

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 @ 7pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Darby & 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.
- 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 September Parish Council Meeting 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.)

District Cllr Report – Cllr Darby

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR):

Consultation on Issues and Options

This process has now started and the parish council needs to submit its comments by 17 Dec. The questions we have been asked are all fairly high level and it is not always easy to see how they will apply to Ashton under Hill directly. In particular this consultation does not look at the specific sites put forward in the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA), although the SHELAA is part of the evidence base for the SWDPR. So far the maps showing proposed sites have not been posted on the SWDP website and so it is not yet possible to see what, if anything, has been proposed for Ashton under Hill.

Erection of 14 dwellings opposite the Middle School – Cllr Hewitt attending Planning Meeting

This reserved matters application is due for consideration at Thursday's planning meeting and is recommended for approval. I do not know whether the P.C. will be sending a speaker. If so, I need to remind you that all matters covered at the outline stage cannot be re-opened.

Willow Cottage

I understand that there has been some movement on this site and I hope that this signifies that the latest planning permission W/15/00990 is being activated.

4. Progress Reports

4.1 Social Centre – no report

4.2 Bredon Hill Conservation Group

Matt Darby, Adrian Darby & Adrian Hardman were absent therefore limited updates available on current planning issues.

Mitton Bank proposed Development: No further progress. Proposal has been opposed by Tewksbury Town Council.

Ashchurch MOD Site: No further news with regard to either re-development or closure.

BHCG Chair: AUH PC (Martyn Wood) now hold the chairmanship for the next three months

Next Meeting: 17th April 2019 at AUH PC meeting room.

4.3 PACT

- Joined text crime update service, but not received anything so far
- Continue to post West Mercia Police updates on Facebook and will try to extend this service to the new site.
- Look into the WhatsApp group that the police operate in the Cotswolds, and request that the West Mids police do something similar in this area as an early warning system

ACTION KR

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4.4 Highway

- Conditions of pavements from Wood Lane up towards BHA , report to Highways **ACTION CHAIR**
- Request for residents to trim hedges, agreed to write to residents concerned as well as put a note in the newsletter **ACTION KR**
- Chair approached Woodlands Trust for “Flick with a stick” signage, nothing received to date. Agreed to approach the Forestry Commission. **ACTION CHAIR**
- Drain on Wood Lane, attended to by WCC however needs to be checked. **ACTION CHAIR**
- Flooding outside the Chapel. CC Hardman has it in his to do list. Suggestion of a possible Match Fund to be explored. **ACTION CHAIR**
- Busses in the village still a problem, chair spoken to schools and bus companies. Continue to monitor
- Parking at Willow Close, Rooftop have agreed to put a “no parking” sign up - **Chair to chase delivery**
- A46 changes to add crossing refuge near Long Carrant is due before March. **Chair to chase date**

4.5 Trees in the Parish

The Groaten - 7 of the Silver Birch died due to the drought. Cost for replacements:-

7 replacement Betula Pendula bareroot 10-12 girth same spec as last year £50 each.	Total £350.00
7 replacement Betula Pendula 45 litre potted trees 8-10 girth £80 each	Total £560.00
7 replacement Betula Pendula 10 litre potted trees 6-8ft tall	Total £175.00
2 Black Pear potted 12litre & 5 Hornbeam bareroot 10-12 girth	Total £405.00
Labour to remove dead and replace with new trees	£300.00
Maintenance costs for 2019	£300.00

It was agreed to place an order for the 45 litre potted trees including removal of dead trees and maintenance. Total cost £1160.00 **ACTION**
NM

The Parish Council thanked Costworld Drainage for supplying water to water the trees during the dry season.

4.6 Communication

- New website is live, but seems slow. Feedback is invited from residents.
- Email list is expanding with now more than 70 household email addresses
- Village information flyers have been distributed to new residents.

4.7 Compliance, Risk Assessment and data protection. Clerk to update Risk Assessment sheets then to arrange a meeting with the chair and Cllr Wood to discuss further. Clerk to Risk Assess the Lengthsman. **ACTION ME**

5. Planning application notifications

Truck Stop Cheltenham Road, ENF/18/0439

Enforcement spoken with the agents letting the land and have advised that planning permission is required for a change of use of the land for retail and storage of caravans.

18/02322/CAN	Orchard House Cottons Lane Ashton Under Hill Evesham WR11 7SS	Fell pear tree. Reason - roots lifting and too close to garage. No objection
18/02247/HP	17 Gorse Hill Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SP	Replacement single storey rear extension. No objection

6. Finance

Bank balances as at 21st October 2018

Current account - £18458.06

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Savings account - £ 3320.95

6.1 The cheques below were proposed by Cllr Hague, seconded by Cllr Cope, all voted in favour. Cllr Hewitt proposed a donation of £100 towards the British Legion for the wreath to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Cllr Hague seconded, all voted in favour.

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque no
1	GM Lumley	Training	£ 20.00		£ 20.00	1033
2	Royal British Legion	Poppy	£ 100.00		£ 100.00	1034
3	S Hewitt	Beacon of Light Memorial	£ 46.37		£ 46.37	1035
4	Webbees	Website	£ 864.50		£ 864.50	1036
5	B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman	£ 324.00		£ 324.00	1037
6	PATA	Payroll	£ 12.50		£ 12.50	1038
7	HMRC	PAYE	£ 48.60		£ 48.60	1039
8	M English	Wages	£ 422.57		£ 422.57	1040
9	M English	Expenses	£ 141.03		£ 141.03	1041
	TOTALS		£ 1,963.20	£	£ 1,963.20	

6.2 To budget for 2019/20 was set and agreed to increase the precept by 2.8%. Proposed by Cllr Hewitt, Seconded Cllr McIntyre, all voted in favour.

6.3 Grass cutting quotation

Agreed to issue a 3 year mowing contract to Gardens by Jenny, based on 8 cuts a year with a clause stating "should additional cuts be required during the year due to excessive growth this would be included in the cost" of £245 per month. Proposed by Cllr Hewitt, Seconded by Cllr Rowley, all voted in favour.

ACTION CHAIR

7. 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.)
8. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.
9. 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.
 - Parish Council Elections – Agreed to advertise on Facebook
 - Neighbourhood Plan - Agree to try again to create a team. Discuss Jan meeting
 - Risk Assessment
10. Date of next meeting 8th January 2019
11. With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm Date of next meeting: 13th November 2018

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.....(date)