

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 @ 7.00pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Darby & 1 member of the public

Apologies: CC Hardman

1. Declarations of Interest:

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. None
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Hague on mowing quotations
- 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.

2. Minutes from January 2018 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. *1 member of the public, attached note.*

3. St Richards Hospice presentation – postponed till July
4. Parish Councillor vacancy - application received from Jayne Barker, all present voted in favour and Mrs Barker was co opted
5. **Progress reports:** for information / discussion and comments if necessary
 - a. Social Centre, no report
 - b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, no report
 - c. PACT -
 - c.1 Smart Water –108 responses received, 34%. Agreed to buy 80 kits from Crophorne @ £5 each as well as place an order of 50 kits from Smartwater at £8.60 each. There is a possibility we can purchase the signage from Smartwater. Agreed to contact people who have signed up first notifying them kits are available. Action SS

Thanks to County Councillor Hardman for his donation of £1000 towards this project.

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c.2 Police report - On the 15th Feb small items were stolen from an outbuilding on Beckford Road and a report on the 6th March of damage to a door at Bredon Academy.

c.3 PACT News letter will be sent out to all residents

c.4 There will be a PACT surgery in Beckford on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10.30-11.30

- d. Lengthsman, new Lengthsman working well, doing a great job, £800 still available in the budget this financial year
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, it was agreed to approach highways to move the sign to just outside the village to the first 30mph sign – Action SS
- f. Flooding, Drains need clearing - by the old post office as well as the one between Gorse Hill and Wood Lane. Action SS
Issues still outstanding:- flooding outside Station House, the bus shelter on the Groaten and the Chapel. Agreed to report this to highway. Get Lengthsman to dig a gulley opposite entrance to Station House – Action SS
- g. Highways, - road closure of the Groaten 20-23rd March
Grit bins – it was agreed to buy 10 bags of salt privately to fill the bin in Cornfield Way, up to a limit of £100. Action SS /SH
The Parish Council will approach Wychavon to purchase two extra grit bins at Bakers Lane and Willow Close, they have already agreed to provide a managed bin for Cornfield Way
Action ME
- h. Training- nothing to report
- i. Trees in the Parish – nothing to report
- j. Communications, in the process of setting up a new website. New Data Protection laws coming into effect in May were discussed, to follow up and set up new email addresses for Cllrs. Develop a Data Protection policy. Action ME/KR
- k. Doreen Brett Memorial bench, it was previously agreed to install it at the bottom of Gorse Hill

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

There are currently three planning applications in Ashton that I am aware of. One is the application for a certificate of lawful use for Brooklands, Cheltenham Road and the other two are alternatives to provide additional classroom accommodation at Bredon Hill Middle School. The former is still being sorted out, but it is not a planning application. It is a question of establishing what exactly the use of the house has been, and in particular whether it has been occupied by someone employed or previously employed in agriculture. I do not think either of the two classroom proposals are controversial, but the PC may have a different view.

However there is the ongoing situation of Willow Cottage. I have been in touch with the Enforcement Officer today to get the latest news. He has had no response from Mr Gilder. If he does not hear from him by the end of the month he will take the matter further as he promised in my last report "To summarise, I am waiting on an exact date in March, failure to do so, a S215 Notice will potentially be enforced within March".

Changes to Wychavons New Homes bonus changes

7. **Planning application notifications**

- 7.a. Willow cottage – enforcement notice

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Ongoing situation of Willow Cottage, no response received from Mr Gilder

7.b.

<u>18/00290/FUL</u>	Bredon Hill Middle School Elmley Road ASHTON UNDER HILL WR11 7SW	Proposed positioning of 2 no. mobile classrooms No objection	Pending decision
<u>18/00277/FUL</u>	Bredon Hill Middle School Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill Evesham WR11 7SW	Provision of 2no.additional classrooms No objection	Pending decision
<u>17/01336/CLE</u>	Brooklands Cheltenham Road Ashton Under Hill WR11 7QT	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use of the site as residential without restriction on occupancy.	Pending decision

8. Finance – bank statements are finally coming to new address

a. To agree bank balance

The current account balance as at 21/2 is	-	£13,120.46
The savings account balance as at 21/2 is	-	£ 3,318.96
Total cash assets for the PC stand at	-	<u>£16,439.42</u>

b. To agree payments

PAYEE	Details	Cheq no	Amount
AUHSC	Grant 16/17	100969	£560.00
AUHSC	Grant 17/18	100970	£2500.00
B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman	100971	£300.00
B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman	100972	£252.00
St Barbaras Church	Grant	100973	£1700.00
Bredon hill grounds maintenance	June Invoice - Mowing	100974	£960.00
Bredon hill grounds maintenance	December Invoice - Mowing	100974	£720.00
M English	Wages & Expenses	100975	£520.43

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S Smith	Verge Posts	100976	£175.00
B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman	100977	£90.00
AUHSC	Hall hire	100978	£96.00
Wychavon DC	Dog bins	100979	£95.46
HMRC	Paye	100980	£250.00

- c. Agreed to buy a replacement battery charger for the defibrillator £94 plus VAT
- d. Grass cutting quotes
 - Bredon Hill Grounds Maintenance - £1680
 - Gardens by Jenny - £1715
 - Brian Arrowsmith - £1750

Contract awarded to Gardens by Jenny

- e. Stone Cross and Memorial Steps renovation - first of 3 quotations received £5,000.00 for the full cross repair, to replace the steps in a similar style £25,000.00, or just to remove and resite the top layer £5000 waiting for more quotations. PC not in a position to make any decisions at present. Looking at further grants. Action SS
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.)
- a. Letter from resident re parking – Elmley Road
Agreed to write to Rooftop, cc in Wychavon supporting the residents request **Action SS**
 - b. Letter from Long Carrant View resident re safety at entrance. Agreed to contact to Cllrs Hardman & Darby **Action SS**
 - c. Complaint received re Pig Barn, Cotswolds Drainage are still trading out of there despite being sold, agreed to look at the planning application **Action ME**
 - d. Complaint received re Agricultural barn at the back of Manor Farm is now being sub let out as offices, look at planning application **Action ME**
10. **Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.**
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.

Rubbish pile growing at the Antiques Place (Robinsons of Worcester) agreed to write and ask them to tidy the site up. Action ME

Under the Hill fest – licence has been applied for and notification sent to all villagers re the event. There is an information session on 14th May - agreed Councillors will not need to attend on behalf of the Parish Council as all procedures followed correctly by the organisers.

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12. *Date of next meeting: 8th May 2018 - Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm*

13. With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.00pm

.....(chair)

.....(date)

PUBLIC MEETING

Grit bin in Cornfield Way requires filling – Chair advised that Highways have agreed to replace the green bin with a highways bin

Drain needs clearing - by the old post office - as well as the one between Gorse Hill and Wood Lane