

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 25th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors Rowland Eustace, Andrew Hammond (Chairman), Eleanor James and Nancy Nicklin

In attendance:-

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

The Chairman Cllr Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Cllr J Wyton (unable to access zoom)

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 30th September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held 30th September 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 there would be a Cabinet meeting on 1st December to review Hereford Transport package. £483k has been spent to date on the review and the best transport resilience, easing congestion and the western bypass. 59% traffic is trying to get to in/out or through Hereford. The capital and revenue costs of each package option put forward is to be considered by cabinet and a decision made on the best option to take. Herefordshire Council are undertaking a budget consultation with parish councils, probably the most challenging to date for making savings would it be right to raise council tax in these hard times. Also should Herefordshire Council build council houses to meet the housing demand borrowing money to make it happen (proposal 2500 over next ten years) or leave it to housing associations?

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 28th October 2020 £16052.36

- b) To Decide 2021-2022 Budget & Parish Precept Requirement

The clerk had prepared a draft budget which was discussed. The Parish Council decided to request a precept of £9250 for 2021-2022.

- c) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000488: J Chester clerk salary October & November as agreed plus expenses internet security
£99.95

000489: HMRC – PAYE Oct / Nov - £61.20

RESOLVED : All the above invoices were APPROVED for payment

8. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

Cllr Eustace has spoken to the Ramblers Association about the possible footpath around the fishing lakes. The clerk is awaiting a response from Balfour Beatty PROW for advice.

9. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

- a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions
Noted and updated.

10. Ashperton Village Hall

- a) To Discuss Village Hall Safeguarding

RESOLUTION: All trustees are to sign Declaration of Acceptance and a Safeguarding leader appointed

- b) To Discuss any outstanding issues prior to re-opening of the hall

A pack of the booking forms and agreements is to be made available to anyone wishing to book the hall without doing so online.

RESOLUTION: It was AGREED that the village hall is ready for re-opening for permitted activities within the current Government Covid-19 guidelines.

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

None

12. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting - Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 21.00pm

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
Meeting arranged with Locality Steward to discuss highways issues
Village Hall Covid19 Deep Clean arranged
Service of Village Hall Fire Extinguishers arranged

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *
Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *
Herefordshire Rural Hub – October & November newsletters *
Herefordshire Council – Talk Community Covid19 updates *
Herefordshire Council – Early Years Hub & Keep Herefordshire Warm *
Herefordshire Council NDP Team – Neighbourhood Planning Update *
Herefordshire Council – Community Crisis Response Event 9 Oct Invitation *
Herefordshire Council – Parish Footpath Officer Newsletter *
HVoss – Invitation to AGM 21 Oct *

* 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
Nov 2019	10c	RE	ongoing	Footpath AP6 to have a drainage channel installed
Jan 2020	6	All	ongoing	All footpaths to be checked and repairs made as required
Jan 2020	12c	clerk		Put notice in parish magazine asking for volunteer cleaners for village hall

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:

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: The Parish Council have no objections.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED 24.6.2020

P202367/V - 1 The Ryders, Ashperton, HR8 2SP Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the provision of a twin mobile home (not operational development) within the garden of the residential property for use as additional family accommodation (not material change of use). **ADVICE ONLY PC NOT CONSULTED**

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: Granted 14.9.2020

P202984 - Land adjacent The Ditch 44 Ashperton Road Ashperton Ledbury Herefordshire , Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 10 & 11 attached to planning permission 182827 **ADVICE ONLY PC NOT CONSULTED**