

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 30th March 2023 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance:-

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester

Parish Clerk - Janet Chester

Members of the Public: 2

The Chairman Cllr Hammond advised that he would only stay for a short time so Vice-Chair Cllr John Wyton took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Cllr E James

2. To Note Parish Council Elections 4th May 2023

Herefordshire's next scheduled elections will take place on Thursday 4 May 2023, where all 53 district wards and 133 parish/town councils will hold elections for new members. Existing councillors need to stand again if they wish. Nomination papers need to be completed and returned by 4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023.

These elections will be the first time that voter ID will be required to be shown by all voters at a polling station. This has been introduced under the Elections Act 2022.

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 26th January 2023

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

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

Ward Councillor Lester spoke about:-

- Herefordshire Cabinet meeting 2nd March
- Hereford City Masterplan available on website (including ERIC – Eastern River Crossing)
- Herefordshire Council Big Economic Plan to 2050
- Public Realm Contract
- Photo ID required at May elections
- Childrens Services Government Minister Report
- Council Tax increase set at 4.99%
- Setting up prospectus regarding phosphate issues
- Period of purdah leading up to local council elections on 4th May 2023

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

NB – Cllr Hammond left the meeting

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

No matters raised

8. Finance:

- a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances 28.2.23 £15449.33

- b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000529: Autela - Payroll Services Q4 - £71.58

000530: HALC – Annual Sub - £403.66

000531: J Chester – clerk salary Feb/March as agreed

Direct Debit – Information Commissioners Office – Annual Fee - £40.00

RESOLUTION: All above invoices were approved for payment.

9. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

The Inspection chamber on Dognall Lane still needs repairing

The required footpath signs are still outstanding delivery

Ledbury Anglers have closed off the short cut across the fishing pools due to safety and insurance requirements so walkers will have to use the designated footpaths

- 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 confirmed that Simon Hobbs is the person to contact with Herefordshire Council. The clerk will arrange a meeting with him and a representative from Elan City in May/June.

10. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:**a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions**

Noted and updated.

b) To Consider Supporting Village Coronation Celebration

The events group have requested funding for the pig roast.

RESOLUTION: It was agreed to pay £700 for the pig roast

c) To Discuss Joint Meeting with Stretton Grandison Parish Council to address speeding issues

RESOLUTION: The clerk will liaise with the clerk of Stretton Grandison Group Parish Council to arrange a meeting

11. Reports: To receive any reports from meetings attended – none**12. Training:** To note any forthcoming training dates -
The clerk will circulate HALC Training Diary when it arrives after May Elections.**13. To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)**

Representatives on Ashperton Consolidated Charities
Village Pond
SIDS

14. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting as Thursday 30th March 2023

Meeting closed at 20.35pm

Signed:..... **Dated:**.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Information Sheet

DATES OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS – (all held at Ashperton Village Hall at 7.30pm unless advised otherwise)
2023 - Thursday 18th May

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
Website updated
Election Notices Displayed
Election Nomination Papers Received and Councillors advised of procedures

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *
Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *
Herefordshire Rural Hub – Feb & March newsletters *
Herefordshire Council – Election May 2023 procedures, news and updates *
Herefordshire Council – Talk Community 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 meeting	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 for AP19, AP18, AP13 and AP11 and way-marker
July 2022	10b	JL/AH	ongoing	post for Ashperton Park J Lester to ascertain SID responsibility in Hfds C then AH contact for info

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

[P222728/N Whitwick Manor Lower Eggleton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2UE](#) The erection of and the construction of an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant with associated facilities, including feedstock storage clamps; tanks; lagoons and wetland filtration system; and connection to the national gas grid, together with the installation of photovoltaic panels on buildings, a grain store and dryer and the construction of anew vehicular access to the A417.

PC Comment: The Parish Council object on traffic impact on the village grounds

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION

[224192 - Hansnett Farm, Canon Frome, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2TF](#) Proposed change of use from agricultural land to seasonal farm stay using existing treehouse, a bell tent and vintage caravan. Construction of associated facilities to include a shower/wc building and provision of treatment for the waste water.

[222704 Ashperton Holiday Park Ashperton Herefordshire HR8 2SE](#) Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 172069 (Proposed 3 no additional holiday let chalets. Also change of use of The Coach House annex from a holiday let chalet into an assistant holiday park managers/maintenance/groundsman's on site accommodation and the creation of an access through Hopton Arms car park.) - To change the roofing material from Cedar shingles to natural slate.

PC Comment:: Ashperton Parish Council not consulted.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION GRANTED 18.10.2022

A meeting of Trustees of Ashperton Village Hall (all parish councillors) immediately followed the parish council meeting

a) To Consider quotes for Toilet alterations, additional sockets and PAT Testing

The quote received was felt to not contain enough detail so a new quote is to be requested. John Wyton will put together a specification of work required to obtain 'like for like' quotes.

b) To Discuss Further Village Hall Improvements

Once toilet refurbishment is completed the toilets would need repainting.

c) Review of Village Hall Trustees

RESOLUTION: All parish councillors to be added after May elections

d) Payments

000599: Welsh Water - £284.05 Annual Charge (Note Direct Debit to be set up as WW no longer taking cheque payment after April)

000600: Heating Solutions £96.00 Bolier Service

e) Financial Arrangements / Link to Village Events / Event charging & FOC Events

RESOLUTION: It was agreed that a separate village hall bank account is to be no longer needed for village events. The events money would be kept as an allocated separate pot on the accounts sheet. The social committee will give a report at each village hall meeting.

Meeting closed 21.25pm