

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 @ 7.00pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

Members and Officers present: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Cope, Cllr Hague, Cllr Beckett, & Cllr McIntyre

In attendance: Clerk & Cllr Darby

1. Apologies: Cllr Rowley
2. Declarations of Interest:
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. DC & NM on planning
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr DC on agenda item for Planning Pig Barn
 - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

3. Minutes from May meeting were approved as true and accurate

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

None present

4. Progress reports
 - a. Social Centre
 - Quiet time of year, no report
 - Some items have already been stored in the container
 - b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group
 - Confirmation that the letter drafted on behalf of the BHGC objecting to the Pig barn application for a camp site was sent to Wychavon Planning authority via the clerk. Might take a few days for it to be uploaded on the website
 - The application for the Beckford Care Village was refused. Issues with scale, location, design and environmental impact were some of the reasons stated.
 - Allens are firming up their plans for the proposed application for 150 static caravan site at the Great Comberton golf club site. They have been invited by Great Comberton PC to present their plans to the village. Date not set
 - The inspector for the Joint Core Strategy Gloucester and Tewksbury is driving the shortfall in the plan (circa 500 homes) to be met by the cross boundary site at Mitton Bank, Bredon's Hardwick in Bredon Parish. This site has potential for a development of 1100 homes. There is resistance to the site and although Wychavon Planning are mindful to resist the full 1100 development it would be challenging to resist the 500 the inspector is pushing at this site. There are complications with a cross boundary application and there is a large amount of uncertainty.

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- c. PACT
The team have 2 crimes to report this month.
Make off without payment from Vale petrol station - 27/10
Attempt theft - 06/11
In preparation for the darker night's police are reminding people to leave a light on to make your property look as if someone is at home.
- d. Lengthsman, happy to cut back the verges on Cottons Lane but will need to put soil somewhere, SH will look into this. Cleared around the War Memorial and cut back shrubs. **ACTION SH**
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, two new batteries have been ordered
• Solar panel VAS cost between £3-4k so was dismissed
- f. Flooding, no issues
- g. Highways issues: path is now completed. Resident tripped up outside The Close as curb is raised. Chair agreed to take a picture to pass onto Highways. **ACTION SS**
Signage by the playing field, could it be added to the current public footpath sign? Chair to speak to Cllr Hardman. **ACTION SS**
Stones on the side of Playing Fields Road, it inconclusive of who owns the land, agreed that it is tidy the way it is. No further action to be taken.
- h. Trees in the Parish, nothing is desperate or dangerous that needs doing immediately however the PC have the funds available so it was agreed to get the work done before March 2017. Two more quotes needed. Agreed the tree warden would send round an email to all to approve the best quotation. Contact Charles Archer regarding trimming trees on the corner of Back Lane that are interfering with telephone lines. **ACTION NM**
- i. Communications
• People using the PC Facebook page is increasing with posts regularly achieving views of 100-200 plus. People are still reluctant to comment on posts other than those concerning lost or injured animals. However, I am confident we can eventually encourage more interaction!
• PC Noticeboard backing has been replaced, thanks to Dorian Whitehead who kindly supplied the material free of charge and Paul Rowley who installed it. Still looking into the replacement of the scratched Perspex cover, with a view to a sun resistant material to stop the ink fading on the documents and photos.
• The Parish group email has been set up and currently contains approx. 130 residents' email addresses, all of whom have agreed in writing that they are happy to be on the list. Please ask me for the list and then send me any email addresses not on there. I can then email the invitation to be on the list.
- j. Neighbourhood plan, meeting on 9/11/16 to get a group together. Don't under estimate the amount of work that needs to go into this. JB is not able to lead this project so a project manager is needed. JB agreed to be a representative on the steering group.

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5. District and County Councillors' reports: for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.)

Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy.

The inspector had made her preliminary report which recommended an increase in the total amount of housing required and recommending the Tewkesbury Borough sought to find its extra allocation at Fiddington and by co-operation with Wychavon at Mitton/Bredon's Hardwick. Wychavon has a duty to co-operate and would be prepared to consider some proposal of this sort, although not at the level the inspector was suggesting for the long term (up to 1100 houses). However, it seems that Tewkesbury B.C. at its meeting on 25 October voted against accepting the inspector's proposals but as no minutes have yet been produced I am not sure of the grounds. This throws the whole JCS up in the air and has infuriated the other two councils which had voted in favour. At the same time it seems that the MoD is only prepared to release part of its site at Ashchurch (the eastern end) for the next ten years, which seems to throw the whole strategy back into the melting pot.

