

# COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA Wednesday 3rd November 2021

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30 p.m.  
In the Village Hall

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 meeting on the 6th October 2021
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 and receipts for November 2021 and the new balance are reported in **Annex 1**, a copy of which will be e-mailed to members in advance of the meeting. Members are asked **to approve** them and **authorise** the payments shown in them.
6. **Budget: to agree budget proposals** for 2022-23 as a basis for the precept request. **Annex 2** (sent to members as an excel file) is a version of the actual v budget format with which most members will be familiar. The clerk will explain the headline figures and their implications. The chairman will then ask members to consider completing the proposals column as a first stage in determining the budget for 2021-22 and the associated precept. This preliminary agreement will be brought back to the meeting December for final confirmation/amendment and the precept request, based on final agreed figures, will be signed at the January meeting.
7. **Approval of headstone: Mr. G.A.M. Sleigh:** members are asked to consider the details on the application with particular reference to its compliance with the Council's regulations. The drawing (sent to members) indicates that the proposed height and width are within the required limits and the number of the grave is

shown on the rear. Members are recommended **to approve** the details by resolution.

- 8. Brass plaque for grave 102:** members are asked to delegate the approval of the wording and design of the brass plaque addition to grave 102 if this helps prevent delay.

**9. Environment Matters:**

- Consideration of the notes of the meeting with the MP and others on 8<sup>th</sup> October and determination of any further action.

**10. To receive any verbal updates from members representing the council on other bodies.**

- Village Hall: report on a meeting of the VH committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> October following a village-wide request for new committee members and officers.

- 11. Post:** to note and/or discuss items of correspondence with the Council not considered elsewhere on the agenda or previously circulated

**Graham Jones 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**Graham Jones 07.10 2021**

Carried over				November 21				Balance
Balances:		current account =		£13,596.22			£13,596.22	
		investment account		£7,282.28	Total	£20,878.50		
date	organisation	details		payment method	Income	VAT	total payment	
06.12.21	HMRC	PAYE	Oct	FP			£71.20	
27.11.21	CAPC	Clerk					£106.78	
27.11.21	CAPC	costs					£30.00	
01.11.21	Adobe	pdf account		via clerk		£1.66	£9.98	
07.10.21	EoN	consumption				£5.35	£112.32	
09.10.21	Zoom	subs		vc		£23.98	£143.88	
31.10.21	I Lill	grass cutting					£540.00	
							£12,582.06	
				totals	£0.00	£30.99	£1,014.16	
				Bank interest				
paid								
pending					last month investment		£7,282.28	
cleared								
					investment balance		£7,282.28	
					Month balance		£19,864.34	
	Above payments authorised:							
	Clerk							
	Councillor							
	Councillor							
	Date: 4/11/2020							

Budget Proposals for 22/23																
Brought Forward : 20/21	19,697.51															
PAYMENTS													Estimated 21-22 outturn	21-22	proposed 22-23	
Item	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Totals	Budget		
Audit Fees													0	100	£100.00	
Cemetery Rates													0	0		
Cemetery Maintenance												1000	1000	1250	£1,000.00	
premises and other costs	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	360	360	£360.00	
Clerks Salary/PAYE	107.18	107.18	106.78	107.18	107.18	106.78	107.18	106.78	107.18	106.78	106.78	107.18	1284.16	1353	£1,350.00	
HMRC	71.2	71.2	71.2	71.6	71.2	71.2	71.6	71.2	71.6	71.2	71.6	71.22	856.02	856	£856.00	
Data Protection			35										35	35	£35.00	
Election													0			
Grants									1600				1600	2000	£2,000.00	
Grass Cutting		540	540	540	540	540	540	540					3780	4000	£4,000.00	
Insurance							1,679.97						1679.97	1600	£1,800.00	
NCALC - Acre		247.09											247.09	250	£250.00	
Neighbourhood Watch													0			
Consumables/IT		44.66	46.8	23.09	194.03	19.96	9.98	129.88	9.98	9.98	9.98	9.98	508.32	250	£200.00	
Room Hire - Meetings						108						120	228	200	£250.00	
Small Works/lengthsman			308.72	600									908.72	500	£900.00	
Special Projects/jubilee				3,985.00									3985	1500	£2,000.00	
Streetlights	24	99.78			124.36			106.97			125	48	528.11	750	£750.00	
Sundry - Newsletter													0			
S 137													0			
Training				88									88	200	£150.00	
Water Charges													0	100	£100.00	
V.A.T	4.80	6.18	70.16	801.62	48.54			29.33				100	1060.63	0	£1,000.00	
transfer to reserve (cem fund)			1000.00										1000		£1,000.00	
Total Payments :	237.18	1,146.09	2208.66	6246.49	1115.31	875.94	2,438.73	1014.16	1818.76	217.96	343.36	1486.38	19,149.02	15,304.00	£18,101.00	
Income excl interest:	0.00	5,675.00	2,318.55	0.00	125.02	5,000.00	1,222.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,341.04		estimated	
															c/o to 21-22	
Balance :	19,460.33	23,989.24	25,099.24	18,852.75	17,862.64	21,986.70	20,770.50	19,756.34	17,937.58	17,719.62	17,376.26	15,889.88	inc-exp =	-3,807.63	£8,607.60	
RECEIPTS															add precept as:	
Item															£10,000.00	
DDC Rates Refund														0	+ income(vat,ins,cem,transfer)	
Precept		5,000.00				5000								10000	£3,700.00	
VAT			2138.55											2138.55	=	
Cemetery		675	180											855	£22,307.60	
Grants/other/refund					125.02									125.02	minus prop. budget =	
Insurance - C.A.P.F.A.							1222.47							1222.47	£18,101.00	
Bank Interest			1000.11		0.18		0.06							1000.35	22-23 reserve =	
														0	£4,206.60	
Total Receipts :								-	-	-	-	-		15341.39	add reserve acc=	
															£11,488.88	
Current Account	13,178.40	17,707.31	17,817.20	11,570.71	10,580.42	14,704.48	13,488.22	12,474.06	10,655.30	10,437.34	10,093.98	8,607.60				
Reserve Account	6,281.93	6,281.93	7,282.04	7,282.04	7,282.22	7,282.22	7,282.28	7,282.28	7,282.28	7,282.28	7,282.28	7,282.28				
Balance :	14,250.97	23,989.24	25,099.24	18,852.75	17,862.64	21,986.70	20,770.50	19,756.34	17,937.58	17,719.62	17,376.26	15,889.88				

