

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 31st March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors Rowland Eustace, Andrew Hammond (Chairman), 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 Chairman Cllr Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

None

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 27th January 2021

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.

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

Ward Cllr Lester advised that Herefordshire Council are implementing changes to its Emergency Active Travel Measures in town centres for social distancing. After a backlash from market town traders the proposal to reintroduce parking charges once shops re-open has changed to free parking being extended for one month. The cabinet meeting in June will be to solely discuss the performance of Herefordshire Council in the last twelve months. Adult Social Care Department are doing a fantastic job of a high demand service being delivered and keeping costs within budget. Looked After Children numbers have increased to 352. Further investment in Skylon Park at Rotherwas is intended but the funding for the road leading to it has been lost. No decision has been made yet on the Hereford Bypass project. Talk Communities is working extremely well through the Covid crisis, its model would be a good one to work on for other stuff. July 17th a full council meeting will be held currently 53 councillors plus others via zoom. Herefordshire Council has purchased Maylord Shopping Centre for £4.5m but there are no firm proposals on what to do with it to get a good return for the investment.

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 – noted

7. Ashperton Neighbourhood Development Plan

a)

8. Finance:

- a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances as at 1st March 2021 £14417.66

- b) To Consider Purchase of Replacement Parish Council Laptop

The clerk reported that the laptop has broken and wished to purchase a replacement to enable continuation of work.

RESOLUTION: The clerk was authorised to find a compatible laptop subject to a maximum budget of £650.

- c) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000493: Autela - Payroll Services Q4 - £61.45
 000494: J Chester – clerk salary Feb & March as agreed plus expenses
 000495: HMRC – PAYE Feb/March - £15.20
 000496: Eyelid Productions – Annual Website Support - £100.00
 000497: HALC – Annual Subscription - £346.81
 Direct Debit: ICO – Annual Data Protection Fee - £35.00

RESOLVED: All the above invoices were APPROVED for payment

9. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

No new issues raised other than the ever present potholes.

- b) To Discuss the Quality of Repairs to Potholes in the Parish

Parish Councillors were not happy about the standard of repairs to potholes recently carried out and asked Ward Councillor Lester to raise the matter with appropriate departments of Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty

10. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

- a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated.

b) To Discuss Ashperton Consolidated Charities Trustees

The above board normally has two members of the parish council on it, currently only Cllr Wyton is on the board.

RESOLUTION: It was decided that Cllr Nicklin become the second representative from the parish council.

c) To Decide Response to Herefordshire Council Core Strategy Hierarchy Review

RESOLUTION: Cllr Hammond will complete the review form and forward to all councillors for approval before the clerk returns it to Herefordshire Council

11. Ashperton Village Hall

a) To Discuss Village Hall Safeguarding

RESOLUTION: All trustees are to sign Declaration of Acceptance and a Safeguarding leader appointed once a copy of the village hall constitution has been located.

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

- Layby opposite the school
- Fishpool Paths
- Speed Indicator Devices

13. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting - Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 21.05pm

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)
2021 - **TBC** dates of online meetings via Zoom during Covid-19 restrictions
Provisionally Wed 25th January, Wed 31st March, Wed 26th May, Wed 28th July, Wed 29th Sept and Wed 24th November

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
Website updated
VAT claim submitted
Precept requested £9250
Roadside Debris by sign reported to Balfour Beatty CAS790378 Q2X2Z9

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *
 Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *
 Herefordshire Rural Hub – Dec & January newsletters *
 Herefordshire Council – Talk Community Covid19 updates *
 Herefordshire Council NDP Team – Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy Review *
 HALC – Information Corner & Training Diary*

* 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: Members of Ashperton Parish Council have considered the above application and, taking account of representations from Ashperton residents, the consensus is that no further development off Church Lane should be permitted unless the visibility to the right at the junction of Church Lane with the A417 has been substantially improved. That visibility is effectively restricted to the width of Church Lane itself. Although there are already a number of properties off Church Lane any further development would materially increase the use of the junction resulting in significant incremental detriment to highway safety contrary to Core Strategy policies and to the policies of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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**