

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 28th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors Rowland Eustace, Andrew Hammond (Chairman) 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 particularly a prospective new parish councillor.

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

Cllr Eleanor James (illness) and Cllr Nancy 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 26th May 2021

The minutes of the meeting held 26th May were APPROVED as a true and accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Ward Cllr Lester advised that the new Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council took up his post in May. A recent cabinet meeting reported that the Citylink Road project with a £40.6m budget for the project and to improve access to the railway station, open up land for student accommodation, medical centre etc had an overspend on compulsory purchase of £6m. An investigation is to be carried out as to how and why there is this overspend. Cabinet are to meet to discuss the waste management strategy, the mental health after care arrangements policy, climate change threat and the 2022-23 budget consultation. Herefordshire Council are to receive a new homes bonus of £1.2m. Under the new government calculation Herefordshire Council can show they have a seven year housing land supply. Herefordshire Council Childrens Services are under an improvement order.

5. To Discuss Herefordshire Council Confusion between Reserved Matters and Discharge of Conditions

This concern was discussed.

RESOLUTION: Ward Cllr Lester will take this up with Kevin Bishop of Herefordshire Council Planning Department and report back.

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

No matters raised

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: **(to be viewed online prior to the meeting)**

i) P212403FH - Drews Orchard Ashperton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2RY,

Proposed single storey extension and a garden studio.

Parish Council Comment: no objections

ii) 212011 – Little Tuston, Woodend, Herefordshire HR8 2RS

Proposed change of use of existing annexe to a separate C3 residential dwelling

Parish Council Comment: no objections

RESOLUTION. The planning department at Herefordshire Council will be advised by the clerk.

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

191013 planning application decision is on hold due to Herefordshire Council phosphates issue

8. Finance:

a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances

Finance report Noted. Bank Balance 1st July 2021 £15228.22

b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000500: Autela – Payroll Services Q1 - £52.20

000501: J Chester – clerk salary June/July – as agreed

RESOLVED: All the above invoices were APPROVED for payment

9. Highways/Footpaths:

a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

A417 the area within the 30mph zone is in the annual plan for repair, scheduled for late Aug /early Sept.

The clerk is to write to the landowner regarding a broken drain/inspection chamber by the kissing gate on Dognall Lane next to the village hall.

A drainage channel is needed for AP6 – Cllr Eustace offered to do this

b) To Discuss Speed Indicator Devices including funding

Cllr Nicklin has obtained one quote for the parish council to purchase a Speed Indicator Device for the village but is awaiting further quotes. The clerk contacted Stretton Grandison Parish Council for

information regarding their recently installed SID's and received a reply. Various types of SID are available.

RESOLUTION: Choice of SID type deferred until September meeting because new road markings should be in place and any difference in vehicle behaviour observed.

c) and d) To Discuss Layby Opposite the School and Parked Vehicles Obscuring Visibility

A number of complaints have been received about vehicles parked too close to the Haywood Lane junction obscuring visibility when exiting the lane. The Highway Code states that vehicles should not park within 10m of a junction.

RESOLUTION: The clerk is to contact Herefordshire Council to request that the grass verge is reinstated and verge markers or similar deterrent to stop vehicles parking too close to the junction.

e) To Receive Suggestions for Other Driver Village Awareness Measures

A No parking zone to be marked on road outside the school as a matter of road safety.

10. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated. The clerk has found someone willing to refurbish the phone box and will arrange a meeting with him to discuss and obtain quote.

b) To Discuss Queens Green Canopy Campaign

This was discussed but councillors could not think of a public area to plant trees on.

c) To Discuss Maintenance of Defibrillator

The company who previously gave the defibrillator an annual service have proved to be unreliable so an alternative is sought.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Hammond will contact Hereford Heartstart for their advice.

11. Ashperton Village Hall

a) To Discuss Village Hall Safeguarding

RESOLUTION: Cllr Hammond will email everyone information, and a Model Acceptance of Office form for trustees.

b) To Discuss Future Booking Conditions and Safety Measures for the Hall

RESOLUTION: Cllr Hammond will amend the current forms and email around for comment before the clerk replaces the forms on the website

c) To Discuss Village Hall Improvements

With increased funds in the bank account ideas were welcomed for projects to improve the halls facilities. Suggestions received were a hearing loop and projector screen to allow for film nights, upgrading the ladies toilets and installing wi-fi.

RESOLUTION: The clerk is to obtain further information and costs

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

- Councillor Vacancies
- Insurance Policy
- Result of Road Resurfacing
- Layby opposite the school
- Speed Indicator Devices
- Village Hall Safeguarding
- Village Hall Improvements
- Defibrillator
- Platinum Jubilee Celebration

13. To Confirm Dates and Times of Scheduled Meetings for the Ensuing Year –

Wednesday 29th September 2021

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Wednesday 26th January 2022

Wednesday 30th March 2022

Wednesday 25th May 2022

All at Ashperton Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised

Meeting closed 21.50pm

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)

Wednesday 29th September 2021

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Wednesday 26th January 2022

Wednesday 30th March 2022

Wednesday 25th May 2022

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website

Website updated

VAT claim submitted

Precept requested £9250 and approved

Annual Return AGAR forms submitted to External Auditor & receipt acknowledged

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *

Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *

Herefordshire Rural Hub – June & July newsletters *

Herefordshire Council – Talk Community Covid19 updates *

Herefordshire Council – Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023 *

Herefordshire Council – PC Summit 23rd June Invitation & Notes *
 Herefordshire Council – Leaders Newsletter *
 Herefordshire Council – 5 year housing supply notification *
 HALC – Information Corner & Training Diary *
 West Mercia Police – July Newsletter *
 Hereford & Gloucester Canal Trust – link to Wharfinger magazine *
 * 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: GRANTED 16.4.2021

[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**

[P211614/XA2 Ashperton Holiday Park The Coach House Ashperton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2SE](#) Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 8 & 9 attached to planning permission 172069.

PC Comment – Cllr Hammond advised that the planning permission has lapsed so this application should not be validated. The planning department at Herefordshire Council will be advised.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: Granted 16.6.2021

[P212403FH - Drews Orchard Ashperton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2RY](#), Proposed single storey extension and a garden studio.

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