

# ASHPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2015

### Present

Councillors Mrs Freda Helme, Paul Barnes, Rowland Eustace, Andrew Hammond, Grant Powell, Nick Rumsey and John Wyton

### In attendance

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester  
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

### Members of the Public: 29

Cllr Helme welcomed everyone to the Meeting of the Parish Council

#### 1/7/15 To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

None

#### 2/7/15 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None

#### 3/7/15 Public Participation Session

Residents were present wanting to discuss a very recently submitted planning application 152041 Land to the North of Ashperton Village Hall – proposed residential development of 27 dwellings and associated public space. The majority of those present thought this was too large a development for the village, not sustainable or sympathetic to the existing, being in an elevated position and too prominent. Two consultations which had taken place were mentioned in the application but thought to misrepresent what had been expressed at these consultations by the villagers. There was also a lack of ecological investigations. Concerns over the highway safety and drainage were expressed. By a show of hands 29 were against the development with one for. An open parish meeting was arranged for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August to fully discuss this matter and for the parish council to understand village residents' feelings before putting their formal response to Herefordshire Council. **RESOLVED**

#### 4/7/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 (previously circulated)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by Cllr Helme.

### Action

All

### **5/7/15 To receive a brief report from Ward Councillor J Lester**

Cllr Lester advised that since his last report given at our May meeting the full AGM of Herefordshire Council had taken place. Tony Johnson was elected leader, the cabinet remains largely the same as prior to the election with one change - Cllr Lester is now the cabinet member for Childrens wellbeing - a baptism of fire with the respite centre in Ledbury Road facing closure and school transport changes. In the Three Crosses ward both Ashperton and Stoke Lacy are facing large housing development planning applications. Herefordshire Council are now putting together their budget for the next four years. They face the challenge of the grant from central government reducing from £30million to zero by 2020. Herefordshire Council are having to budget for further savings of £46million over the next four years. Residents will be consulted on where they want these savings to be made. Cllr Lester will forward the cabinet report to the clerk.

**Ward Cllr Lester**

### **6/7/15 Planning**

- a) To consider any planning applications submitted to Herefordshire Council – none**
- b) To note Planning Record (circulated) and Decisions of Herefordshire Council on planning applications – noted**

### **7/7/15 Report from Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group**

The Neighbourhood Plan area has been designated. A provisional grant for £1600 has been applied for. Questionnaires will be delivered to all residents within the next three weeks. The next public consultation meeting is scheduled for the Autumn.

### **8/7/15 Highways and Footpaths**

- a) To receive report from Balfour Beatty Locality Steward Cathy Berkeley**

Weekly reports received had been noted. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting to do a parish walk. **RESOLVED**

**clerk**

- b) New Highway issues/road defects/winter self-help/flooding**

The clerk was asked to chase up the trimming of hedges at Little Tarrington, potholes along Woodsend and the grit bin required for the top of Church Lane.

The chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Rumsey for maintaining the Woodsend notice board.

**clerk**

- c) Update from Footpath Officer**

The stile by Tunnel Cottage needs replacing with a gate. Cllrs Powell and Barnes will clear the paths in the wood.

**Cllr Eustace  
Cllrs Powell &  
Barnes**

- d) Possible adoption of parish milestones**

There are two milestones in the village, one by The Castle and the other by Milestone Cottage 39 Ashperton Road. It was AGREED to obtain

**Cllr Eustace**

information from the milestones website and adopt the village milestones.

### **9/7/15 Correspondence/Discussion/Communication/Consultations /Governance**

#### **a) Update on Village Hall kitchen refurbishment**

The grant has been received and works are scheduled to start week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> August. There will be new kitchen units, flooring, lighting and an external door.

#### **b) Parish Council Website**

The clerk and chairman have received website training. The website is up and running. The clerk has started to add information and pages and will continue to manage the website. Photos taken of councillors will be added to the website. Other village organisations are to be asked if they wish to have a page and contribute to the website.

**Clerk / All**

#### **c) Insurance for parish council and parish hall**

Due to lack of funds the parish hall insurance was paid by the parish council as trustees. It was AGREED for the parish hall insurance to be amalgamated with the parish council insurance. The renewal date is in September so the clerk will get various quotes. **RESOLVED**

**Cllr Helme / Clerk**

#### **d) Parish Wish List for Section 106 monies**

Deferred until September meeting

**Clerk**

### **10/7/15 Finance**

**a) To agree finance report and bank balance** – finance report agreed and bank balances as at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 £14724.78 noted.

**b) To agree payment of outstanding accounts:-**

Payments **RESOLVED**

00289: Came & Co – village hall insurance - £103.36

00290: J Chester – clerk salary June/July and expenses – as agreed

00291: Grant Thornton – annual audit - £120.00

00292: G Powell – village green mowing - £250.00

00293: Tudors Build Supp – VH kitchen – 33199.76

00294: N Schofield - NDP expenses - £68.90

### **11/7/15 Training / Meetings**

**a) To note date of any upcoming meetings and make note of any required places** - none

**b) To receive reports from meetings attended:**

The chairman and clerk attended the HALC Eastern Area AGM at Colwall on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Nicky Carless from Colwall was elected Chairman, Keith Francis from Ledbury vice-chairman, both will be representatives on the HALC executive, together with John Tallis of Tarrington. Cllr

Hewitt of Pixley & District is a substitute should any of the former be unable to attend.

**12/7/15 To Note & Review Information and Outstanding Actions Sheet – RESOLVED**

**13/7/15 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- Update on Proposed development in Ashperton
- Insurance
- Section 106 wish list
- 2016/17 Precept

**14/7/15 To confirm Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.28pm*

Signed:  
Chairman.

Date: