

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Michelle English, Delamere House, Hill Furze, Fladbury, Pershore, WR10 2NB
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Source Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 @ 7.00pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: District Cllr Darby, 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** M English (Clerk)

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

- Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **Confirmed that Cllr Hague and Cope have submitted Declaration of Interest forms to Wychavon.**
- To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- 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.

3. **Minutes** from November meeting were approved as true and accurate

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time at 7.10pm to listen to Mr Finch & Mr Facer, (notes attached below)

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4. **Progress reports:** for information / discussion and comments if necessary

Minute Item No	Description	Responsibility	Action Taken
a) Social Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Cope shared a quote for maintenance & repairs to playground from Wicksteed. £5103 ex vat. Mr Facer suggested that usually not all repairs are essential and final costs are usually £1500-2000. Cllr Cope added that repairs are needed for underneath swings area where water is gathering. 	Cllr Cope	
b) Bredon Hill Conservation Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now have a secretary, we have previously agreed to support this Group with £25 per annum. Added to Budget No other news 	Cllr Becket	
c) PACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No crimes to report for the last month for Ashton. Receiving some reports of poachers and lamping taking place around the area and we have also had a further two burglaries reported in Bredon. Encourage everyone to look again at their home security and ensure that a light is left on a timer to give the impression that someone is home. If anyone sees or hears anything suspicious please ring immediately on 101 or 999 as appropriate. 	Cllr Moore	Need to allocate responsibility for PACT at the next meeting. Add to Agenda
d) Lengthsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To cut back verges in Cotton's Lane, i.e from top of Badgers Retreat in front Anna Smith property and further up to opposite Arana, to ensure water flows smoothly into drains and not down the road Hedges lining pavements on both sides of the Groaten need to be cut back. Hedges on left after last house privately owned by farmer. Affected houses to be leafleted All drain tops in village to be cut around 	Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Lengthsman with List of Works Leafleting to be carried out by Cllr Smith Cllr Hague to contact landowner to get Hedge trimmed
e) Vehicle Activated Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery to be replaced Relocate to Beckford Rd 	Clerk	Add to lengthsman list of works
f) Defibrillator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report 	Cllr Smith	
g) Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible leak has been identified in the verge outside The Yarde property. 	Clerk	To establish responsibility, e.g. Severn Trent and contact

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h) Highways issues (current traffic congestion proposal by WCC & School)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic survey has been carried out, awaiting results Damage is being caused to verges by school coaches, e.g. bottom of Gorse Hill. It was agreed to ask residents to submit individual complaints to the coach company as they happen, supplying dates and times and photographic evidence where possible. It was suggested that information about this could also be uploaded onto the PC Facebook page, the Ashton newsletter and the website. On Facebook, residents could be encouraged to upload photos and comment on any incidents. Both schools to be contacted to put this request in their Newsletter Cllr Smith suggested requesting that coach companies install cameras in the front of their vehicles to record incidences of mounting verges etc. Cllr Smith suggested Highways are consulted about the conditions of contracts for school coaches 	Cllr Smith	<p>Cllr Rowley to supply information via the media mentioned.</p> <p>Cllr Smith to contact Highways Agency and both schools</p>
i) Trees in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern raised that the Nicklin's were cutting too many trees down on their land at the end of the Groaten. Forestry Commission to be contacted to understand allowances and check for licences. 	Cllr McIntyre	Contact Forestry commission and confirm what is allowed and report back on action required.
j) Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Rowley to look into taking over the official Wychavon parish council site to provide information about the PC Agreed Groaten bus stop noticeboard enlarged to provide more space for notices from residents living in lower part of village. Brian Stephens & John Kenrick to send email list for Cllr Rowley with block village correspondence Cllr Rowley is taking over editorship of Ashton Newsletter 	Cllr Rowley	Cllr Rowley to compile list for block emails, update noticeboard, and review websites
k) Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further information from CC Hardman on the status of the footpath from the memorial to the church. Chair has written to Highways with details of the issues, no response received yet Cllr Cope pointed out that the footpath is now in such a bad state of disrepair that an elderly resident recently tripped on it and she fears worse accidents might happen if issue not addressed soon 	Cllr Smith	Cllr Smith to contact CC Hardman again, to chase repair, and request quote for matched contribution.
l) Neighbourhood plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our application to designate area for a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the village has been approved Cllr Becket met with Cllr Matt Darby from Bredon Parish Council who shared the process Bredon PC followed to develop their pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan, which has recently been through the consultation period. Ideas and recommendations were also shared which will provide Ashton Under Hill PC useful reference for commencing consideration and development of a neighbourhood plan. Neighbourhood planning workshop taking place at Malvern end of January. It was agreed to produce good quality questionnaires for the village when embarking on research for the NP Cllr Becket has recommended a subcommittee of approx 4 people, led by her, be formed for the NP. Members can be residents. 	Cllr Becket	<p>Cllr Becket to attend workshop</p> <p>Ideas for possible candidates to be submitted by councillors (or residents)</p>

