

# Minutes

## **Cold Ashby Parish Assembly: 11th May 2022**

**The annual Cold Ashby Parish Assembly took place on Wednesday 11 May  
June at 7.30 p.m.**

1. In the absence of the chairman of the PC, the chair was taken by Rod Bailey.
2. Apologies for absence. None received
3. Minutes of the 2021 assembly were agreed as a true record.
4. Welcome and introduction – the chairman explained the purpose and nature of the meeting.
5. Village Hall. An update from new committee members highlighted improved attendance, new events and the success in applying for grants. More would be needed as there were many things to put right, including electrical re-fitting. There was universal support and gratitude for the work they had undertaken so successfully.
6. War memorial/obelisk: the thinking behind this, and the potential costs, were explained by Alan Peel, whose personal commitment to the project was obvious and commanded much support. There were some rational opposing points of view, based largely on the suitability of the proposed site, its provenance and the fact that the village already had two memorials, in the church and the village hall. Support for the project highlighted the fact that this memorial offered a unique visual focus on the village's gratitude for the fallen, not supplied by the other two. The final verdict was one of considerable support, with a pledge that the decision would be brought to the village for ratification once made and once the proposal had passed feasibility checks.
7. Traffic survey results: Richard Williams gave a clear account of the way this decision to offer a traffic survey had been reached and the contribution made by the persistence of the PC and others in the village. This expensive survey, paid for by National Highways despite its being outside their remit, indicated that decision-makers were finally listening and becoming more convinced of the case made by the PC over many years. The expensive changes to signage on the A14, indicating a route to DIRFT along the A14 and not through the village, was a small but very significant victory. In summary, this issue is no longer about whether or not a traffic problem exists in Cold Ashby. The authorities acknowledge that it does. The focus is now on the causes and the subsequent solutions. The support of the local MP (Chris Heaton-Harris) had been very helpful.
8. Jubilee arrangements and time capsule. Rod Bailey explained his idea and plans to involve children in the contents of the capsule.
9. Black Horse public house. The PC has been the centre of debate on this matter for some weeks. It was felt that all that could be said on the issue had already been said and there was regret at the unpleasant atmosphere the issue had produced at recent PC meetings.
10. Any other matters of general interest. The power project at the playing field meant that bigger and better events could now be hosted. Thanks were given to all contributors to Capfa's welfare, past and present.

G Jones

CAPC Clerk May 22