

# 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 online via Zoom on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm

### Present:-

Councillors Rowland Eustace, Andrew Hammond (Chairman), 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 Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting including Neil Gardiner from Ledbury Anglers Club.

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

Cllr N Nicklin (holiday)

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

None.

#### 3. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June were APPROVED as a true and accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman. The Chairman will forward the signed copy to the clerk.

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

Ward Cllr Lester advised that Herefordshire Council have held two meetings via zoom, one full council where 53 councillors plus officers attended. The covid-19 outbreak at Mathon was dealt with quickly and contained. The Health & Wellbeing Board membership has increased and a constitutional amendment made. Herefordshire Council have purchased Maylord Orchard. A motion to plant more trees to make a better and greener world post covid was supported. A transition document for children with disabilities moving into adulthood was discussed. Storm Dennis has left Herefordshire with a lot of road damage with an immediate bill of £4m needed but £?m more needed (the Belwin Fund has been used up). The government have given the county £7m for pothole repairs. £336m is needed to bring all roads to a satisfactory level. Cabinet will propose to the next full council meeting to borrow £4m at a cost of £92k repayment interest per annum. Covid measures are to be introduced in Hereford and other market towns to reduce speed limit to 20mph and closure of some roads.

#### 5. 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.

**6. 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)**

None.

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

**7. Finance:**

- a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances as at 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 £14766.62

- b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000482: Autela Payroll Services Ltd – Payroll Q1 - £64.01

000483: Eyelid Productions Ltd – Annual website support - £100.00

000484: J Chester – clerk salary July as agreed plus expenses

RESOLVED : All the above invoices were APPROVED for payment

**8. Highways/Footpaths:**

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

Footpath AP29 is blocked off by an enclosure which is thought to be temporary so no action needed currently but will be monitored.

- b) To Discuss Proposal from Ledbury Anglers of bridge to cross ponds below fishpools to allow circular walk

Residents have raised concerns that they are no longer allowed to walk over the dam at the fishing lakes which they have been doing for a number of years and believe they have established a right of way. Neil Gardiner from Ledbury Anglers Club explained that the dam belongs to the club and although not part of a Public Right of Way has been part of a popular and well used circular walking route but their insurance company have deemed the dam unsafe as it is leaking so this is why they have cordoned it off. They have also had a problem with dogs fouling the area around the fishing lakes and have a duty of care to their members, many of which are children.

RESOLVED: The clerk will ask advice of Herefordshire Council PROW officers. Cllr Eustace will speak to the Ramblers Association. Ward Cllr Lester offered his help if required.

**9. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:**

- a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated. A budget of £750 was agreed to paint the telephone box.

**10. Ashperton Village Hall**

- a) To Discuss Day to Day Running of the Hall  
 b) To Discuss Draft Risk Assessment for Opening of the Village Hall including means of mitigation of identified risks and operational arrangements;  
 c) To Agree purchase of necessary equipment and supplies (sanitiser & dispensers; anti-bacterial

wipes; cleaning materials; overalls and plastic gloves; liners for waste bins; additional paper towels; floor tape; etc)

- d) (Subject to above) To agree a Timetable for re-opening of the Hall and draft letter to regular users.

**RESOLUTION:** Items 10a to 10d were discussed at length but decisions deferred. A separate village hall committee meeting will be held to discuss further and decide these matters.

#### 11. To Raise Items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

Village Hall Roof Leak  
Telephone Kiosk

#### 12. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting - Wed 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 7.30pm

Meeting closed 21.45pm

Signed:..... Dated:.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

## 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
- Safer Roads Partnership contacted ref Community Speedwatch
- Annual Accounts AGAR forms put onto website and Certificate of Exemption sent to external auditor
- Footpath Officer details confirmed to Balfour Beatty
- Nat West chased re Village Hall Bank Mandate

#### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings \*
- Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices \*
- Herefordshire Rural Hub – June & July newsletters \*
- HALC – Information Corner & Covid-19 advice \*
- Herefordshire Council – Covid-19 Advice \*
- HWFR – Community Risk Management Plan 2021-2025 \*
- Herefordshire Council – Annual Canvass 2020 \*
- Herefordshire Council – Invitation to Parish Summit Zoom Mtg 23<sup>rd</sup> July \*
- HALC / HGN – Invitation to Zoom Global Problems, Global Solutions mtg 16/17 July \*
- ACRE / Community First – Village Hall re-opening guidance \*

\* 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	Complete	Village Hall Keyholders contacts to be put on notice board/window
Nov 2019	10c	RE	ongoing	Footpath AP6 to have a drainage channel installed
Jan 2020	11c	clerk	completed	Send letter to residents asking to cut back trees/hedges along A417
Jan 2020	12c	clerk		Put notice in parish magazine asking for volunteer cleaners for village hall
Jan 2020	12c	clerk / AH	ongoing	Update website to include "Whats On" calendar and village hall booking form
June 2020	8b	clerk	completed	Invite rep from Ledbury Anglers to next meeting
June 2020	8c	clerk	completed	Letter to PCC declining support to footpath through church

**PLANNING RECORD****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:**

**200614 – Land adjacent No1 The Ryders, Church Lane, Ashperton, HR8 2SP** – Proposed new dwelling (Re-consultation as plans and supporting documents amended)

**PC Comment:** The Parish Council have no objections

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION:**

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

**PC Comment:**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED 24.6.2020**