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

Report by District Councillor Adrian Darby to Ashton under Hill PC 12th January 2015

South Worcestershire Development Plan Recommendations have been made and a report is due at the end of this month. The Plan will be passed in spring but there will be a period of judicial review before that. Plan should be in effect by summer 2016. Significant Weight is now given to the content of this plan in planning decisions.

6. Planning

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Appl Number	Application	Update
Decisions		
15/02872	Conversion of bungalow to 2 storey – Harvest Fields REFUSED	
Current applications		
15/02563	Land adjacent Northfield Farm - Change of use to Gypsy Site	- Village was leafleted. Over 90 Objections including PC - request for this application to go to committee will be granted if the Officers recommend approval - Heritage Officers report will be key
	Land at the Bottom of the Groaten – Enforcement Notice not enacted	- Cllr Darby to chase this notice being enforced. Also to identify if the PC can take any action and recharge this to the landowners/Wychavon.

7. New Homes Bonus

No new information. Meeting to be arranged with the ASC to spend the agreed funds available in line with the Village Poll – Cllr Beckett and Cllr McIntyre

8. Phone box door has been repaired but needs some adjustments. Bill for Materials £171.26, no charge for labour. Previous quote £500. Thanks given to Cllr Moore.

9. Finance

a) Budget

A proposal for the Budget was made at the Finance Committee meeting on the 5th January. It was agreed that the Precept be increased to £16K to be around £1000 ahead of where the precept would have been if it was not decreased 3 years ago. This allows current expenditure to include support ASC and Churchyard maintenance to continue, whilst rebuilding the retained monies to cover emergencies. A secondary Budget was also prepared in case a referendum is called and the increase voted against. This Budget is £11,220. These Budgets were approved unanimously.

b) Grant Awarding Policy

- The Policy for allocating and approving community grants was amended to include VFM requirement. We agreed to require value for money demonstrated by alternative quotes etc for the expenditure, and any explanations why the preferred supplier is chosen. We agreed that an annual meeting with the Village groups would take place to understand the grant request and ensure need and VFM. Meetings to be held in December each year
- The revised policy was agreed unanimously.

d) Cheques for payment approved (table below)

Date	Chq No	Payee	Reason	VAT	Amount incl VAT
		Beckford Group Magazine	Subscription		£ 133.00
		M English	Clerk's Salary		£ 413.71
		S Hague Farm & Gardens	Annual bill for mowing Verges		£ 1610.00
		F Moore	Phone box repairs		£ 171.26
		M Cole (Lengthsman)	General work		£ 198.00
		OHL	Clerk's Expenses		£ 23.33

- Cllrs Cope & Hague need to ratify identity at the Bank – Clerk needs to provide Mandate to take along with their proof of Identity.

e) Bank balance

Bank balance as at 21st December 2015 £8,965.81
Savings - £3,134.90

Total cash assets for the PC as at 21st December 2015 = £12,280.71

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

- Councillors regretfully accepted Cllr Frank Moore's decision to resign, effective from this meeting. Remaining councillors congratulated Mr Moore on his loyalty and hard work over the past five years. Mr Moore assured the committee that he would continue to offer support in the future if required. The vacancy will be advertised in due course.