Local planning

The Pig Barn

This has not yet been decided. I tried to talk to the case officer today but she only works on the second half of the week. I told her some time ago that if she was minded to approve it against the parish council's advice I would like it to go to committee. However the warden's accommodation has been removed and the application has now been amended to 'Change of use from agricultural land to campsite; erection of toilet/shower blocks. Provision of 10no. camping pods and 5no caravan pitches and associated parking' and a new plan has been produced. Presumably the PC will comment on this amended application. The new end date is 19th December which would allow this to be taken to the December committee if necessary.

24 Wood Lane

I note that Highways are recommending refusal of this. I look forward to seeing the PC comments.

Chandlers

I will probably declare an interest in this. If the PC objects contrary to the officer's advice I will ask Cllr Hardman to represent your concerns.

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6. Planning

- W/16/02277/PP - Chandlers, Chandlers End, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7UT, PC have no objection
- W/16/01937 Pig barn, PC still have an objection to this application **ACTION JB**
- W/16/02304 24 Wood Lane, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SH, new dwelling. PC object on the grounds of inadequate car parking space. **ACTION SS**

7. Parish councillor vacancy, agreed to re-advertise after Christmas

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8. Finance

Bank balance as at 21st September £12,779.77

ME to send out 2016/17 budget asking for proposal in order to have the 2017/18 budget prepared before the January meeting

To consider for future funding

- Repair of the Cross at the T-Junction which is deteriorating in places. Look into grants **ACTION ME**
- Steps around the Memorial. **ACTION ME**
- Knotweed issue
- 2 new dog bins for the Beckford Rd end of village

The following cheques for approval

M Cole, Lengthsman	£ 50.00
S E Harte, Bredon Hill Con Group	£ 30.00
BBC Entertainment, bouncy castle hire	£ 288.00
OHL, stationery	£ 7 0.50
Michelle English, wages	£ 464.87
Sarah Smith, small Lottery licence	£ 40.00
St Barbaras Church	£1500.00

9. Correspondence for Information: To note the attached appendix of items which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. (OR a list of items will be available at the meeting.)

10. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.

- SS agreed to send Tracy Perkins (Wychavon) an update on the three items purchased with NHB money. Almost complete, sending picture. **ACTION SS**
- Complaint from resident re people using general waste bins for dog waste, there is no rule to say it is not allowed. As long as dog waste is being bagged and binned that is all that is important. SS to reply to Mrs. Fletcher. It was agreed to add 2 new dog bins at the Beckford rd. end of village **ACTION SS**
- Bungalow at 18 Gorse Hill, have an ash tree that over hangs the path which is dangerous during the Autumn and Winter with fallen leaves Ice and snow, they have complained at least 4 times to the county council about the footpaths without any success. I was told that because they have a grit bin that is sufficient. It was agreed to cut the tree back **ACTION MN**
- Gorse Hill fence broken. PC agreed to look at purchasing the chain link and request that the footpaths committee to repair it. **ACTION SS**
- Chicks dumped in Ashton by the blue gate coming along Elmley Road in a plastic bag have been homed and doing well
- Request from resident of Ashton to support their nomination for Mrs Penny Scotland for MBE (for service to the community) PC agreed clerk should send letter to Harriett Baldwin **ACTION ME**
- Dogs, PC have had numerous complains about dogs in the village. Agreed to put a note in the next newsletter reminding residents of their responsibility, also to give details of how to report details of

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dangerous and antisocial behaviour. Advertise on Facebook and website.

ACTION SS

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

- Precept to be set in January, all additions/changes to be submitted by mid-December in order to prepare proposal for January meeting.
- Knotweed – Me to write to Mr Hughes & Rooftop, SS to contact the school and residents on Elmley Road
- Purchase 2 new dog bins

ACTION ME/SS

12. Date of next meeting: 10th January. Meeting closed 8.40

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