

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 10th September 2013 @ 7pm

in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

Members and Officers present: Cllrs Barnett (chair), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Sanger-Davies, Cllr Moor, Cllr Cope & Cllr Hague

In attendance: District Councillor Derby, Clerk & 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. Cllr Reese & CC Hardman

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.

CC Sanger-Davis regarding the application for a donation from the Scout Group

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.

The meeting opened @ 7 pm and adjourned to listen to members of the public.

The Chair convened the meeting at 7.02pm

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Progress reports:**

a. Social Centre, nothing of importance to report

b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, nothing to report on

c. PACT, nothing to report on

d. Lengthsman, nothing to report on

e. Footway to Willow Close, this has now been completed, the PC wish to thank the contractors on a job well done

f. Vehicle Activated Sign, it was agreed that the clerk would place an order for three (3) extra posts & four (4) end caps.

It was also agreed that Cllr Fletcher would place the VAS at the following sites

- Inside of the 30 mph sign by the Middle School

- The Groaten

- Willow Close

- Outside Graham House

Over the past few weeks since the sign has been up it has shown that on average the speed limit is being broken 3000 times a week.

Cllr Fletcher will keep a log of these read outs in order to prove to the police that Ashton Under Hill does have a problem with speeding in the village

g. CFR

Clerk has been advised that there are no longer grants available. If we want to go ahead we would need to pay for it ourselves +- £1000. It was agreed to raise this at the next meeting.

h. Flooding

Clerk sent email to AH regarding kerb to be raised, still waiting for reply

5. Footways to the Groaten were discussed, it was agreed the clerk would write to residents requesting they cut back their hedges.

6. Cottons Lane Parking

After going over letters and copies of land register it from residents concerned, it was noted that this is a matter for residents to deal with personally. Clerk to write to the concerned residents advising them that the PC support their complaint. The individuals concerned could either put notices up or bollards in order to protect their property at their own expense.

7. To discuss trees in the village

It has been brought to the PC's attention that the tree on the top of Gores Hill is being maliciously damaged. It was agreed that the Ivy should be removed and the tree monitored. Cllr Fletcher to report back on the progress at the next meeting and if necessary take further steps.

8. **District and County Councillors' reports:** for information. See attached notes

9. **Planning:**

W13/01729/PP was discussed and the PC have no objections

Kathy Else of RTS presented the PC with designs for an potential planning application planned on the edge of Ashton Under Hill

The PC and 3 members of the public expressed their concerns on :-

- the increase of traffic in the village
- the fact that the land marked out by Wychavon is now shown as larger in RTS drawings
- the members of the public raised their concern over the close proximity of the new dwellings to their homes
- Concern over possible footpath going along property boundaries

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10. Finance:

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to Elmley Castle Scout group to go towards their Pantomime trip in the new year. The group has 15 children from Ashton every week.

As at the end of August the current account closed with a balance of £10,068.45 with no cheques outstanding. The savings account closed at £5307.28. Giving a closing balance of cash assets for the PC at £15,375.73

Cheques to be approved

OHL	£ 31.60 (Stationery)
CALC	£ 63.75 (Literature)
Worcestershire County Council	£1500.00 (Vehicle Activated Sign)
M English	£ 441.85 (Wages)

11. **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.)

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

13. **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.

Defibrillator
Overhanging hedges

14. Date of next meeting was confirmed for 12th November @ 7pm. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

.....(chairman)

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