

ASHPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Chester, Mapleside, Ashperton, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2RZ
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Ashperton Village Hall on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors Rowland Eustace (chairman), Andrew Hammond, Freda Helme, Eleanor James and John Wyton

In attendance:-

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

The Chairman Cllr Eustace welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To Accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllr P Barnes (illness)

2. To Record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations

None

3. To Note Parish Council Elections 2019

The clerk reminded everyone who wished to stand that nomination papers for the 2019 Parish Elections need to be returned by 4pm on 3rd April to Town Hall, Hereford. Statements of persons nominated will be published on 4th April and if it is a contested election polling day is on 2nd May. If seats remain vacant the parish council are able to co-opt after 7th May 2019.

4. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 30th January 2019

RESOLUTION / ACTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the chairman.

5. Three Crosses Ward Councillor Report

Ward Councillor Lester advised that Herefordshire Council debated the full council budget at its meeting in February. Alternative budget options were put forward and were debated for an extra £2m funding but the council budget was agreed. Council Tax was set at the March meeting and a motion discussed what was to do on declaring a climate emergency. The need to be more climate friendly was agreed although Herefordshire Council are already using LED lights and renewable energy through the waste plant. At the last cabinet meeting a domestic abuse strategy was discussed. Herefordshire Council has purchased the site of The Royal College for the Blind's Southern Campus for £5,395,000. There are currently around 330 Hereford College of Art students doing degree courses on site. Herefordshire Council should obtain rental income from this site of £200,000 per annum.

6. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

(Please note: Decisions cannot be made on items not on the agenda) *This item to be limited at the discretion of the chairman*

A local resident expressed their concerns about the condition of the verge and layby opposite the school and on the end of Haywood Lane. There is also a dangerous manhole cover that needs to be inspected by Herefordshire Council / Balfour Beatty. Cllr Lester advised that he would ask for the manhole to be inspected.

7. Planning: NB: no paper copies of applications are available to view at the meeting unless specified

a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment: (viewed online prior to the meeting)

190452 – Walnut Tree Cottage, Woodend, HR8 2RS

Proposed alteration to existing rear extension to extend first floor over

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections.

190646 Croft Orchard, Ashperton, Ledbury, HR8 2RY

Proposed double bay oak frame carport extension to existing garage.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections.

190682 The Ditch, Building Plot 2, 44 Ashperton Road, HR8 2RY

Proposed new build detached dwelling

PC Comment: The Parish Council object to this application as it is felt to be over development of the site. Cllr Hammond will draft a letter outlining the parish councils concerns.

b) To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Hereford Council: noted

8. Update on Ashperton Neighbourhood Development Plan

a) To Approve Consultation Statement Document in readiness for Reg 16 Consultation Submission

RESOLUTION / ACTION: The clerk will submit the Consultation Statement to Herefordshire Council so that the Reg 16 consultation can commence as soon as possible.

9. Finance:

a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balance

Finance Report Noted. Bank Balance as at 6.3.19 £9635.84 noted.

b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000454: Eyelid Productions – Annual Website support - £100.00

000455: HALC – Annual Subscription - £331.03

000456: J Chester – clerk Feb & March salary as previously agreed

000457: HMRC – PAYE Feb/March - £60.40

RESOLUTION / ACTION: All payments above APPROVED. It was also agreed to complete a direct debit instruction for Information Commissioners Office to cover data protection at a reduced cost compared to cheque payments.

10. Highways / Footpaths

a) To Note Weekly Reports from Balfour Beatty Locality Steward

Noted.

b) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

The clerk will note the dangerous manhole cover opposite the school. A new signpost is needed by Hacketts Green leading towards Budding Cottage (AP18). The stile near Buddings Cottage is unsafe and needs repair (AP18). A signpost on AP13 Woodsend Lane is damaged.

Dog mess is becoming an increasing problem in the parish. It has been noted that one person is walking up to nine dogs at a time. Ledbury Angling Club have closed one gate by the fishing pools to try and stop people and dogs entering their area.

RESOLUTION / ACTION: Cllr Eustace will try and make repairs. The clerk will order a signpost for AP18.

11. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

a) To Discuss Verge at the junction of A417 and Haywood Lane

Further to the public session minute above the clerk will await feedback from Herefordshire Council and Ward Councillor Lester.

b) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Cllr Eustace confirmed that the cricket club will be installing the stile soon. Cllr Hammond will arrange for a list of village hall key holders to be displayed.

12. Reports

The clerk has attended Election training evenings from HALC and Herefordshire Council.

13. Training

The clerk anticipates that HALC will send through a new training schedule after the elections with many courses tailored for new councillors.

14. To Raise items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

- Tree Stump falling onto kiosk and pavement
- Maintenance of Phone Box
- Councillor Vacancies

15. To Confirm Dates and Time of Ordinary Meetings for the ensuing year

2019 – Wednesday 15th May (AGM)

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed:.....
Chairman

Dated:.....

Information Sheet

DATES OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS – (all held at Ashperton Village WI Hall at 7.30pm unless advised otherwise)

2019 – Wed 27th March, Wed 15th May (AGM)

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

- Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
- Website updated
- NDP Support work undertaken
- Defibrillator Maintenance Contract arranged and service undertaken
- Election Training attended and nomination forms collected

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings *
- Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *
- Herefordshire Rural Hub – Feb & March newsletters *
- HALC – Training Diary *
- HALC – Information Corner *
- Herefordshire Council – Intelligence Bulletin *
- Herefordshire Council – Cabinet Update Feb & March *
- Herefordshire Council – Notice of 2019 Elections *

* Circulated to Cllrs.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS - These are the consolidated actions outstanding after the last meeting:-

Meeting	Minute	Action	Status	Comments
Sept 2017	9.2	RE	Ongoing	Contact Cricket Club re installation of footpath gate
Aug 2018	11b	clerk	Complete	Order metal signpost for AP26
Aug 2018	12b	clerk	Complete	Obtain quote for painting phone box
Aug 2018	12c	AH	Ongoing	Village Hall Keyholders contacts to be put on notice board/window
Aug 2018	12e	clerk	Complete	Arrange Defib Service Contract

PLANNING RECORD

App No. 182100 Annexe at Woodend Farm, Woodend, HR8 2RS Application for removal of condition 7 of planning permission N072911/F for Conversion of barn to annexe accommodation. To allow annexe to be sold separately.

P C Comment: No objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION GRANTED 22.10.18

App No. 182259 School House, Ashperton, HR8 2SE Proposed two storey side extension

P C Comment:

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION GRANTED 8.8.18

App No: 182827 Land adj. The Ditch, 44 Ashperton Road Proposed new build cottage style building

P C Comment: PC no objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION GRANTED 15.10.18

184375 – The Cottage, Church Lane, Ashperton

Live/work unit with additional associated parking (Previous application 153022)

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections but would wish it noted that there is no public sewerage in the village.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED 27.2.19

183941 – The Hopton Arms Public House, Ashperton, HR8 2SE

Proposed change of use into two semi detached dwellings complete with ancillary amenity space and external garden areas, on site parking for both new dwellings, on site turning heads and suitable reformed access drive into application site

PC Comment: The Parish Council strongly object to this application. A letter outlining these objections will be formulated and forwarded to the planning department.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION

184628 – Land to the South West of Holmlea, Ashperton, HR8 2RZ

Outline planning application for 2 dwellings on land south west of Holmlea. Amendments to the existing access to improve highway safety.

PC Comment: The Parish Council object to this application. A letter outlining these objections will be formulated and forwarded to the planning department.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION