

Ashton under Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 8 May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Green Room.

Present

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| Cllr G Barnett | Chairman | GB |
| Cllr R Satchell | Vice Chairman | RS |
| Cllr Mrs D Cope | | DC |
| Cllr A Sanger-Davies | | AS-D |
| Cllr F Moore | | FM |
| Cllr D Rees | | DR |
| In attendance | | |
| Mrs J Hopkins | Clerk | JH |
| Mr M Sackett | Architect | MS |
| 7 members of the public | | |

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| 1. | Election of Chairman. It was unanimously agreed to elect GB who then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk. | |
| 2. | Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr J Fletcher. Accepted. JH to write to JF to wish him well. Apologies were also received from D Cllr A Darby. | |
| 3. | Election of Vice Chairman. It was unanimously agreed to elect RS who then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk. | |
| 4. | Declaration of interest. AS-D, FM and DC all declared interest in 9.2. | |
| 5. | Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. | |
| | The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time. | |
| 6. | Appointment of Representatives. 6.1 Social Centre. DC. 6.2 PACT. DR. 6.3 Parish Transport. TBC. 6.4 Parish Footpath Warden. Joe Aspey. 6.5 Bredon Hill Conservation Group. GB. 6.6 Snow Warden. Simon Hague. 6.7 Tree Warden. Jeff Fletcher. 6.8 Flood Warden. Simon Hague. | |
| 7. | District Councillor's report. "I am not able to come to the meeting this evening as it clashes with a council meeting at Wychavon. This is one of the meetings at which the Liberal Democrat opposition members propose a subject for debate, and this evening we are discussing the government's new National Planning Policy Framework and its implications for the South Worcestershire Development Plan. The preferred options consultations on the SWDP | |

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| | <p>took place before the NPPF was finalised and we now have to consider how far the SWDP needs changing in the light of the new framework. Wychavon and the other two councils, Malvern Hills District and Worcester City are due to agree a final version of the SWDP on July 3, and it is obviously important that we take this opportunity to make our comments on draft policies before everything is finalised</p> <p>There is little to report since your last meeting, other than planning applications in the parish of which you are already aware. The Parish Council has already commented on most of these and I agree with your comments, except that in the case of 12/00252. Land Adjacent to Bredon Holt, I have asked the planning officer to confirm that the new house will fall entirely within the village development boundary and will thus conform with policy GD1.</p> <p>This leaves three items which I expect you will be discussing this evening.</p> <p>12/00820. A proposal for four houses on the site of Willow Cottage.</p> <p>12/00779. A proposal for a new bungalow in the garden of Rockland House</p> <p>12/00879. New permanent building at Bredon Hill Middle School.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing your comments on each of these, and I will ensure that they are properly taken on board and taken to the full planning committee if necessary – although that can only be done if there are good planning grounds for overturning the officer’s recommendation.”</p> | |
| 8. | <p>County Councillor’s report. None available.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Planning.</p> <p>9.1 Presentation from Mark Sakett about proposed development of land north of Ashton under Hill.</p> <p>MS circulated coloured draft plans of the proposed development. He talked through the proposal and answered questions from the public and Councillors.</p> <p>9.2 Comments from public about proposed new dwelling in the garden of Rockland House.</p> <p>Residents expressed the need for their opinions to be taken into account. Concern was raised that the development was in an AONB, outside the development boundary and if approved could set a precedent.</p> <p>9.3 Applications considered out of meeting.</p> <p>W/12/00293/PN & W/12/00294/CA – Willow Cottage, Elmley Road. Proposed demolition of two bedroom cottage and erection of replacement dwelling. The PC considered that the proposal was far too large and not in keeping with the adjoining properties. Not the small dwelling originally envisaged.</p> <p>W/12/00252/PN – Land adjacent Bredon Holt, Elmley Road. Erect one dwelling house & garage. No objection but consideration should be given to impact on Bramble Bank.</p> <p>W/12/00695/PP – Mitha Dara, Cheltenham Road. Internal alterations and extension. No objection.</p> <p>W/12/00596/CU – Old Post Office, Elmley Road. Change of use from</p> | |

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| | <p>ancillary accommodation to holiday let. No objection.</p> <p>9.4 Application received after publication of the agenda. W/12/00779/PN – Rockland House, Elmley Road. New bungalow in the garden of Rockland House. PC recommends refusal as it is outside the development boundary.</p> <p>9.5 Decisions. Approval W/11/02595/LB – Little Thatch, Beckford Road. Replacement of soft wood door & door frame with hardwood.</p> <p>Refusal W/12/00294/CA – Willow Cottage, Elmley Road. Conservation Area Consent to demolish a two bedroomed cottage.</p> <p>Application withdrawn W/12/00137/CU – Carrant Brook Farm, Cheltenham Road. Change of use (inc. building works) to create live/work development.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>Progress reports.</p> <p>10.1 Social Centre. DC reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village Hall kitchen was complete and the hall was due to be done in the school holiday. • There was to be a Shindig. • Events arranged for the Jubilee celebrations included a picnic, a bonfire, beacon and pig roast. <p>10.2 Bredon Hill Conservation Group. Report attached.</p> <p>10.3 Policing matters. None to report.</p> <p>10.4 Lengthsman. Ask to clear around bus stop opposite Cottons Lane and ask WCC for a bus stop sign. Write to bus company.</p> <p>10.5 Erosion of verge outside Rookery Nook. No further information.</p> <p>10.6 Grasscrete in Elmley Road to provide off-road parking. No report available</p> <p>10.7 Flooding outside Honeysuckle Cottage, Elmley Road. No information available.</p> <p>10.8 Extra grit bin in Cornfield Way. No further information.</p> <p>10.9 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. JH to liaise with C Cllr.</p> <p>10.10 Dog Warden. JH to give information to Cllr Fletcher.</p> | <p>JH JH JH</p> |
| 11. | <p>Finance.</p> <p>11.1 Wychavon Bursary. The invitation to contribute financially to the scheme was declined</p> <p>11.2 Rural Rate Relief</p> <p>11.2.1 The Star Inn. Agreed to support.</p> <p>11.2.2 The Post Office. Agreed to support.</p> <p>11.3 Annual insurance renewal. It was agreed to change to Zurich.</p> <p>11.4 Payments. Payments totalling £752.05 were approved and the cheques were signed.</p> <p>11.5 Bank balances. Accepted.</p> <p>11.6 Annual Accounts 2011/2012. Due to computer problems the accounts were unavailable for approval. For next meeting.</p> <p>11.7 Annual Return 2011/2012. Deferred to next meeting.</p> | <p>JH JH</p> |
| 12. | <p>Community defibrillators. Nettie Mantle gave a presentation about Community Defibrillators</p> | |

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| | informing the meeting of the cost, how to use of the machine, training availability and the ideal storage needed. She emphasised the need of defibrillators in the community saying that even if the machine is used only once in 5 years it will have paid for itself. Article to be placed in Ashton News to find the level of interest. | |
| 13. | Youth Bus. It was agreed to have a free taster session. Both schools to be approached for parking place. | JH |
| 14. | Lengthsman Scheme 2012/2013. It was agreed to sign up for the scheme for another year. | JH |
| 15. | Correspondence for information. Previously circulated. | |
| 16. | Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. DC – small tree at the bottom of Gorse Hill needs to be taken out. DC to contact Tree Warden. RS – footway to Station House needs to be continued as a matter of urgency. JH to contact C Cllr. DR – improvement of footway to Willow Close is urgent. FM – Allotments for future agenda. AGM of Ashton Allotment Association called for 20.05.12. FM – hedge of The Close overhanging footway. JH to write to occupant. AS-D – reiterated the need for the footway to Willow Close to be improved. | DC JH JH JH JH |
| 17. | Dates of meetings for the next 12 months. 10 July 2012, 11 September 2012, 13 November 2012 (budget), 8 January 2013, 12 March 2013 (also Annual Parish meeting) and 14 May | |

The meeting ended 9.46pm