

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 24th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:- Councillors Andrew Hammond (Chairman), Rowland Eustace, Nancy Nicklin, Emma Stevens and John Wyton

In attendance:- 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 if required

Cllr Eleanor James (illness) and Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester

2. To Receive Nominations to Fill Councillor Vacancies by Co-Option

None.

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

None.

4. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 29th September 2021

The minutes of the meeting held 29th September were APPROVED as a true and accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Ward Cllr Lester had forwarded his apologies but sent the following report:

“I chaired a meeting of scrutiny with the police and crime commissioner John Campion and Herefordshire’s Superintendent Edd Williams (yes spelt correctly), in attendance.

Funding for road safety is still available and so I urge Ashperton parish council to explore what other options you would like to pursue to add to the traffic measures that have already been done e.g. gates and SIDs? I note the issue is on your agenda.

Herefordshire Council was urged to benefit from a fly tipping fund which they have not applied for. I was pleased to hear the Superintendent agree with me that just because police can’t enforce/monitor all speed limits it does not mean that they should not support speed reduction proposals.

The Council’s next full meeting is on 8th December but I don’t know what is on the agenda yet, we are not informed at this stage.

Cabinet is on Thursday afternoon and on the agenda is a decision about how 106 monies should be spent; a decision about the new waste collection scheme, and the usual quarterly performance records.”

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)**

None

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

8. Finance:

- a) To Discuss Draft Budget and Precept requirement for 2022-2023

This was discussed at length. The purchase of Speed Indicator Devices may fall in this financial year or next.

RESOLUTION: The Parish Council decided to keep the precept at its current level and request £9250. The clerk will send the request to Herefordshire Council.

- b) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances

Finance report Noted. Bank Balance 3rd November 2021 £16666.17

- c) To Ratify Payment made between meetings

000507: S Edwards, Herefordshire Sandblasting – Phone Box Restoration - £600.00

- d) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000508: J Chester – clerk salary Oct & Nov as agreed plus expenses

000509: Andrew Hammond – reimbursement of phone box materials - £144.09

RESOLVED: All the above invoices were APPROVED for payment.

9. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

The clerk has written to the landowner regarding a broken drain/inspection chamber by the kissing gate on Dognall Lane next to the village hall but nothing has been done yet.
An obstruction on AP29 has been removed.

- b) To Discuss Speed Indicator Devices including funding

Quotes for the parish council to purchase a Speed Indicator Device for the village have been circulated. Various types of SID are available at different costs. A solar powered indicator showing your speed and thank you / slow down was the preferred choice. The clerk has requested a quote and will liaise with Balfour Beatty re installation locations. The clerk will also explore grant opportunities with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

RESOLUTION: deferred as awaiting replies

10. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated. The kerb in the verge by Haywood Lane has been moved / damaged. Cllr Nicklin was thanked for planting some bulbs in the verge.

b) To Discuss and Decide Phone Box Restoration

The phone box has been sandblasted and repainted. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Hammond, Eustace and Wyton and resident Jane Edwards for removing the inserts in preparation for sand-blasting and cleaning off the rust and repainting the inserts.

RESOLUTION: It was decided that a shelf could be installed for a book exchange. A parish map and information on local walks would also be made available.

c) To Discuss HM Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration

RESOLUTION: It was decided to undertake a letter box drop asking residents for suggestions of event and also asking for volunteers.

11. Ashperton Village Hall

a) To Discuss Village Hall Safeguarding

RESOLUTION: The clerk will enquire with Community First for an example safeguarding policy

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

RESOLUTION: It was agreed to review after the winter with a view of relaxing measures if appropriate

c) To Discuss Village Hall Improvements

RESOLUTION: It was decided that a hearing loop, projector and screen would be desirable improvements to the hall. The legal requirements of a hearing loop are to be checked. Installation or alterations to allow for a disabled toilet is also to be investigated. Cllr Hammond will report back with costs the January meeting.

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

- Councillor Vacancies
- Speed Indicator Devices
- Village Hall Safeguarding
- Village Hall Improvements
- Platinum Jubilee Celebration

13. To Confirm Dates and Times of Next Scheduled Meeting –

Wednesday 26th January 2021 at Ashperton Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised

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)

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

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *

Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Oct & Nov newsletters *

Herefordshire Council – Talk Community Covid19 updates *

Herefordshire Council – Leaders Newsletter *

HALC – Information Corner & Training Diary *

West Mercia Police – Oct & Nov Newsletter *

* 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
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
July 2021	10c	AH	complete	Contact Hereford Heartstart for advice on defib maintenance
Sept 2021	9c	clerk		Obtain firm quote for SID and liaise with Balfour Beatty re location
Sept 2021	9d	NN		plant bulbs in re-instated verge at Haywood Lane junction
Sept 2021	10c	All		Carry out weekly checks on defibrillator status
Sept 2021	10e	All		Carry out letter drop canvassing residents views on Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event

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.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED 17.9.2021

[212011 – Little Tuston, Woodend, Herefordshire HR8 2RS](#) Proposed change of use of existing annexe to a separate C3 residential dwelling

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION