

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 Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present:- Councillors Andrew Hammond (Chairman), Rowland Eustace, Emma Stevens 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 if required

Cllr Eleanor James (illness)

2. To Note Resignation of Councillor

It was noted that Councillor Nancy Nicklin had resigned due to lack of time because of other commitments. The chairman thanked her for her contribution serving the parish council.

RESOLUTION: The position of vice=chairman is now vacant so nominations for vice-chairman will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

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

None.

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

None.

5. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 24th November 2021

The minutes of the meeting held 24th November were APPROVED as a true and accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Ward Cllr Lester spoke about:

- Scrutiny meeting questioning how Herefordshire Council £175m budget gets spent, asking why proposed raise of 1% in council tax earmarked for Adult Social Care when £4.3m already in reserves
- Full Council meeting to decide budget and proposed council tax increase of 2.99% (1.99% base budget 1% Adult Social Care), Statement of Community Involvement Document and a motion to ban noisy fireworks on council land
- Maylords Orchards lease purchased by Herefordshire Council external auditor value site reduced by £5.9m
- South Wye Transport Package for Southern Link Road £2.3m has been paid back to LEP

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

No matters raised

8. 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

- c) To Decide Response to Herefordshire Council Local Plan 2021-2041 Spatial Options Consultation

RESOLUTION: Cllr Hammond will draft a response and circulate for approval before submitting.

9. Finance:

- a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances

Finance report Noted. Bank Balance 29th December 2021 £15597.26

- b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000510: Autela Payroll Services – Q3 - £52.20

000511: HALC – Annual Subscription - £369.22

000512: J Chester – clerk salary Dec & Jan as agreed plus expenses

000513: A Hammond – reimbursement of expenses - £124.40

RESOLVED: All the above invoices were APPROVED for payment.

10. 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.

RESOLUTION: Clerk to chase landowner.

- 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: The clerk has received a quote for two units and will arrange a meeting with Balfour Beatty to discuss suitability and positioning.

11. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

- a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated.

b) To Discuss Designation of Individual Responsibilities

Deferred.

c) To Note Phone Box Restoration and Decide Future Use

The phone box has been sandblasted and repainted. A book exchange has been started. A parish map and information on local walks has also been produced. A bottle of hand sanitiser will be placed inside the phonebox.

d) To Discuss HM Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration

RESOLUTION: A working group of volunteers led by Cllrs Eustace and Stevens will be set up. The school will be contacted to check if they are planning anything.

12. Ashperton Village Hall

a) To Discuss Village Hall Safeguarding

RESOLUTION: The clerk has obtained an example safeguarding policy. The clerk will check who is listed with Charity Commission as trustees.

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

RESOLUTION: Deferred to review after the spring 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. Cllr Hammond has received one quote so far and will obtain another for comparison. Installation or alterations to allow for a disabled toilet is also to be investigated. Cllr Hammond will report back with costs the January meeting.

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

- Councillor Vacancies
- Vice-Chairman Appointment
- Designation of Responsibilities
- Speed Indicator Devices
- Village Hall Safeguarding Officer Appointment
- Village Hall Improvements
- Platinum Jubilee Celebration

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

It was agreed to change the parish council meeting day to Thursdays in future to accommodate a regular booking of the village hall on a Wednesday evening.

Next meeting - Thursday 31st March 2022 at Ashperton Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised

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)

Thursday 31st March 2022

Thursday 26th 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 – Dec& Jan newsletters *

Herefordshire Council – Talk Community Covid19 updates *

Herefordshire Council – Leaders Newsletter *

HALC – Information Corner & Training Diary *

West Mercia Police – Dec & Jan 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
Sept 2021	9c	clerk	complete	Obtain firm quote for SID and liaise with Balfour Beatty re location
Sept 2021	9d	NN	complete	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	complete	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

[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