

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 29th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Present:- Councillors Andrew Hammond (Chairman), Lindsay Coom, Rowland Eustace, Eleanor James, Emma Stevens, Jude Tector and John Wyton

In attendance:- Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester
Parish Clerk / Janet Chester

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

None

2. Councillor Vacancies by Co-Option

The clerk confirmed that all seats for parish councillor were now filled.

RESOLUTION: The clerk will check that the Register of Interests Forms are all showing on Herefordshire Councils website.

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

None.

4. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meetings held 26th May and 28th July 2022

The minutes of both meetings held had been circulated and were APPROVED as a true and accurate account.

RESOLUTION: As the clerk was absent and has the hard copy the minutes could not be signed by the Chairman. They will be signed at the September meeting.

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

Ward Councillor Lester reported that due to HM Queens Elizabeth II death some council meetings had understandably been postponed resulting in a hiatus in Herefordshire Council.

Matters he spoke about-

- OFSTED latest report on Childrens Services being now INADEQUATE after rating of Improvement required last year
- New planning director – Tracey Colman
- Future of Hereford Town Hall
- New Committee set up for phosphates in the Wye river
- Earmarked Reserves £1.2m to be used for 20mph zones, £0.3m school travel plan and £1m Eastern River Crossing
- Waste Collection – new contract with black bin every three weeks

- £9.4m adrift in Herefordshire Councils budget

6. Planning: NB: no paper copies of applications are available to view at the meeting unless specified

- To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment: **(to be viewed online prior to the meeting)** none
- To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Hereford Council: as per planning record – noted

Problem with refusal of Ashperton Holiday Park, refusal due to planning permission lapsed. Ward Cllr Lester agreed to stress that planning need to follow through with an enforcement notice (owner is continuing with build and if no action is taken will be immune from enforcement after 4 years and will have unconditional permission).

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

No matters raised

8. Finance:

- To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances 28.8.22 £15856.03
- To Consider 2023/24 Budget and 2023/24 Precept Requirement

The draft budget was discussed.

RESOLUTION: The Parish Council are minded to requesting £9750 precept but final decision will be made at the November meeting

- To Review Insurance Policy

RESOLUTION: The current policy was reviewed and agreed that cover was adequate and correct

- To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000522: Zurich Municipal – Annual Insurance - £629.25

000523: J Chester – clerk salary Aug/Sept – as agreed plus expenses

RESOLUTION: All above invoices were approved for payment.

9. Highways/Footpaths:

- To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

The 30mph sign in Heywood Lane has been replaced.

The handrails on the ditch crossing on AP32 by Tunnel Cottage need replacing.

The Inspection chamber on Dognall Lane still needs repairing

The hedge opposite the village hall needs trimming to allow safe travel along the roadside footpath

b) To Review Speed Indicator Devices

A solar powered indicator showing your speed and thank you / slow down was the preferred choice. The clerk has received a quote and will arrange a meeting with Balfour Beatty re installation locations. The clerk has explored grant opportunities with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

RESOLUTION: Ward Cllr Lester will ascertain responsibility for SID with Herefordshire Council reclaiming some matters from Balfour Beatty then Cllr Hammond will contact them for up to date information.

10. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

a) To Receive Financial Report on HM Platinum Jubilee Celebration

The village jubilee celebration was very successful and considerable positive feedback had been received.

The clerk advised that the total spend was £1387.22. The pig roast cost £600. Most other expenses £376.90 were paid out of takings on the day of £524.10 and £147.20 cash has been banked.

b) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated.

11. Ashperton Village Hall

a) To Discuss Hire Charge for Audio/Visual Equipment installed at the Hall

RESOLUTION: It was agreed to not change for the time being

b) To Discuss Further Village Hall Improvements

Cllr Hammond has approached one company regarding toilet refurbishment but they do not seem interested so he is pursuing others.

12. Reports: To receive any reports from meetings attended – none

13. Training: To note any forthcoming training dates

Cllrs Cooms, Stevens and Tector to attend new councillor training ASAP. The clerk will circulate HALC Training Diary when it arrives.

14. To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

Budget / 2023-24 Precept , Village Pond, SIDS

15. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting as Thursday 24th November 2022

Meeting closed at 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)
Thursday 24th November, Thursday 26th January 2023, Thursday 30th March, Thursday 25th May

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
Website updated
Jubilee accounts completed
New Councillors sent forms to complete, sign and return
Operation London Bridge Procedures followed after death of HM Queen Elizabeth

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *
Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *
Herefordshire Council – Local Plan Consultation *
Herefordshire Council – Repair Café grant funding Project*
Herefordshire Council – Rural Settlements Service & Environmental Survey *
Herefordshire Rural Hub – Aug & Sept newsletters *
Herefordshire Council – Talk Community Covid19 updates *
Herefordshire Council – Leaders Newsletter *
HALC – Information Corner & Training Diary *
West Mercia Police – 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	10c	All	ongoing	Carry out weekly checks on defibrillator status (Pads expiry date 09/2024)
March 2022	11c	AH	ongoing	Investigate costs of disabled toilet installation and report at next meeting
March 2022	9a	clerk	ongoing	chase landowner about dangerous manhole cover in Dognall Lane
May 2022	13f	clerk	complete	add audio-visual equipment to Insurance Policy
May 2022	14a	clerk	requested	request footpath signs

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: ON HOLD DUE TO PHOSPHATES

[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: ON HOLD DUE TO PHOSPHATES

[P221286 Ashperton Holiday Park The Coach House Ashperton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2SE](#) Variation of condition 2 172069/F (Proposed 3 no additional holiday let chalets.) - Change roof covering.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no comment to make.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: REFUSED 28.6.2022