**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May @ 7.30pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill**

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

In attendance: Clerk, DC Darby & 2 members of the public

Apologies: CC Hardman & Cllr Rowley

1. Election of Chair, Cllr Smith nominated by Cllr McIntyre and 2nd by Cllr Hague. Signed declaration
2. Election of Vice Chair, Cllr Rowley nominated by Cllr Smith and 2nd by Cllr Hague. Signed declaration
3. Election of representatives, same as previous year
4. 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. Cllr Wood, Clerk and Cllr Darby on planning application 17/00602 Long Carrant

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

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.

1. Minutes from March 17 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. ***Two members of the public attended to discuss planning application 17/00602 Long Carrant.***

1. **Progress reports:** for information / discussion and comments if necessary
   1. Social Centre

* Steps moved and replaced
* Cricket club put up new site screens and cleared debris
  1. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, met few weeks ago. Discussed Neighbourhood Plan around the Hill. Bredon at referendum stage, Eckington at first round of assessment of their submission, Beckford using a consult, priority changed with A46 proposal. Discussed A46 improvement, BHCG support a re-route to the south of Beckford. Appeal for Beckford Care Village discussed. Proposal to make Cotswolds AONB into a National Park, to be shared on Facebook.
  2. PACT, it has been a busy few weeks with break-ins in the Parish. Concerns have been raised by the Parish Council to the police. Action – Cllr Rowley to invite them to the PC meeting
  3. Lengthsman – Actions to be passed on by SS
     + clear the moss by Bus top at the bottom of Cottons Lane,
     + Clear around taps in the village
     + clear the verges up Cottons Lane
     + Clear war memorial prior to Open Gardens
     + SH to look around the village before Open Gardens and identify any actions

* 1. Vehicle Activated Sign, working correctly, time to be moved to Beckford Rd. Speeding still in the village especially over the weekends, post office van (relief postman) and white vans seem to be a particular issue.
  2. Flooding – nothing to report
  3. Highways

Signage for the Playing Fields was moved in March as planned. Looks good and we have received thanks from the ASC.

**263916** – The strip of grass by Hollymount, that leads to the corner of playing fields lane that is stirred up by cars parking and mounting the kerb when passing – requested this is tarmacked over.  *Agreed that we put a couple**of wooden posts in the verge to stop the parking – this is what has been done on the opposite corner of Playing Fields Lane.* Action SS to instruct lengthsman

**263914** – The deepening dip across the road from the old railway bridge, past Station House. Highways *will monitor*

**296904**– Reported the mirror on The Groaten *– Highways don’t have an issue, nor the land owner for the land opposite – therefore no issue to follow up*

**296907** – Blocked drains on Cottons Lane – *Council agreed to clear these in May*

**292650** – cracked and dipped drain cover on Elmley road – opposite Play Fields Lane –  *drain cover replaced but not cleared out.* Follow up SS

**Concerns raised by Long Carrant residents re crossing of A46 to the Garage.** Agreed to contact Wychavon to see if a sign can be erected warning of older people crossing. Action SS

* 1. Trees in the Parish, nothing to report.
  2. Communications, nothing to report.
  3. Neighbourhood plan, made contact with planning officers to present to the village if PC offer an event, 7th or 8th June at the Chapel Hall or 13th June in the village hall would be a possibility. JB to liase with Wychavon and set date
  4. Footpaths - Detail breakdown was received from the footpaths team on how the grant was spent, and a heartfelt thanks was received. We are pleased that the Grant was so useful to them for the great work they undertake for the village. It was noted that the stile has been removed at the entrance from Ashton Woods heading to the trig point. This is not a right of way or footpath, so the landowner is within his rights.

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

* *There is little to report on the planning front, so far as strategic matters are concerned.*
* *There are two live issues for Ashton, the application at Long Carrant Park and alterations to Lynhaven, Cottons Lane.*
* *The P.C. has submitted a well-reasoned objection to the former and I have asked for it to go to the planning committee if officers are minded to approve it. I have agreed that officers should be free to approve the latter under delegated powers.*
* *It is not strictly true that there are only two live issues since the application for outline permission for 14 houses opposite the Middle School, which was approved by the February planning committee has still not been finalised, presumably because the Section 106 agreement is still to be signed.*
* *Otherwise the only thing to report is that the Wychavon Annual meeting is due to be held next week. I hope I will be able to continue on the planning committee and as Heritage Champion.*

*A.M.G.D. 9 May 2017*

1. **Planning applications to comment on and for info**

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| [**17/00652/HP**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=91033) | Ding Cottage, Elmley Road, Ashton Under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SH | Proposed double garage with store | Pending decision |
| [**17/00602/CU**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=90984) | Long Carrant Park, Cheltenham Road, Ashton Under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7QP | Proposed extension to Long Carrant Views Caravan Park to allow for the relocation of 7 approved mobile park homes together with landscape planting (resubmission of application)  *Chair read out PC objection letter and discussed with residents*, *gave advice on how to apply to this application. Residents are concerned about 3 bedrooms, parking and sewerage.* | Pending decision |
| [**17/00490/HP**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=90872) | Lynhaven, Cottons Lane, Ashton Under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SS | Demolition of existing utility room and roof to open area. New bedroom and shower room and enclosure of covered area.  *No Objections* | Pending decision |
| [**17/00159/HP**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=90545) | Windrush, The Groaten, Ashton Under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7QR | Demolition of single storey elements and erection of two storey extension, alterations to and reconfiguration of dwelling, construction of a new double garage | Approved |

1. **Finance**
   1. Cheque received from CALC for £560.00 (towards website)
   2. To agree bank balances

The current account balance as at 21st March 2017 - £7845.33

The savings account balance as at 21st March 2017 - £3317.58

* 1. Payments to be agreed

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| Wychavon | Cleaning of dog bins | £ 80.12 |
| Beckford Group Magazine | Newsletters | £169.00 |
| M Cole | Lengthsman | £ 71.60 |
| M English | Wages | £545.97 |
| CALC | Membership | £461.72 |

1. **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.)
2. **Clerk’s report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.**
3. **Transport Plan and A46 widening –** Chair wrote a response supporting an improvement to the A46, but that we would not support the piecemeal improvements or upgrade to dual carriageway on existing A46 from Evesham to Teddington Hands Roundabout. I have indicated our support for  re-routing of the road, depending on the route!
4. **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.
   1. **Willow Cottage –** Ask owner to put security fencing around Willow Cottage as children have been playing in the house, and it is not safe. Agreed that the PC to write a letter to the owner and copy in Wychavon – Action SS
5. **Under the Hill Fest**

*‘Under The Hill Fest’ is to be held Saturday, 27h May at A46 end of The Groaten, at the Pig Barn site.  This is being organised by James Nicklin, as you will be aware from the flyers that he has delivered to all houses in the village.*

*This event has been organised in line with all requirements of the Council, Environmental Heath and the Police. It is not an event that the Parish Council was required to be consulted on, before or after the organisers applied for the licence. It is covered under the Temporary Event Notice. This is the same notice that an event at the village hall or cricket club may apply for to hold an event. We have tried to consider what you, as residents, might raise and ensure that the organisers incorporate this into their plans, as well as ensure that all appropriate licencing and insurances etc are in place. Members of the Parish Council therefore have met with Mr Nicklin, event organiser last week.*

*Mr Nicklin, who has a lot of previous festival experience at major festivals, as well as holding a similar event 2 years ago  in Ashton. He has detailed plans in place and had already considered all of the areas that the Parish Council raised with him.*

*We told Mr Nicklin that our main concern was noise for the residents, and traffic. Mr Nicklin has plans in place for both; including noise limiting speakers with reduced bass (which is what makes the noise carry) and parking in a neighbouring field with shuttle bus transport from stations and local towns. Half of the tickets already sold are for people in the Village.*

*Other points*

*·        Ed Spires’ security company has been hired to manage the gate*

*·        There are strict controls on age limit, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult*

*·        Attendees will be searched before entry*

*·        Strictly no alcohol or drugs can be taken into the event*

*·        Alcohol will be sold at pub prices only to stop bulk purchasing*

*·        The footpath that runs adjacent to the solar panels will be maintained.*

*·        There will be toilets and showers provided for the visitors and campers*

*·        Camping is in a roped off area at the end of the field*

*·        There will be a third party First Aid*

*·        There are detailed Health and Safety procedures in place for all risks*

*·        There are numerous noise limiting strategies in place and the noise level will be monitored independently*

*·        Cars parking for the event are required to buy a ticket before the event, so that car parking can be managed (only 3 tickets had been sold for the first 220 tickets sold). Further parking is available in a field off the A46 and shuttle buses will collect from the overflow car park if needed. Cars will not be able to park on the Groaten. No cars from the event should be entering the village.*

*We would like to reassure anyone with concerns that we are satisfied all aspects of the event have been addressed. Of the 499 maximum tickets available (which includes all band members, security staff, stall holders etc), approx 220 had been sold last week. Of those, 100 will be for the bands, staff etc. This means that the event size is approx. 3 times the size of an event in the village Hall eg the recent Mexican Night or the Run Around Supper.  Mr Nicklin held a similar event in the village two years ago without an issue.*

*If people still have concerns, please ring James Nicklin on 01386 896111 or email him at*[*james@underthehillfest.co.uk*](mailto:james@underthehillfest.co.uk)*. You can also find out information on the website:*[*http://www.underthehillfest.co.uk/*](http://www.underthehillfest.co.uk/)*.*

1. **Date of next meeting: 11th July at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

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