

COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA Wednesday 6th July 2022

**A meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th July at 7.30 p.m.
in the Sports Pavilion, Cold Ashby**

**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 interests not already registered before any relevant agenda item.

1. **Apologies:** to receive and consider apologies for absence
2. **Minutes** of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 1st June 2022
3. **Accounts:** members are asked to review the revised accounts for June 2022 and to approve the payments and totals in the accounts for July which have been issued with this agenda.
4. **Open Forum:** an opportunity for members of the public to express views on items on the agenda. A summary of the views expressed here will be sent as an addendum to the Council's official response following the discussion in item 5.
5. **Council discussion:**
 - a. **Planning Application: WND/2022/0482:** Single storey rear extension and alterations to rear conservatory. Old Brick Cottage, Naseby Road, Cold Ashby NN6 6EA. **Members are asked to agree observations which should reach the planning office by 11th July.**
 - b. **Planning application: WND/2022/0437:** temporary change of use. The Black Horse, Main Street, Cold Ashby NN6 6EL. **Members are asked to agree observations which should reach the planning office by 9th July.**
6. **Private Session:** members are asked to consider the resolution below:

Resolved: to enter private session to discuss confidential staff matters (appointment of clerk).



Graham Jones 30 June 2022

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COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Wednesday 1st June 2022

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 1st June at 7.30 p.m.
In the sports pavilion, Stanford Road

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Bailey, Peel, Roper (chairman), Taylor (7.35), Williams Rd, Williams RI. 7 residents

Interests: None

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Harpham (domestic commitment) accepted. UC Harris, Parker
2. **Minutes:** minutes of the meeting of the Council AGM and the ordinary meeting held on the 4th May 2022 were approved as an accurate record.
3. **Matters arising:** the clerk pointed to the '23/24 financial year' in the memorial resolution which had been wrongly transcribed as 22/23 in item 8 on this agenda.
4. **Open forum:** JH spoke to his objections to plans to fund and install a memorial on the site behind the telephone kiosk. He read out a list of reasons for his objection which were contained in a detailed note to the chairman and which have been attached to the filed copy of these minutes. He was supported in his objections by PM and by TM.

In response the chairman indicated that the current agenda item focused on identifying alternative sites in recognition of the challenging nature of the 'village green', that the council was confident grant money would be available to cover costs and that the original resolution, confirmed at the assembly, indicated that there would be full consultation with the village, probably at the 2023 assembly, before a final decision was made. There was opportunity, therefore, for all objections to be considered.

Cllr Rd. Williams understood the concerns of residents and the request for a questionnaire consultation but reminded everyone that the PC exists to make decisions on the village's behalf and cannot hold a referendum on each one. This was accepted by the main opposers.

Items for decision

5. **Accounts:** Members **approved** the attached accounts and **authorized** the payments contained in them. The balance reported at the meeting was £21,005 (current £12,722.67 and reserve £8,282.70)
6. **Streetlight savings.** In 2019-20 consumption and maintenance payments to EoN amounted to £1338+£413 (**£1752.58**). In 2020-21, following the installation of new lights in March 2020, the charges, after lengthy correspondence, were

£131.65+£614.51 (**£746.16**). The difference was **£1006.42**. In **2021-22**, the charges were **£56.96** for repairs and **£357.47** for consumption. The total charge was **£414.43**. The council previously determined that the savings over the original base charge of £1752.58 should be paid into the reserve account for future cemetery land purchase. The council therefore **approved the transfer of £1300 (rounded down) into the reserve account**.

