

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.



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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.
at Cold Ashby Sports Pavilion, Stanford Road

Minutes

Present: Councillors Bailey (chairman), Harpham, Peel, Williams, Williams, Varley

Interests: Councillor Varley declared an interest in item 6

- 1. Apologies:** District Councillor Chantler
- 2. Minutes:** minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 5 August 2020 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising:** there were no matters arising. The chairman highlighted actions from the minutes.
- 4. Open forum:** in response to questions from residents, the chairman suggested that comments be made under the relevant agenda items at 7 and 9. It was confirmed that Councillor Varley would put cemetery refuse out for collection as appropriate and that the 'green' bin sticker had not yet been purchased for the current year. The chairman also confirmed that the venue for the next 6 council meetings would be the village hall.
- 5. Accounts:** Members **approved** the attached accounts and **authorized** the payments contained in them. The balance reported was **£17,139.06** (£10,857.49 current and £6,281.57 investment)
- 6. Community Right to bid:** The council considered its powers under the localism act (2012) in respect of any assets considered to be of community value. The item was prompted by the current closure of the Black Horse public house. The council was guided by a paper outlining the Right to Bid legislation. In reaching its conclusion, the council was aware that the decision would not prevent other groups and organisations exercising their rights under the Act(2012).

Resolved: the council recognises the importance of a public house for the local community but does not consider using the right to bid powers to be appropriate in this instance. (Proposer: Cllr. Harpham, Seconded: Cllr. Rd. Williams. No formal discussion. Unanimous assent.)

- 7. Insurance agreement between CAPC and CAPFA.** The council's insurance policy will need to be renewed from 1st October 2020. The chairman reported that Capfa has agreed to continue the existing joint arrangement and the council will again need to apportion the costs between the CAPC and Capfa.

Resolved: to continue the joint insurance arrangements between Capfa and CAPC and to charge Capfa 75% of the total cost. The council will continue to view grant

applications from Capfa as a priority during the period of the new agreement. (prop: Cllr Harpham; sec. Cllr Bailey) (action)

- 8. Village Lengthsman:** the Lengthsman was appointed last year on a continuing basis following a one-year trial. The Lengthsman has undertaken a variety of tasks at the request of the clerk or the chairman and has exceeded the £500/40-hour limit.
Resolved: to continue the services on the lengthsman and to carry over any excess payments due from 2019-20 into 2020-21. (prop: Cllr. Peel, sec: Cllr RI Williams)
- 9. WHR properties:** the clerk has received a copy of land registry information which shows the land around the junction of WHR and Main Street, including the boundaries of the properties. It appears from the title deeds that no inappropriate enclosure has taken place. The resident of the property was present to explain the position and that all due consents had been obtained. No further action was proposed.
- 10. Spanglefish website:** no action proposed.
- 11. ANPR consultation:** the support for the siting was confirmed. Cllr. Peel requested an item for the next meeting in respect of an additional camera on WHR. **(action)**
- 12. Verbal Reports:** The chairman is to invite PC King to the next meeting. The chairman also asked that the next agenda contain an item to consider additional expenditure on grass cutting in future years. **(action)**
- 13. Post:** none



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