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.

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- Cllr Cope has noted that Paris road (the private section) is in a poor state of disrepair. Clerk to identify whether we can mandate or simply request repairs – postman, milkman etc struggling with the potholes.
- Back Lane (public road) is in a similar poor state of repair. Clerk to find out who has responsibility for the gullies which are blocked, adding to the issues.
- It was decided not to proceed with the purchase of wheelie bin stickers as they are no longer free (500 for £210).

12. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8th March at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.50pm

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

PUBLIC NOTES

Mr Finch queried progress on removal of caravan and general tidying up of Mr Nicklin's field at bottom of Groaten. It was revealed the caravan couldn't be currently moved because of the sodden state of the field. Dist Cllr Darby was asked why the enforcement order could be enacted by Wychavon. Mr Finch queried why several apparently healthy trees had been felled by Mr Nicklin. See notes in Section 4 on Trees.

Mr Finch queried the Northfield planning application and was updated by Cllr Smith as to current situation. Dist Cllr Darby recommended Parish Cllr and a village rep attended any committee hearing as two people are permitted to talk for 3 mins each.

Mr Facer commented that defibrillator does not display local emergency phone numbers. Cllr Smith explained the procedure is to call 999 who will simultaneously trigger calls to trained villagers, local responders and an ambulance. This is the recommended practice.

Mr Facer suggested PC have powers to impose traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and 20mph speed limit in village. It was explained that only Highways Agency can do this, but that PC were working with Highways and aiming for series of measures to limit speeding vehicles.

Mr Facer informed the committee that there are always unavoidable Social Centre costs, e.g. maintenance and insurance over past 3 years have amounted to between £7.5 and 9k. He does not want to raise rents, e.g. guides, brownies. Mr Facer is in agreement to the precept being raised to enable support to the ASC.

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2016 @ 7.00pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: Clerk, 2 members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Rowley, Darby & Hardman

2. Declarations of Interest:

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. None

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3. Minutes from September meeting were approved as true and accurate

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4. Progress reports: for information / discussion and comments if necessary

a. Social Centre

Cheque paid over to the Social Centre for £2500

Asparagus supper 21/5, £15 per person. Looking for volunteers

b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, no meeting during February. Looking at a joint Bredon Hill

Neighbourhood plan

ACTION JB

c. PACT

Local incidents were reported

The last 12 months has continued to be busy throughout our policing area which extends from Whittington, Upton Snodsbury and Dormston in the north to Bredon and Beckford in the south. We have carried out active engagement within our policing area in the form of monthly police surgeries and local parish events. The whole team remain committed to tackling all levels of crime throughout the area including rural crime and poaching and providing security advice and support to victims and vulnerable residents.

This report is based using the recorded crime figures between 14/03/15 and 15/03/16 the comparison is relating to the corresponding dates in 2014/15.

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Overall the police recorded 69 incidents that were reported by members of the public this is compared to 66 incidents reported the previous year.

Of the 69 incidents the Parish had 19 recordable crimes (incidents where a specific offence has occurred) this was in comparison to 20 recordable crimes the previous year.

The breakdown of offences is as follows:

	2015/16	2014/15
Burglary Dwellings	0	6
Burglary Other (e.g. sheds)	3	2
Theft other	9	7
Other Offences	7	5

(Includes mostly domestic related incidents)

Overall the figures show a steady but low crime rate for the past few years however the surrounding area has seen an increase in burglaries in the last 12 months so we encourage residents to remain vigilant and address their security. We have continued with increased patrols in the area and have issued security advice.

The figures clearly present the picture that Ashton under Hill and the surrounding area is still a safe place to both live and work, however we all have a responsibility to ensure we maintain this.

On behalf of the team and myself I should like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for all its help over the last 12 months. I would also like to say thank you to the Parish as a whole for its continued support of the local policing team and for the numerous calls we have received relating to suspicious activity, all we ask is that you continue to do this

It was agreed that the chair would ask Cllr KR to take over the responsibility of attending PACT meetings

ACTION SS/KR

d. Lengthsman

List of duties were sent to SH who will deal directly with the Lengthsman.

ACTION SH

e. Vehicle Activated Sign

Battery no longer keeping charge, agreed to purchase two.

ACTION ME

f. Defibrillator

Reminder crib sheets have been distributed to all that attended the training, plus I have ordered wallet sized reminders for people to carry at all times as previously agreed. I have updated the register for any change of numbers etc. There will be the annual renewal fee for the Numbers Plus service in April. £99

ACTION SS

g. Flooding

SH to deal with email on flooding grant

Drainage in the Groaten needs to be attended to. (Discuss with AH)

ACTION SH

ME

h. Highways issues

Roads - Feedback from Keiran states that 20MPH is under Pilot in the County however we are unlikely to be considered for this as we have no accident blackspot and the average speeds are too far above 20MPH to be impacted by the change! We may however be eligible for the "school time" 20MPH signs which have proven more effective. This will be 2017 earliest

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Paths - Repair cost is in the region of £18,000 – County will consider a match funding – we could use the next tranche of NHB – proposal for meeting with Adrian Hardman and Highways shortly

i. Trees in the Parish

ACTION NM

Trees on the corner by the Dodge's House is marked for review . Between the station rise and telephone exchange branches need trimming. NM to contact highways

j. Footpaths

Agreed to spend money from the next NHB to contribute to refurbishment of the path

ACTION SS/AH

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

Report from A Hardman

I am sorry not be with you tonight, but this is a very busy night with annual meetings at two other Parishes, and another Parish Council meeting. I have decided to go the Parish which has the most issues at the moment which is Strensham with yet another 800,000 ton waste disposal application in the parish.

The County has been worrying about four issues at the front of its planning, the rise in the numbers of children in our care, the rising numbers of elderly who need our care, the reductions in support from Central government, and the question of devolution of powers from Whitehall to local democracy.

The rise in numbers of children we are taking into our care has slowed but is still not yet reversing and this is shown by the £5.1 m overspend in this year in the budget, to which 2% of the 3.9% Council Tax rise is being aimed at, and we are working at improving our early intervention strategy to deal with the numbers of children who have no contact which this service before we or the courts intervene. The County's demographic profile continues to worsen with a rise of over 50% of our residents living beyond 85 over the next 10 years. While this is great news: it does lead to an increase in the very frail and elderly who need our and the NHS help. This is very resource intensive for us both, but we remain determined that Social care does not squeeze out all the other services, like a good library service & sound road maintenance.

This is set against a backdrop of dramatic government reductions in grant with the County having to reduce its spending by some £25 M in the current year, and some £30 M in the next financial year, which is a very large ask indeed when one considers that spend has declined by the County from £439M at its peak to some £330M today. There are times when a breath of relief is felt by me that I no longer have the responsibility. The Government continues to cloud the horizon with devolution promises to which at the moment for Counties has amounted to nothing. The Birmingham devo deal sound a lot of cash and responsibility till one saw that the yearly figure was being multiplied by 30 years. How any deal is going to last for 6 parliaments is a question for others, and the Treasury is taking a stronger hand and reconfiguring some Devo deals; so Suffolk is now going in with Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Peterborough to form another level of Government in a combined authority. This makes Whitehall's life easier I suppose, but it is a long way from bottom up driven, and feels like an attempt to recreate a regional structure of Government.

But **local issues** are what a Parish Council meeting should be about. I would urge of residents to consider using the 540 bus service, since I feel the County will have to look at the question of subsidy of buses again, and this service still receives a subsidy, and I know what a vital life line it is. The local schools continue to be in excellent heart, which not all around the hill are alas, but I remain optimistic for the future of Elmley Castle. I have had a response from the County in regard to join funding the footway works, and the estimate is £18,000. It would be helpful if the Parish would commit to a sum of support and the County would carry the risk and the balance. The

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parish has had a detailed response from Kieran over the question of 20 mph limits. The pilots are continuing, but if you look at the Pershore one there is little evidence it has had any effect so far. Road safety in the County continues to improve, and with speeds in this range and no history of accidents I would suggest the last paragraph of his reply could be the key. I continue to work closely with your local District Councillor as evidenced by our joint appearance at the Public inquiry into the 550 houses at Aston Fields to ensure that traffic and conservation issues were considered by the inspector.

Yours as ever.

Adrian Hardman.

Report from A Darby

South Worcestershire Development Plan.

This was adopted by the three South Worcestershire Councils with effect from 25 February 2016. It supersedes the Wychavon Local Plan which now longer has any planning weight, and it is necessary for any refusal reasons to be couched in terms of SWDP policies and not to mention old Wychavon ones such as GD1. While the new Plan is fully in force, it is still subject to judicial review if any objector raises a valid point of law during the next six weeks. The cancellation of the old plan means that Supplementary Planning Documents which were produced under this plan no longer have any force, and the three councils are having to produce new ones. At the moment there are two which are up for public consultation. **Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations DPD – Preferred Options, and Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 2016.** You will be pleased to know that the former does not include the land adjacent to Northfield Farm, which was recently refused permission after objections by the Cotswold Conservation Board.

Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy.

The public examination of this strategy is nearing completion. Last September I spoke at the session into Strategic Allocation 8 (the MoD site at Ashchurch) and will be attending a further one on Green Infrastructure on March 30th.

On 9th March I also gave evidence on landscape and biodiversity at the appeal by Robert Hitchins Ltd against non-determination of their application for 550 houses on land adjoining Aston Fields Lane, which site forms part of Strategic Allocation 8. Councillor Hardman gave evidence on the likely effect of rat-running traffic on the minor roads around Bredon Hill.

Enforcement Action at the Groaten.

At the last parish council meeting I was asked to chase enforcement on this site and to investigate whether the Parish Council could take any action and recharge this to the landowners/Wychavon. I have sent a separate email to the clerk updating her about the progress (or lack of it) on the enforcement action. I have consulted the planning department at Wychavon and have been told by David Hammond, the Housing & Planning Services Manager, that the parish council has no power to take action.

5. Planning

W/16/00453/PP Moat House – demolish exist conservatory and erect single story rear ext to lounge & kitchen

W.16/00002/PP Greystones, 2 story rear extension, no objection

W/15/03217/PP Middle Farm House, Construction of new dwelling, no objection

Decisions between meetings

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W/16/00159/PP approved, 24 Wood Lane
W/16/00037/CU refused, Parish Barn
W/16/00225/PP Approved, 8 Elmley Rd
W/15/02563/CU Refused, change of use for gypsy site
W/16/00178/PP Approved, White Hart

Appeal has been received against Wychavon for app W/15/02872 Harvest Fields, Back Lane, conversion of bungalow to 2 story dwelling

6. New Homes Bonus

Application submitted, Wychavon require more information
Stress to Wychavon the urgency of the marquee and container

ACTION ME

7. Litter pick was discussed, agreed to speak to the school and see if they wanted to get involved under the Clean for the Queen Initiative.

ACTION SS

8. Parish Councillor Vacancy. One enquiry to date. All applications will be reviewed and any successful candidate will be co-opted at the May meeting.

ACTION ME

9. Finance

- Cheques for payment approved
To approve the following payments

M English	-	£ 421.71
M Cole	-	£ 400.00
Social Centre	-	£2,500.00
St Barbara	-	£1,500.00

- To approve the bank balance

Bank balance as at the 21st February 2016 - £6,416.51

Savings - £ 3,313.48

Total cash assets for the PC as at 21st February 2016 - £9,731.99

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

- Request for dog poo bin on Beckford Rd going out of Ashton from Mrs Fletcher (towards Willow Close.) It was agreed that the PC did not have the funds available to do this at present. ME to advise Mrs Fletcher

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- Parish games, the PC had asked if there was any interest, to date none, so agreed to drop.

- Mowing quotations discussed and it was agreed to award the contract to S Hague.

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- Agreed that the chair would write a letter of thanks to Mr Frank Moore for his dedication to the Parish Council
- Cllr Cope said she had noticed a dip in the road near the bridge in the Groaten, will investigate further and report back.

11. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th April at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.30pm

.....(chair)

.....(date)

PUBLIC NOTES

Mr Nicklin attended the meeting, it was noted that he wished to work with the Council and not against. The PC thanked him to attending the meeting and agreed that they had no objection to him running his business but just wanted him to tidy up, put up screening, move the skip and log piles. It was agreed to have an open dialogue between both parties.

Mr Nicklin said he had sold the caravan to a lady at Cropthorne and that she would be arranging its removal. Unfortunately she does not have permission to resite it there and it would take some time to resolve her application.

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In attendance: Clerk

1. **Election of Chairman** and signing of the Declaration of Office. Cllr Smith was nominated by NM and seconded by SH
2. **Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Rowley was nominated by SS and seconded by NM**
3. Apologies: Cllr Darby & Hardman
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None present

6. Councillor vacancy, no application yet, will advertise the position again.
7. Members of the Council appointed to outside bodies within the village
 - Social Centre - DC
 - Foot Paths - NM

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Flooding / Snow - SH

Trees - NM

PACT - KR

Bredon Hill Conservation Group - JB

Communications- KR

Lengthsman – SH

Defibrillator - SS

8. Progress reports:

- a. Social Centre, AGM to be held 11/5, looking to appoint a new chair
- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group. They are willing to assist AUH with any conservation planning. PC will be writing to Wychavon with BHCG support to try and encourage the maintenance of Willow Cottage in line with its preservation order. JB attended a meeting of Bredon Hill village Parish Councils to review the idea of a share Neighbourhood plan to protect Bredon Hill. The outcome was that each Parish would continue to have their own but would share a common core relating to preservation of the Hill and key features.
- c. PACT, KR now on board as representative.
- d. Lengthsman, SH to email MC all jobs need doing.
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, ME instructed MC to place order to two batteries.
- f. Flooding, Ditches & Drains, DC reported top of drain broken at the end of Wynch Farm, which has left a hole. ME to follow up. Issue outside Mirabel to be reported, still outstanding.
- g. Trees, one taken down at Dodge's corner. Keep an eye on the trees in the Groaten
- h. Neighbourhood Plan
- i. Communications

Facebook

Continues to grow; our maximum reach recently was 2,138 people!

New parish website

KR has contacted CALC regarding submitting an application for funding. The person responsible is on sick leave but is apparently dealing with this from home. Also contacted the website company regarding the type of information we could put up on the site, i.e. must it just be PC info or can it also be general village information. She couldn't answer this, so a question for CALC/NALC when we get further into the application, if we are successful in the first place. KR will keep the council informed as to progress.

Noticeboard

Replacing the backing material and the window has been on the back burner but recently has been getting worse; paper documents regularly fall/hang off despite using a variety of pins. We could maybe glue the foam backing onto the wood. However, whilst that would stop it 'flapping', fear is it will make it thinner and even more difficult to pin. The perspex window is also horribly and permanently scratched and the now rather shabby neighborhood watch stencil blocks out some of the content. Maybe newer perspex (or another material) might be

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more resistant to scratching, if it were possible to replace just this rather than the whole window. Will report back later in the year.

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

CC Hardman thanked the Chair for her time spent on footways in the village, wheels are now in motion. Funds have been dedicated to the scheme. The clerk will be advised of a start date.

CC Hardman will be doing his rounds with head of highways in June, please advise of any defects.

10. **Planning:**

- W/16/00861 24 Wood lane SS / JB to write objection letter
- W/16/00453 Moat House, Demolition of existing conservatory, erect single story rear ext. to lounge & Kitchen – **approved**
- Appeal allowed for Harvest fields, Back Lane – conversion of bungalow to 2 storey dwelling.