## **MINUTES OF MEETING- 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

### **Traffic Flows in and around Cold Ashby**

**A meeting took place between interested parties and the MP for Daventry, Chris Heaton-Harris, on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion, Stanford Road, Cold Ashby, NN6 6EP**

#### **In Attendance**

Chris Heaton-Harris MP  
Rod Bailey Cold Ashby PC  
James Docherty WNC Highways  
Nick Henstock WNC Highways  
Sally Duggleby Prologis  
Kevin Parker WNC  
Rachel Williams Cold Ashby PC  
Richard Williams Cold Ashby PC  
Alex Taylor Cold Ashby PC  
Jonathan Harris WNC  
Cecile Irving Swift WNC  
Vanessa Furey National Highways  
Simon Came National Highways  
Andrew Jinks National Highways  
Ruth Sleigh Cold Ashby PC  
Neil Harpham Cold Ashby PC  
Graham Jones Cold Ashby PC  
Alan Peel Cold Ashby PC  
Steve Roper Cold Ashby  
Sarah Peck Office of Chris Heaton-Harris MP

#### **Discussion**

Richard Williams gave a power point presentation to explain and identify the current traffic problems in Cold Ashby, and their causes. He described the huge increase in traffic and the impact this is having on the village. He set out the action that has been taken by the PC and others, in recent years, and explained that the residents wish for the following:

1. An acknowledgement that there is an enormous problem with traffic in Cold Ashby
2. An agreement to carry out a traffic census/survey to determine where the traffic is going to and coming from.
3. An agreement to fund immediate short term traffic calming measures
4. A long term solution

Andrew Jinks said they need to fully understand the origins and destination of the traffic. Highways cannot influence drivers and cannot influence satnav technology. Highways are keen to look at the current road signage (in particular on the A14) to see what improvements can be made to that, and to encourage drivers to avoid the village. Regarding Catthorpe interchange, the layout built was considered to be the best design at the time, taking into account cost, environment, compulsory purchase issues etc. National Highways are also keen to assist in carrying out a traffic survey.

Nick Henstock said WNC would assist with a traffic survey and would work together with Highways on this. Based on the results of this survey, the best solutions can then be discussed. There were discussions about a possible local bypass. This would have to be ranked alongside other bypass requests and it must be noted that the time frame for this could be 10 years. It should also be noted that lower classification roads attract less funding than the more major routes. It was commented that the irony of this was noted and therefore what happened next would depend on any proposed solutions.

Sally Duggleby said they do ask their customers not to drive through Cold Ashby and if residents wish, they can contact Prologis to inform them of vehicles driving through the village and any particular incidents. Prologis did their own 24-hour survey of traffic recently, to help them to understand the problem. She said that from this survey, they identified that the majority of the large vehicles that are coming through Cold Ashby, do not end up at DIRFT but are going elsewhere.

Cecile Irving Swift said as a result of poor road design, Cold Ashby is now facing this huge problem with traffic, much greater than any other village in her responsibility area. She also suggested that the number of accidents should be recorded.

Jonathan Harris discussed the impact the service access at the service station has on this. He mentioned the police survey and suggested a pollution survey should also be done. The residents mentioned the very serious health implications of the increased pollution from the traffic in the village. Vanessa Furey has a link from Highways which she can send on to people. Residents can also comment via the Highways England website.

### **Action Points**

National Highways will look at A14 signage, to see how this can be improved.

Prologis are very keen to help going forward.

WNC and National Highways will work together in the short term to carry out a traffic survey, including an emissions survey.

A follow up meeting will be held early in the New Year.