

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



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Cold Ashby Parish Council Minutes Wednesday 1st December 2021

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. In the Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Bailey, Peel, Roper, Taylor, Williams Rd, Williams RI; the Clerk; Unitary Councillor Parker.

Interests: None

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Harpham (work); apologies accepted.
2. **Minutes:** minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 4rd November 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters arising:** the clerk advised that a number of issues had arisen over the attachment of a plaque to grave 102. There was no precedent for commemorating the death of someone not interred in the grave. The Council would consider adding a suitable amendment to regulations at the May 2022 AGM.
4. **Open forum:** The chairman welcomed UC Parker to the meeting. UC Parker agreed to forward the strategic plan to the clerk so that the council could consider adding its name to appropriate proposals. During a discussion of the future of the Black Horse (see item 7), he undertook to contact the planning department on the council's behalf to ascertain the official planning view on next steps.
5. **Accounts:** the balance reported at the meeting was **£19,673.42** (£12,391.14 current and £7,282.28 investment). Members **approved the accounts and agreed the payments** they contained. The chairman (as monitoring councillor) confirmed he had approved a bank reconciliation and checked the invoices against the accounts.
6. **Budget:** Members **agreed the following resolution** to form the basis of the budget used to set the precept in January.

The council resolves to set an expenditure budget of £18,601 for the year 2022-23. This requires £0 to be spent from council reserves and will retain a prudent reserve of around £11,000, depending on the 2021-22 outturn figures, which have been estimated to show an estimated carry-over of £15,890. The budget will require a precept of £10,000 to be collected by DCC.

7. **Verbal reports:** 1. Traffic Meeting with WNC; no new developments but confirmation that the Stanford Road junction with Main Street was not considered a suitable location for a controlled crossing on the grounds of visibility. To ensure the outcomes of the 8th December meeting were pursued, the chairman undertook to contact the MP for his view on progress. 2. Capfa: a discussion with the new owner of the Black Horse raised concerns over its future and questions about licensing laws and planning regulations. UC Parker undertook to look into the position with planning officers on the Council's behalf. The bonfire had been a great success. 3. VH AGM: the chairman reported on a successful and well-attended AGM and the installation of new officers with ideas and energy.

8. **Post:** the clerk reported a request from a resident that the council take action on the persistent fouling of the alleyway between Crabtree Lane and Church Lane. The Council has installed two dog waste bins and is negotiating a third. It joins all anti-waste schemes offered to it. Dog-walkers should also take careful responsibility for waste clearance.

Meeting ended 20.27.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graham Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Graham Jones 3rd December 2021

2022.01-january accounts

Carried over				January 22				Balance
Balances:		current account =		£12,416.14				£12,416.14
		investment account		£7,282.28	Total	£19,698.42		
date	organisation	details		payment method	Income	VAT	total payment	
06.01.21	HMRC	PAYE	Dec				£71.20	£12,344.94
	CAPC	Clerk					£30.00	£12,314.94
	CAPC	costs						£12,314.94
	Adobe	pdf account				£1.66	£9.98	£12,304.96
03.12.21	Eon	usage				£3.89	£81.62	£12,223.34
01.01.22	Wave	water charge		08/20-03/21			£34.40	£12,188.94
01.01.22	Wave	water charge		04/21-10/21			£59.65	£12,129.29
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CAPC

Schedule of Meetings April 2022-March 2023

All ordinary meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month and begin at 7.30 p.m.

2022

April 6th – ordinary meeting (SP)

May 4th – AGM (7 p.m.), ordinary meeting (SP)

May 11th – Assembly (SP)

June 1st – ordinary meeting (SP)

July 6th – ordinary meeting (SP)

August 3rd – ordinary meeting (SP)

September 7th – ordinary meeting (SP)

October 5th – ordinary meeting (VH)

November 2nd – ordinary meeting (VH)

December 7th – ordinary meeting (VH)

2023

January 4th – ordinary meeting (VH)

February 1st – ordinary meeting (VH)

March 1st – ordinary meeting (VH)

CAPC – Proposed Budget 22-23

	21-22	22-23
Audit Fees	100.00	£100.00
Cemetery Rates	0.00	
Cemetery Maintenance	1250.00	£1,000.00
premises and other costs	360.00	£360.00
Clerks Salary	1353.00	£1,350.00
HMRC	856.00	£856.00
Data Protection	35.00	£35.00
Election		
Grants	2000.00	£2,500.00
Grass Cutting	4000.00	£4,000.00
Insurance	1600.00	£1,800.00
NCALC - Acre	250.00	£250.00
Neighbourhood Watch		
Consumables/IT	250.00	£200.00
Room Hire - Meetings	200.00	£250.00
Small Works	500.00	£900.00
Special Projects	1500.00	£2,000.00
Streetlights	750.00	£750.00
Sundry - Newsletter		
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Training	200.00	£150.00
Water Charges	100.00	£100.00
V.A.T	0.00	£1,000.00
transfer to reserve		£1,000.00
		£18,601.00

expected carry over 22/3	£15,889.53
precept	£10,000.00
income	£3,700.00
Total	£29,589.53

proposed budget	£18,601.00
22-23 reserve(all accounts)	£10,988.53