuts expected, costing perhaps £540 if the grass continues to grow strongly. Current year expenditure is unlikely to exceed the budget, therefore. Members should note that support for the resolution below will be binding at the November budget meeting.

**It is resolved that an additional sum of £540 be included in the 2021-22 budget to cover the costs of one additional grass cutting from the 2021 season onwards, bringing the budget to £4000.**

8. **Planning:** Members are asked to note that no observations were made on DA/2020/0682 (Fieldfare) which was sent to members by email.

9. **Meeting with NCC highway officials.** The chairman will report on the outcomes of the meeting with Ian Boyce and Sarah Barnswell.
10. **Complaint:** the complaint about procedure was forwarded to members by the clerk, together with a response. The complaint has been considered and discussed at the first (informal) stage of the council's complaints procedure, but a resolution seems some way off. The clerk will provide further information at the meeting.
11. **Post:** to discuss (belatedly) the council's response to the September clean up initiative, brought to the council's attention by a local resident.

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

**Graham Jones 2nd October 2020**