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Cold Ashby Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2021, at 7.30 p.m. in the village memorial hall.

Minutes

Present: Councillors Bailey, Harpham, Peel, Roper, Taylor, Ri Williams, RI Williams; WNC Councillor Harris; the clerk; residents: KS, RH, DS, RS.

Interests: None

1. **Apologies:** all present
2. **Minutes:** minutes of the Council meeting on the 1st September 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters arising:** agenda item 6 a): white lines. In the first instance the residents were asked to make an application and meet the costs. An application for an award to cover costs could then be made to the PC.
4. **Open forum:** a smashed hydrant marker on Thornby Road was reported. Anglia to be informed. Other items covered: environment complaint against the state of the Black Horse grounds during remedial work. (PC to reinforce with EH). Uncertainty over future use of the premises. Poorly functioning drain on Church Lane. Street signs damaged by hedge cutting. The chairman advised that these could be reported through 'Street Doctor'.
5. **Accounts:** Members **approved** the accounts and **authorised** the payments shown in them. The balance was £20,878.50 (£13,956.22 and £7,282.28)
6. **Jubilee celebrations June 2022.** The Council agreed to support the appointment of Fiona Taylor to take forward the organisation of the chairman's initiative for a celebration on the playing field, supported by CAPFA. Councillor Peel was asked to liaise with FT on further ideas for the event and he passed an official advice document to the CAPFA secretary.
7. **Streetlight complaint:** members expressed sympathy with the resident but felt that the cost of moving the light would be disproportionate and that it would be imprudent to vary the location and luminosity which were both based on official advice as appropriate for pedestrians and motorists. The clerk will write to the resident.
8. **Dog Bin: Approved: that a dog waste bin installation and collection at a cost of £250 installation and £288 p.a. collection be agreed with Norse.** Once a suitable location has been established, the clerk will order a specialised dog waste bin and arrange for weekly collection. Arrangements for litter inside the playing field will not change. The location must not send mixed messages about the prohibition of dogs in the playground and general area.
9. **Planning:** Members noted that planning application WND 2021 0055 for the storage of a milk unit and its operation in support of a milk business in Crabtree Lane has been refused. Once the appeal stage has ended, the applicant will be expected to comply immediately to avoid enforcement orders.
10. **Planning for the October 8th meeting with MP and others:** planning was well advanced and a PowerPoint presentation had been prepared. Members were given a flavour of the broad thrust of the information and arguments to be presented and it was agreed that a set up and run-through of the presentation would be undertaken at 9 a.m. on Friday 8th. To avoid 'nimbyism' it was agreed to stress our concern for millions of motorists as well as residents. The survey results were presented by Cllr Roper and represented an overwhelming view (reinforced by the independent Lib Dem survey) that traffic density and speed were the number 1 issue for CA residents. Cllr Roper was thanked for his excellent work on the survey.
11. **Reports from members on other committees etc:** The chairman reported that the Village Hall committee had received no volunteers following the blanket circulation of the village. They had therefore agreed a version of the 'future of the village hall' strategy approved by the PC in August. This will enable the PC to manage the affairs of the Village Hall broadly in accordance with the Trust Deed, but allow a transfer back to residents should that become possible in future. Users of

the Village Hall would see no difference in day-to-day operations. The process would be put to the Parish Assembly for confirmation in May 2022.

- 12. Post:** a) members agreed that the highways reparations issue and other traffic problems could be reported to the scrutiny committee b.) email from resident in respect of a PC or village vote in rejection of an offered by-pass (in 1994). The clerk reported on a search of PC records and conversations with residents and former PC members. There was no record of a public meeting and no-one reported having attended one. There is no minuted or written record of a PC vote on a by-pass (though one PC member recalls one.) There is a written account of participation by the PC in a DIRFT liaison forum which is minuted as having made a written offer of a by-pass for Cold Ashby. The clerk is to respond to the resident accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graham Jones', with a stylized, looped initial 'G' and a trailing flourish.

Graham Jones 07.10 2021