

COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA Wednesday 5th January 2022

**A meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th January 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**

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 of the Council on the 1st December 2021
- 3. Matters arising: to consider** for information only any relevant matter arising from the approved minutes and not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 4. Open forum:** to receive and discuss matters raised by members of the public present at the meeting.
- 5. Accounts:** the balance reported at the December meeting was **£19,698.42** (£12,416.14 current and £7,282.28 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. Budget and Precept for 2022-23:** members are asked for final approval of a budget based on the figures agreed in December and revised as in the annex and a corresponding precept requirement based on the calculation allowing £10,000 in reserves. The following resolution will complete the 2022-23 budget process:

The Council instructs the chairman and clerk to sign and submit a precept requisition form for a precept of £10,000 in 2022-23 financial year in line with the budget agreed at the December 2021 meeting.

- 7. Schedule of Council meetings March 2022 - April 2023:** a calendar of proposed meeting dates from March 2022-March 2023 will be provided at the meeting. Members are asked to adopt or amend the schedule.

8. **Grant Application:** an application for grant has been received from the Parochial Church Council. The PCC is seeking £720 and covers costs incurred in 2021-22 in providing a floral display in the churchyard, for the benefit of Cold Ashby residents. The council is asked to consider the resolution below:

Resolved: to award the Parochial Church Council £720 for the financial year 2021-22 in respect of costs incurred in that year for the provision of plants in the churchyard.

9. **To engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP Working Group comprising the clerk and 2 councillors:** NCALC is asking for the co-operation of local councils such as Cold Ashby in the mapping of assets owned and managed solely by them in preparation for an increase in devolved powers in future years, following the establishment of a unitary authority to replace District and County Councils. More details can be found here: www.northantscalc.com/amp. Grant money is available for participating councils. The Council is asked to form a small working group of the clerk and two councillors to work with Nalc on this project. A resolution to allow this is set out below for the council's consideration.

Resolved: to form a working group of two councillors (agree names) and the clerk, to work with NCALC on the asset-mapping project and to report regularly to the main council.

10. **To receive any verbal reports from councillors representing the council on other bodies.**

11. **Grass Mowing:** the council is asked to consider whether it wishes to participate again in the grass-mowing scheme with West Northants Council. The scheme offers £199.88 in partial compensation PC for its expenditure incurred in grass mowing. **Resolved: the council agrees to participate in the grass mowing scheme for the 2022 season beginning in April 2022.**

12. **Memorial Obelisk:** Councillor Peel has asked the council to consider beginning the process of establishing a memorial obelisk in the village.

13. **Other communications with the council:**

Graham Jones 30 December 2021