

ASHPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Chester, Mapleside, Ashperton, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2RZ
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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held online via Zoom on Wednesday 27th May 2020 at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors Rowland Eustace, Andrew Hammond, Eleanor James, Nancy Nicklin and John Wyton

In attendance:-

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

The Out-going Chairman Cllr Eustace welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To Elect a Chairman (the Chairman will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office)

Cllr Andrew Hammond was proposed by Cllr Eustace and Seconded by Cllr James. There being no other nominations The proposal of Cllr Hammond was unanimously supported and elected Chairman and he duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance Form which was viewed by all present and will be forwarded to the clerk.

2. To Elect a Vice-Chairman (the Vice-Chairman will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office)

Cllr Nancy Nicklin was proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Hammond. There being no other nominations Cllr Nicklin was elected Vice-Chairman and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was viewed by all present and will be forwarded to the clerk.

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

None.

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

None.

5. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 29th January 2020

The minutes of the meeting held 27th January were APPROVED as a true and accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman. The Chairman will forward the signed copy to the clerk.

6. To Receive a Brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor, Mr Jonathan Lester

Ward Cllr Lester advised that Herefordshire Council are holding meeting online via Zoom and so far they are proving successful despite some initial challenges. Herefordshire Council meetings are also streamed live via YouTube so public can access the meetings either way. For older councillors or those isolating from Covid-19 online meetings work well. Re-introducing services after lockdown will be tricky in some areas particularly in offices during social distancing ruling. Herefordshire Council is issuing Covid-19 grants with businesses receiving monies promptly. Each authority has been given money by central government but its going to be a

long-haul. The next Cabinet Meeting is due on 28th May. Three items on agenda, 3rd re-iteration of Carbon Reduction Plan, Refugee strategy and the Decision to commission a service to assist vulnerable people find accommodation. Herefordshire Council meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Regarding schools reopening Herefordshire Council are following government guidelines but also leaving it to individual schools to decide if and how they open and arrange social distancing.

7. 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*

None.

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

- a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment: **(to be viewed online prior to the meeting)**
200614 – Land adjacent No1 The Ryders, Church Lane, Ashperton, HR8 2SP – Proposed new dwelling (Re-consultation as plans and supporting documents amended)

Parish Council Comment: The Parish Council has no new comments to make, the comments made previously still stand.

201343 – 40 Ashperton Road, Ashperton, Ledbury, HR8 2RY – Removal of existing outbuilding and proposed single storey rear and side extension

Parish Council Comment: The Parish Council have no objections.

- b) To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Hereford Council: as per planning record

9. Governance:

- a) To Confirm Delegation of the following Powers to the clerk/RFO, as per parish council policies:-
- i. Spend within the budget
 - ii Comments on planning applications, if necessary due to time constraints and in liaison with parish councillors

RESOLUTION: It was AGREED for the above powers to be delegated to the clerk

10. Finance:

- a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances Bank Balance 30th March 2020 £11488.42
- b) To Ratify Payments made within previously agreed budget during coronavirus
- 000474: Autela Group – Payroll Services Q4 - £57.18
 - 000475: J Chester – clerk salary Feb/March as agreed plus expenses £142.80 (annual defib service charge)
 - 000476: HMRC – PAYE Feb / March – £9.00

RESOLUTION: The above payments had previously agreed by email. It was AGREED to ratify the above.

- c) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts
- 000477: J Chester – clerk salary April/May as agreed plus expenses £173.28 (Zoom and stationary)

RESOLUTION: Payment of the above was AGREED.

11. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

Some signposts from the road are missing, these have been reported to Balfour Beatty.

12. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

- a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

13. Ashperton Village Hall

a) To Note Confirmation of Receipt of Small Business Covid-19 Grant

14. To Raise Items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)**15. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting - Wed 24th June 2020 7.30pm**Signed: *JL Chester*

(Clerk to the Parish Council)

Dated: 18th May 2020

The press and public are cordially invited to attend the meeting

Information Sheet

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

2020- TBA dates of online meetings via Zoom during Covid-19 restrictions

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

- Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
- Website updated
- NDP Support work undertaken
- Floods and potholes in parish reported
- 2020-2021 Precept requested £9000
- Herefordshire Council Invoiced for hire of village hall as Polling Station
- Safer Roads Partnership contacted ref Community Speedwatch
- Village Hall booking enquiries forwarded on

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings *
- Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *
- Balfour Beatty – Parish Briefing Notes *
- Balfour Beatty – Managing Verges for Biodiversity *
- Herefordshire Rural Hub - April & May newsletters *
- HALC – Information Corner & Covid-19 advice *
- Herefordshire Council – Covid-19 Advice *

* 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	12c	AH	Ongoing	Village Hall Keyholders contacts to be put on notice
Nov 2019	10c	RE	ongoing	board/window Footpath AP6 to have a drainage channel installed

Nov 2019 storage	10d	clerk	ongoing	Clerk to place notice in parish magazine re salt/grit
Jan 2020 required	6	All	ongoing	All footpaths to be checked and repairs made as
Jan 2020 41246082	10b	clerk	reported	Potholes to be repaired CAS759752C0N5D6 Job
Jan 2020	11	clerk	ongoing	Drain clearing CAS760574Z4R7N7 Arrange meeting with Locality Steward & Safer Road Partnership
Jan 2020 trees/hedges	11c	clerk	completed	Send letter to residents asking to cut back along A417
Jan 2020 cleaners	12c	clerk		Put notice in parish magazine asking for volunteer for village hall
Jan 2020 village	12c	clerk		Update website to include "Whats On" calendar and hall booking form

PLANNING RECORD

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: REFUSED 10.6.19

P190682/F - The Ditch, Building Plot 2 44 Ashperton Road Ashperton Nr Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2RY

Proposed new build detached dwelling

PC Comment: The Parish Council object on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: REFUSED 14.10.19

192073 Tuston Farm House Ashperton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2RT

Proposed erection of three polytunnels

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no comments to make.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED 11.12.19

191013 Land to the North of Ashperton Village Hall Ashperton Herefordshire ,

Application for approval of reserved matters following Outline 152041 (Proposed residential development of 10 dwellings(amendment to original application)) for the approval of Appearance, Landscaping and Scale including details to address conditions 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 & 24)

PC Comment: The Parish Council object to the drainage proposals and the appearance and scale of the dwellings as being totally out of character with the existing properties in the village. They also wish to ensure that the flats/offices above the garages have conditions attached to them so they cannot become separate dwellings. It is also felt that the proposed number of car parking spaces allocated for the dwellings is not adequate.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: