

Cold Ashby Parish Council

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022 at 7.30 p.m.
Sports Pavilion, Cold Ashby

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 interests not already registered before any relevant agenda item.

Introduction and welcome to the new clerk, Natalie Heath

- 1. Apologies:** to **receive and consider** apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes:** to **approve** minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 6th July 2022
- 3. Matters arising:** to **note for information only** any relevant 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:** Members are asked to **approve** the attached accounts for August and **authorize** the payments contained in them. The balance reported at the July meeting was **£17,050.12** (£8,465.59 current and £8,584.53 investment). Details of payments and receipts and the new balance are reported in **Annex 1**, a copy of which will be e-mailed to members in advance of the meeting and available at the meeting in hard copy.
- 6. New Banking Arrangements:** please refer to annex 1 for a summary of the resolutions and their purpose.
- 7. Insurance:** a new policy quotation is expected from the Council's insurers to cover the PC and Capfa. The Council is asked to instruct the clerk how to proceed with the quote in terms of joint coverage and allocation of premium costs (normally 2/3 Capfa, 1/3 PC).
- 8. Litter Bins in Playing Fields area.** There have been complaints that bins in the playing field area are not being emptied. Norse has advised that these bins are not part of its contract. It has indicated that bins could be emptied on a weekly basis for an annual cost of £300 per bin and that a cheaper price could be agreed for multiple bins in the same area. The Parish Council could formulate a resolution to:
a) do nothing: b) negotiate a price to empty the bins: c) conclude that this is a CAPFA responsibility or d) reach some other conclusion.

9. Code of Conduct training: NALC is advertising a Code of Conduct online training event between 10-12 a.m. on 13 September 2022. The course is advertised as suitable for councillors and clerks and will be led by Danny Moody. The cost is £38 per head. The Council indicated earlier in the year that all its members would be encouraged to undertake training on this subject. Councillors are asked to inform the clerk if they wish to attend. One place has been reserved.

10. Environment: a regular agenda item dealing with matters relating to improving the village environment.

- a. village hall bench: restoration by lengthsman: update
- b. cemetery maintenance: lengthsman's role in pre funeral preparation
- c. traffic monitoring survey. Update on results.
- d. Asset transfer scheme: (circulated email from NCALC) any transfer of assets from WNC to a parish or town council would be subject to WNC policy, and that policy is now being written and is in **DRAFT** form. You will find a copy at <https://www.northantscalac.com/uploads/wnc-adoption-of-assets-policy-v0-2.pdf>. The 'Village Green' is a potential transferable asset.

11. Verbal reports from council representatives on other bodies

12. Post: to note and/or discuss items of correspondence with the Council not considered elsewhere on the agenda:

- a: invitation to NCALC autumn conference
- b: clerk's (GJ) note to Internal Auditor re General Power Of Competence (GPOC)



Graham Jones 28th July 2022