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Cold Ashby Parish Council Wednesday 2nd February 2022 AGENDA

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 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 nonpecuniary 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 5th January 2022
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 January meeting was **£19,411.75** (£12,129.29 current and £7282.46 investment).
Details of payments and receipts and the new balance are reported in **annex 1**.
Members are asked to **approve for payment** the items listed in the accounts.
6. **Calendar of meetings:** a revised calendar of meetings is attached, showing the deletion of the July 2022 meeting. The calendar was approved at the last meeting.
7. **Jubilee celebrations:** In October 2021 the council appointed Mrs Fiona Taylor to oversee the organisation of the celebrations. Mrs Taylor will be present at the meeting and the council is asked to agree further details of the organisation with her. In December 2020 the Council agreed that any expenditure should come from the 'special project' heading which includes £2000 for 2022-23 financial year.

- 8. Asset Mapping Project: Progress report:** the Council has been awarded £220.79 to be set against the costs of managing this project. The two councillors on the working party have been invited to a briefing meeting (on Zoom) on 9th February. The project involves mapping all Cold Ashby assets/services owned and managed by both the PC and the Unitary Council as well as other buildings etc on the register of public assets, such as the public house.
- 9. Siting of Dog Waste Bin in Stanford Road:** Councillor Roper has requested that this item be revisited on the agenda. The clerk will report progress with the order.
- 10. Lengthsman:** the lengthsman post comes to the end of the trial year in April. The lengthsman works on a self-employed basis at a rate of £30 per hour plus material costs with a minimum of £600 per annum. In the current year the £600 has not been exceeded and no requests have been made for additional materials. Work undertaken includes: repair to the steps leading to the village hall and the flower boxes; clearing foliage from a sign-bearing wall; repairing the light in the telephone kiosk and fixing the door closing problem. Tasks scheduled for the remaining months of the current year and awaiting better weather include repainting the telephone kiosk and pollarding the cemetery trees nearest the entrance.
- Resolved: to retain David Gardiner-Hill as lengthsman for a further period of one year on a self-employed basis for an annual fee of £600 at £30 per hour plus materials. Work beyond 30 hours will be calculated at the same rate.**
- 11. Parish Assembly agenda:** members are asked for suggestions for the agenda for the meeting in May 2022.
- 12. Black Horse Public House:** The Council's most recent decisions in relation to the public house are as follows:

September 2020: the Council recognises the importance of a public house for the local community but does not consider using the 'right to bid' powers to be appropriate in this instance.

February 2021: the Council regrets the closure of the Black Horse public house and welcomes attempts to retain its status as a public house. The Council will make its observations on any planning application, should one be made, solely from the perspective of the benefits to the local community. Planning application decisions are made by DDC (or its successor body), which may accept or otherwise the observations of the Parish Council.

Since those decisions, the public house has been listed as an asset of community value following a campaign by residents and sold to a new owner. The owner attended the January meeting of the Council and, at the chairman's discretion, addressed the meeting. The owner invited the village to attend a meeting at the

pub to be held on Saturday 22nd January. Approximately twenty-five people attended, including two councillors in a private capacity.

The purpose of this agenda item is:

- a) To give feedback to the council on the outcomes of the 22nd January meeting,
- b) To determine what further action, if any, the council might reasonably take.

13. Award Application: at the January 2022 meeting the council deferred a decision on a grant application from CAPCC. The Clerk has provided information to councillors on previous years' awards to the Church. The clerk has clarified with the church warden that the amount requested, £720, represents the hire of a gardener for 9 months of the year at £80 per month. The outcome of the work is an improved floral display for the benefit of the local community and is not for general churchyard maintenance. The application does not make clear that the request is for the 22-23 financial year and, if the council is minded to support the application, it can make this a condition of grant. The council is asked to consider the following resolution:

Resolved: the council awards the CAPCC a grant of £720 with the following conditions: 1) that the grant should be for the hire of a gardener for 9 months to provide a floral display in the churchyard, and 2) that the award applies to the 2022-23 financial year and no further award for this purpose can be considered in that year.

14. To receive any verbal reports from councillors with representative functions on other bodies.

15. Planning: WND/2021/0934: Change of use from holiday let to dwelling: the Piggery, Stanford Road, Cold Ashby NN6 6EP. The Council is asked for its observations on this proposal which can be found on the WNC website www.westnorthants.gov.uk

16. Post: Planning appeal notice for Crabtree Lane.

Graham Jones 27th January 2022

