

# ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 7pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: Clerk and 1 member of the public

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 July 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.)

*The Parish Council will have received requests for responses to various surveys which lead up to the preparation of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review. You should have already responded to the Village Facilities and Rural Transport Survey which closed two weeks ago.*

*I also suggest that you respond to the "Open Space Assessment (including Community Buildings) - Town/Parish Council Survey" and to the "Development Boundary Review - Proposed Methodology Consultation". The deadline for these is the 5<sup>th</sup> October and the 8<sup>th</sup> October, so you still have a little time.*

*I have had a preliminary look at both of them. I think the first is fairly straightforward but I have some doubts about the second. In particular I am concerned about the proposal to extend development boundaries where there are small enclosed parcels of land less than .18 ha on the edge of the village. Although this provision is hedged around with various caveats which would apply to Beckford (in particular the AONB), I am concerned that it would result in a lot of garden grabbing on the edge of villages. In the past many villages have grown with houses and large gardens being built on their edges. This provides a happy transition between the built up settlement and the open countryside beyond.*

*Great Comberton Golf Course. Appeal against refusal for change of use to siting of 81 static holiday caravans. This appeal has been allowed, despite my best efforts in support of the relevant parish councils. Ashton under Hill Parish Applications*

*There are three outstanding applications. One is for the 14 houses opposite the Middle School on which you have already commented. The second is for a workers house at the Pig Barn and the third is for Cedar Gables. I will represent your views on these.*

### 4. Public Open Forum, notes attached

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## 5. Progress Reports

- a. Social Centre – ongoing fundraising for the play area refurbishment, close to target and hoping to get started soon
- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, no report
- c. PACT no report
- d. Lengthsman, Chair to ask Lengthsman to clear the front of the Pound **Action Sarah H**
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, working well since it has been moved
- f. Flooding, drain has been dug up and will be jetted at the bottom of Wood Lane.
- g. Highways, no report from CC Hardman. Leak in Cottons lane has been repaired finally. The issue of the low water pressure since has been reported,
- h. Trees in the Parish, no report
- i. Communications, last adjustments to take place on the new website
- j. Compliance and data protection, PC email addresses to be set up by November meeting **Action ALL, Sarah H to support**
- k. SmartWater, Open sessions to be advertised where residents can collect packs. 121 signed up, still need 70 more. Agreed to go door to door with the police cadets to encourage further take up within the village. Also going to look at trying to get signage faster. **Action Sarah H**
- l. Risk assessment, **Clerk and MW to meet up**

## 6. Planning application notifications

<a href="#">18/01578/HP</a>	Cedar Gables Beckford Road Ashton Under Hill Evesham WR11 7SU	First floor sundeck; and internal remodelling	Pending decision
<a href="#">18/01306/FUL</a>	The Pig Barn The Groaten Ashton Under Hill WR11 7QR	Construction of a dwelling for a rural worker	Pending decision
<a href="#">18/01325/HP</a>	27 Gorse Hill Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SP	Proposed two storey side extension	Approved

## 7. Finance

Bank balances as at 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018

Current account - £13,003.59

Savings account - £ 3,320.12

### b. Cheques for approval

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque no
2	HMRC	PAYE	£ 97.20		£ 97.20	1031
3	B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman	£ 336.00		£ 336.00	1018
4	M English	Wages	£ 679.83		£ 679.83	1026
5	M English	ICO registration	£ 40.00		£ 40.00	1027
6	PATA	Payroll	£ 17.50		£ 17.50	1028
7	Dodderhill PC	Smart Water	£ 250.00		£ 250.00	1029
8	Wychavon Sports Council	Games	£ 66.00		£ 66.00	1030
9	Mudway	Marquee	£ 2,124.00		£ 2,124.00	1031
	TOTALS		£ 3,610.53	£ -	£ 3,610.53	

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- c. Clerk to deduct £1770.00 from Social Centre grant (Fete Marquee payment)
- d. Look into telephone banking. Clerk to make appointment with HSBC
- 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.
  - Dog poo bags left lying around the track up past Shaw Green, plus other footpath routes. Beginning to become a real Issue. Agreed to look into putting "Flick with a Stick" signage up away from pavement routes to limit use of bags - in line with Forestry Commission and Woodland Tryst Initiatives. **Action Sarah H**
  - Accident on the A46 at Long Carrant. Police are not interested unless someone is injured. **Agreed KR would take this up with PACT. Sarah H to chase the timing on the road changes**
  - PC thanked the Fete committee for a successful Fete. **Action Sarah H** to send thank you
  - Footpaths to be added to the agenda **Action MH**
  - Budget to be proposed in Nov meeting - **Sarah H to send draft prior to meeting**
  - Willow close parking, agreed to ask Rooftop & Highways if they would put a sign up **Action Sarah H**
  - Grass cutting – look into a 3 year contract – **Action SH to get quotes before Nov meeting**
  - Village of Culture, agreed to advertise on Facebook and Website - **Action KR to investigate**
  - Question raised regarding the meaning of the "Affordable housing" on the plans opposite the Middle School. **Sarah H to investigate**
  - Rumours started that the 540 bus service is to be phased out. **Action KR to investigate**
- 11. With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm. Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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## PUBLIC NOTES

Mr Nicklin approached the Parish Council regarding his planning application. SmartWater kit was handed to Mr Nicklin.