

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 @ 7pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: Clerk, District Councillor Darby and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Rowley & McIntyre

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.
 - 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 of the May Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish were approved as true and accurate
3. District and County Councillors' reports: for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.)

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) As you will probably already have seen on the SWDP website there is the following announcement.

The South Worcestershire Councils (SWC) i.e Malvern Hills, Worcester and Wychavon started a review of the SWDP in late 2017. This is in line with new Government requirements that local plans should be updated every five years, and therefore a revised SWDP is required by 2021. The review will provide an updated plan period to the year 2041.

The plan will update the existing SWDP and where necessary its Vision, Objectives, Spatial Strategy and policies for the future development of the South Worcestershire area. The second part of the plan includes site allocations, policies and policy designations that will provide for the development needs of the area up to 2041.

The first step in this process will be a consultation on the issues and options, which will take place in the autumn. As a preliminary, the three councils have already consulted on a revision of the Methodology by which Village Facilities and Rural Transport are assessed to put villages in the different numerical categories. This consultation closed on 2 July, and I don't know if your parish council commented. The new methodology is rather more detailed but I don't think it will result in a change of status for most villages.

Enforcement at Willow Cottage.

I understand that Mr Gilder's agent has told Wychavon that he is proposing to exercise the planning consent he received in 2015. This will require the submission of pre-commencement conditions, and I am not sure whether these have yet been received. I have asked the enforcement officer for an update.

Current Planning Applications.

The only major issue seems to be the reserved matters application for 14 houses at Land off Elmley Road.

I have been involved in discussions with the case officer on this application at the pre-app stage and am reasonably happy with it. I look forward to receiving your comments.

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Great Comberton Golf Course. Appeal against refusal for change of use to siting of 81 static holiday caravans.

I attended the site visit yesterday with the case officer and a representative of the appellants. This appeal was being dealt with by written representations and had raised a lot of concern around Bredon Hill. I am not sure whether your parish council had made a representation either individually or through the Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

4. Public Open Forum, notes attached

5. Progress Reports

- a. Social Centre – New chair elected. Dog poo is a serious issue on the playing / football field. The Parish Council are aware of a few culprits. Suggestion made by the Parish Council to the social centre are:-
 - ban dogs from the field altogether
 - dogs must remain on leads at all times.

b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group

c. PACT continue to follow their website. Correspondence still seems to mainly go to the clerk. Many of their bulletins regarding events arrive with very little notice; often 24 hrs.

d. Lengthsman, the brambles and weeds between Halfpenny Retreat and Honeysuckle Cottage have overgrown the footpath. SH to ask landowner to attend to it

e. Vehicle Activated Sign

The location was moved as planned and is working well. The sign now lights up 10m or so BEFORE you reach the 30MPH sign, so acts as a good reminder to slow down. Let's hope it results in less speeding. PC agreed to start investigating costs for an additional VAS for next year's Budget. The costs are from £1500-£4K for a solar powered countdown type.

f. Flooding, blocked drains on Elmley Rd, despite being report and advised by Worcestershire as done.

g. Highways

Long Carrant – we have had a positive response from Highways who plan to make changes to the entrance at Long Carrant Park to make it safer. The response stated that this was in design phase but included widening of the entrance, for vehicular access to the residential park. It also includes the provision of a pedestrian refuge in the centre of the carriageway which should make crossing the road safer. There will be signs on the A46 that warn of the junction ahead. This scheme is currently expected to be delivered this financial year i.e. before March 2019.

Potholes - Beckford Rd - reported the Potholes and this is reported as resolved by Highways

Additional Signage Due to some issues with extra tall vehicles experiencing issues at the Hole in the wall at Elmley – Highways are amending the sign in /out village warning of height restrictions as well as the current width restrictions.

Verge Damage – Beckford road Chair has reported the repeated damage to the verges on Beckford Rd to both the bus companies and Highways. Only had "holding" emails from them – and have suggested that they work together to resolve this. All correspondence has been copied to Cllr Adrian Hardman.

Drainage by the Chapel – Reported this ongoing issue. It was recognized and Adrian Hardman is also chasing. Response received that Highways will investigate.