7. **Other projects.** The chairman asked the council to consider if there are other projects which could bring benefits to the village in as cost effective a way as the streetlights. At this stage it was difficult to identify other regular expenditure which could yield savings. The chairman said it was at least 16 years since the last rise in the precept and this was a testimony to the tight financial management of the council.
8. **Memorial Obelisk:** the council has noted the opposition to the initial suggestion of a memorial site and, from some quarters, to the idea of a memorial itself. Some councillors are now of the view that additional external memorials sited at the Village memorial hall could be more appropriate. At this stage, other possible sites might include unused land owned by Capfa, land near the well in Church Lane, and the recessed area outside the Church gate. Any site would need to be owned by the PC and not by WNC. These sites and other suggestions will be considered at future meetings before the budget decision is made in November.
9. **Planning: Application for temporary change of use WND/2022/0437.** The council will need to hold an extraordinary meeting (scheduled for 6th July) to discuss the planning application, which is not yet published on the WNC website.

The council did discuss the email from enforcement officer JW, which raises some questions. Breaches of planning appear to be recognised but not enforced and assurances given by the applicant are given credit without guarantees of completion. Findings from other statutory bodies such as the fire service do not appear to have been taken into account.

The council acknowledges that the owner applicant has rights under law, but feel that these are being given precedence over the rights of the villagers, whose amenities have suffered damage as a result of the pub closure. The council also intends to write to WNC to express its concern that the email is not a formal response to its request for enforcement action.

The council expressed concerns that the apparently lenient approach so far taken by enforcement officers will extend to the consideration of the application proper and that the application for change of use might benefit from wider scrutiny.

10. **Police Single Point of Contact committee:** Councillor Bailey accepted the nomination to continue in this
11. **Replacement of clerk.** The applications deadline is Friday 3rd June. The clerk indicated that only one applicant was currently available for consideration and the deadline was extended to the 1st July.

12. Post: temporary speed limit around the A14.5199 junctions. Details of the new bus service were available and early comments were favourable. A request that the council pollard its trees on the 'green' to allow large vehicle access in advance of the harvest season was considered. A resident interjected with the view that radical pruning would be harmful at this time of year and as a result the Council instructed the clerk to agree only to trimming the trees to within the bounds of the green at this stage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graham Jones', written in a cursive style.

Graham Jones 2nd June 2022

CAPC Accounts July 22 (1) 2022.07.July-accounts.1

Carried over				July 22		Balance	
Balances:		current account = investment account		£11,621.41 £8,582.70		Total £20,204.11	
date	organisation	details		payment method	Income	VAT	total payment
06.07.22	HMRC	June					£71.60
30.07.22	Clerk						£107.18
29.07.22	Adobe	May-July		via GJ (clerk)			£19.96
06.06.22	Lill	grass cut	May				£580.00
09.06.22	Gardener-hill	Lengthsman	22-23fy				£600.00
18.06.22	Jubilee	F Taylor					£318.04
18.06.22	Jubilee	VH drinks					£73.00
18.06.22	Jubilee	Capfa					£468.32
22.06.22	Nalc	Subscription					£252.24
23.06.22	Jubilee	printing				£9.63	£57.77
				totals	£0.00	£9.63	£2,548.11
				Bank transfer	£0.00		
paid				Interest May/June	£1.15		
pending				and April		last month investment	£8,582.70
cleared							
						investment balance	£8,583.85
						Month balance	£17,657.15
	Above payments authorised:						
	Clerk						
	Councillor						
	Councillor						
	Date: 06.07.21						

Bank Statements

a	Current	£10,016.85
b	deposit	£8,583.85
g	total	£18,600.70

Account information

c	Cash book	£9,073.30
d	deposit	£8,583.85
h	total	£17,657.15
g-h	Difference	£943.55
	Uncleared	£943.55

Uncleared payments and receipts

details

	payments	
Clerk salary x2	£213.96	
HMRC	£71.60	
ADOBE x 3	£29.94	
AF Taylor	£375.81	
Nalc	£252.24	

receipts

Total	e)	£943.55	f)	£0.00
Total uncleared e) - f)		£943.55		

Reconciliation

c+d	cash book total	£17,657.15
a+b	bank account	£18,600.70
A/c with uncleared		£18,600.70
difference		£0.00