

Cold Ashby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Cold Ashby

Minutes

Present: Councillors Roper (Chairman); Harpham; Bailey; Peel; Taylor; RD Williams; RL Williams; 3 Village Residents.

This meeting was recorded by a member of the public.

Meeting Started 19:32 Meeting Ended 20:31

Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.

22.10.1 Apologies: Cllr Kevin Parker (planning meeting)

22.10.2 Minutes: of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 7th September were unanimously **approved** as an accurate record by all Councillors present at the September meeting.

22.10.3 Matters arising: none raised.

22.10.4 Open Forum:

Representations were made on:

Buses being parked in the layby outside of the village. Councillors discussed concerns regarding a business using the public highway for business purposes, the Health & Safety element of children being collected on buses that have been abandoned and the increased traffic through Cold Ashby including the potential breach of 7.5t restricted area. **The clerk will contact West Northants Council to outline the concerns.**

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Councillors on behalf of the village for giving up their time to support the village.

An incident seen on 20th July (approx 14:00) relating to a camera placed near the cemetery by a suspicious man who advised he was a police officer and the camera was to monitor traffic. The parish council were asked if they had knowledge of this. Councillor Harpham advised he had knowledge of this through the individual in the village (not through the Parish Council). Councillor RD Williams advised he believed the camera related to monitoring for speed camera positioning.

22.10.5 Accounts: Members **approved** the accounts for October. It was noted the Clerk has not yet received payment due to some challenges setting up payment with HMRC. **The clerk will liaise with HMRC to progress.**

22.10.6 New Banking Arrangements: **The Clerk** will make another attempt with the previous clerk to contact Natwest and make the required changes remotely. Subsequent action may be for the current and previous clerk to visit Natwest to initiate the changes.

22.10.7 Insurance: The insurance premium has been paid but was over budget at £2105.86 (Budget £1800, previous premium £1679.97). **The clerk** has requested feedback from the broker regarding the increase and will seek advice from other Parish Council Clerks regarding their insurers for consideration at the next renewal.

22.10.8 Planning Application: WND/2022/0691: Correction to the agenda as the description of this application should have read 'Conversion of two buildings and re-construction of one building to holiday accommodation'.

No observations from Councillors.

22.10.9 Environment:

Bench: **The clerk will** ask the lengthsman to return the bench to the village bonfire (CAPFA), ahead of 4th November. **The plaque** will be returned to the clerk.

Traffic Monitoring Survey: Councillor RD Williams has been in discussions regarding the report, a draft copy is expected to be with WNC imminently. Councillor RD Williams to follow up to see when we will get a copy of the approved version and also whether there is an opportunity for us to have the analysis data as well as the report.

Litter bins in Playing Fields: It was resolved that CAPFA will arrange for the playground bin to be replaced with a wheelie bin which will be left out with the others for Norse to empty.

22.10.10 Verbal Reports:

Village Hall audit has been completed. It was also reported the Electric requires attention to bring up to standard, there are 6months to complete this activity and the quoted cost is £7,500.00

Councillor Bailey reported the CAPFA Bonfire Night will go ahead on 4th November. Councillor Taylor noted efforts will be made to promote the free parking. Councillor Taylor advised the grant previously available from Daventry District Council (£500) is not available this year and also that CAPFA have not been exempt from Business rates this year, as they have in previous years.

22.10.11 Post: No councillors will attend the following:

- a. New series of Town/Parish Council meetings with the Commissioner, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer. Email circulated with dates, all meetings are online starting at 18:00 and finishing at approximately 19:30. Next meeting is Monday 7th November.
- b. Asset Mapping Project – FOC things to consider conference invitation from NCALC 20th October 09:30-13:00

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natalie Heath', written in a cursive style.

Natalie Heath 06/10/2022