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Replacement Road signs in the village – Reported that many of the signs in the village are very tired and in some cases faded with letters missing eg Bakers Lane and Elmley Rd opposite the Groaten. Again a response that it will be reviewed.

h. Trees in the Parish

i. Communications

New website: We have an alpha but the process is painfully slow as the developers are building the site on a very low budget and thus squeezing us in where they can. Trying to populate new pages but keep hitting developmental brick walls and the developer is busy! We had been hoping for a 'soft release' before Tuesday but this was not possible.

Facebook. Continues to attract new followers. We will be able to link to fb from the new site so hopefully we will get a bigger audience for both once the elusive site is up and running.

j. Compliance and data protection – agreed to set up Parish Council email addresses by the September meeting. Chair agreed to provide IT support

k. SmartWater

Set up a spreadsheet to identified those houses that have signed up. In the process of issuing these out and will hopefully finish before the meeting (just under 115). Suggest that we advertise/email/poster offering some dates for collection (or email me for delivery if they can't get out). I propose that we offer 3 different times for collection and then the final step would be house to house.

We have been offered another 50 at £5 each from another Parish Council. This will take us just above the 190 that are required to get the signage – it was proposed by Cllr SS, seconded SH, all voted in favour

6. Planning application notifications

18/01115/RM	Land Off Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill	Erection of 14 dwellings and associated infrastructure - reserved matters application following outline planning permission W/16/02188/OU. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy with the mix of houses now changed to smaller houses • Condition that Affordable homes are given priority to Ashton residents • Parking within development is inadequate, request some visitor parking added and a clause for no conversions of garages and strictly no parking on Elmley Rd • Drainage report states inadequate provision so would want to see this amended before approval • No community orchard on new application - this should be added again • Request information on who will be maintaining the site verges, pond etc • Roadway and Footpath within the site to be adopted by highways • Request for Cllr Darby to take to planning committee if these conditions are not agreed 	Pending decision
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<u>18/01068/HP</u>	White Hart Villa Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SH	Oak framed car port No objection	Pending decision
<u>18/00735/HP</u>	Elmwick Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SW	Two storey rear extension No objection	Pending decision
<u>18/01158/HP</u>	22 Cornfield Way Ashton Under Hill WR11 7TA	Demolish existing single storey attached garage and replace with a two storey extension and creation of new driveway. No objection	Pending decision
<u>18/00819/LB</u>	Orchard House Cottons Lane Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SS	Retrospective planning approval for retention of secondary glazing to steel framed single glazed windows, replacement double glazed windows and replacement external door	Approved

7. Finance

Bank balances as at 21st May 2018

Current account - £11,186.43

Savings account - £ 3,319.53

7.b Grant application received from Barney Gardner to go towards a wheel chair adapted vehicle. Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £1000. Cllr Hardman made a donation of £1500 which was paid to the Parish Council. Cheque made out for £2500. Proposed by SS, seconded by SH all in favour.

7.c Chair gave a brief description of the changes taking place to the New Homes Bonus changes, Village of Culture, council tax referendum

7.d. Cheques for approval

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1	Baldwins	Audit	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
2	S Smith	Jackson Fencing	£ 31.50	£ 6.30	£ 37.80
3	B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman May	£ 168.00		£ 168.00
3	B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman June	£ 168.00		£ 168.00
4	HMRC	PAYE	£ 48.60		£ 48.60
5	M English	Wages	£ 635.53		£ 635.53

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6	PATA	Payroll	£ 12.50		£ 12.50
7	SLCC	Membership	£ 23.00		£ 23.00
7	SLCC	CiLCA	£ 125.00		£ 125.00
8	Beckford Mag	Printing / Newsletters	£ 190.00		£ 190.00
9	S Smith	Lottery licence	£ 113.76		£ 113.76
10	B Knight	Barney Gardners grant	£ 2,500.00		£ 2,500.00
	TOTALS		£ 4,165.89	£ 36.30	£ 4,202.19

8. 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.)
9. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.
10. 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.
 - Vale Antique Centre
 - Parking up Elmley Road from Wood Lane
 - Speeding up Elmley Road towards to the school, agreed to write to the school asking that they remind parents to drive safely through the village.
11. With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm Date of next meeting: 11th September 2018

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PUBLIC NOTES

- a. Blocked gullies, Highways reported back that they have been cleared. SS to investigate
- b. Traffic parking down Cornfield Way, agreed to advertise on Facebook and the website
- c. St Richards Hospice presentation – agreed to advertise on PC website, Parish Facebook page and supply pamphlets at the village fete.