

ASHPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Chester, Mapleside, Ashperton, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2RZ
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Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Ashperton Village Hall on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:- Councillors Emma Stevens, Andrew Hammond, Nathan Brooking and Allen Snowball

In attendance:-

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester
Parish Clerk - Janet Chester

Members of the Public: 2

The Chairman Cllr Stevens welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Cllr Eustace (holiday)

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

None.

3. Councillor Vacancies – To Note Two Councillor Vacancies and To Receive any Nominations for Co-Option

Two vacancies noted, no nominations

4. To Remind Councillors to Complete and Review their Register of Interests held with Herefordshire Council

Noted

5. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 18th May 2023

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

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

Ward Councillor Lester spoke about:-

- May Elections Herefordshire Council change of Administration, Cllr Lester now leader of Herefordshire Council
- Herefordshire Council plan for library in Maylords Orchards paused, possibility of putting library into Shire Hall with learning centre
- Childrens Services Government Minister Report – future monitoring of service
- Herefordshire Council ANPR cameras to be reviewed
- Bids put in for govt funding for road improvements

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

No matters raised

9. Appointments:

- a) To Review Working Groups and Terms of Reference, and to Review Members Leading Roles on Specific Issues as required **RESOLUTION:** deferred – clerk to send out list ready for next meeting

10. Finance:

- a) To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances

Bank Balance 28th June 2023 £16077.48 Finance Report Noted

- b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000534: SLCC – Annual Membership Fee - £146.00
 000535: J Chester – clerk salary June/July – as agreed plus expenses
 000536: Eyelid Productions – Annual Website Support - £100.00
 000537; HALC – Website Hosting & Domain Name April 2022 – March 2024 - £145.20
 000538: Autela – Payroll Services Q1 - £57.98

RESOLVED: All above invoices were approved for payment.

11. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To Note any new Highway and Footpath Defects

None reported.

- 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 contacted Simon Hobbs at Herefordshire Council who has advised her to contact Cal-lum Bush for information on the existing bases, she is awaiting a reply with possible dates for a meeting.

RESOLUTION: The clerk will arrange a meeting with him and a representative from Elan City ASAP after the response.

12. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

- a) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Noted and updated.

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

14. Training: To note any forthcoming training dates -
The clerk will circulate HALC Training Diary when it arrives.

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

Village Pond
SIDS
Councillor Responsibilities

16. To Confirm Dates and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday 28th September

All meetings held at Ashperton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Extra meetings may be called at any time.

Meeting closed at 20.50pm

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 28th Sept, Thursday 30th November,

2024 - Thursday 25th January, Thursday 28th March, Thursday 30th May

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website

Website updated

End of Year Accounts Procedures followed and completed

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Balfour Beatty – Locality briefings *

Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closure Notices *

Herefordshire Rural Hub – June & July newsletters *

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
March 2022	9a	clerk	ongoing	chase landowner about dangerous manhole cover in Dognall Lane
May 2022	14a	clerk	requested	request footpath signs for AP19, AP18, AP13 and AP11 and way-marker
Jan 2023	10d	AH/clerk	ongoing	post for Ashperton Park
March 2023	10c	clerk	ongoing	check timings for village pond tidy up
				arrange joint meeting with Stretton Grandison PC about speeding

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

[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.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION:

[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 Discuss Further Village Hall Improvements

The front door needs revarnishing and the interior of the hall painting

A meeting of village hall committee members is to be held to view and discuss the toilet refurbishment

b) To Decide Councillors Individual Responsibilities on Village Hall Management

RESOLUTION: Deferred

c) To Appoint Village Hall Safeguarding Officer

RESOLUTION: Deferred

d) To Discuss moving Flogas Direct Debit from Parish Council account to Village Hall account

RESOLUTION: AGREED

Meeting closed 21.05pm