11. **To approve the Finances**

- The annual return was signed and figures agreed
- Application received from The Star inn for rural rate relief - £287.33. it was agreed that the PC did not have sufficient surplus funds to support this at present

To approve the following payments

M English	-	£ 613.63
M Cole	-	£ 150.00
CALC	-	£ 403.66
Wychavon DC	-	£ 80.12

To approve the bank balance

Bank balance as at the 31 st March 2016	-	£1,709.01
Savings	-	£3,315.48

Total cash assets for the PC as at 31st March 2016 - £5,024.49

12. **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.)

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

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14. **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.

- The first school have done a Clean for the queen at the bottom of the village.

15. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting 12th July. The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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

In attendance: Clerk,

1. Apologies: Cllr Beckett, Cllr Darby & County cllr Hardman
2. 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.
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3. Minutes from May meeting were approved as true and accurate

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None present

4. Progress reports

- a. Social Centre

DC

Marquee and storage container have arrived, Ian has arranged for a concrete apron, having had the base done before it arrived.

Shindig and supper went well

ASC requested that we consider using the next tranche of NHB for a new area for older children / teens at the park. It was mentioned that this money is already allocated for the 2nd Phase of the path repair in the next financial year.

- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, no report

- c. PACT

We have had a couple of incidents / crimes in Ashton Under Hill recently

1x make off without payment of fuel 24/06/16

Three incidents of antisocial behaviour involving inappropriate comments made to passers by between 13/06 and 17/06 (this is currently being investigated)

Two incidents of problems with a dog between 01/06/16 and 17/06/16 (this is currently being investigated and collating evidence)

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- d. Lengthsman, agreed that SH will email Mark Cole with all work to be undertaken SH
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, still waiting for battery and sign to be moved SH
- f. Defibrillator SS

We are in the process of renewing the phone service with WMAS. The battery is still showing a full charge so there will be no requirement for replacement in the next 12 months.

- g. Flooding SH
 - Clerk or order sand for sand bags and store at Charles Archer
 - Agreed to share the fact that sand bags are available in the village in the event of flooding - on website, Facebook and newsletter."
- h. Highways issues
 - Kerb has been raised at Playing field lane
 - NM to send picture of bump in road to ME and report to The Hub
 - Broken drain grate outside Mirabel, Elmley Road
 - We also agreed to chase the repair of the broken drain cover in the centre of the road at Wynch Farm Gorse Hill
 - People parking in Willow Close, contact Rooftop and request them to erect a no parking sign
- i. Trees in the Parish NM

Ash trees in Gorse hill need trimming. **Been trimmed!**
- j. Communications KR

Repair to Perspex in notice board **Ongoing**
- k. Neighbourhood plan

Not progressed further other than previous correspondence re proposal for notice invite for people interested in getting involved to be posted on FB and in Ashton News. **Karen**

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

6. Planning

Case No:	16/01584	PC has no objection (Greystones)
Case No:	16/01623	PC has no objection (16 Elmley, insulation)
Case No:	16/01494	PC has no objection (Little Thatch timber repair)

7. Parish councillor vacancy

Interest from Liz Smith, Chair to follow up

8. To consider moving the bench from Cornfield Lane

Agreed not to move the bench due to strong feelings of villagers

9. Finance

Bank balance as at 30th June is £8102.49

Cheques to be approved

Wychavon DC	- Rural rate relief the Star	£287.33
Agreed to reinstate the rural rate relief grant for the Star		
M English	- Wages	£420.21
HMRC	- PAYE	£255.22

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 2016

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Zurich

- Insurance

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 - a. Knotweed, agreed to follow up ?
 - b. Dog poo becoming an issue. Agreed to put a notice in the newsletter and website. SH to put up signage. **Newsletter Done**
13. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting 13th September 2016. Them meeting closed at 8pm

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Public notes

Mr David Finch raised concerns via Cllr Cope that the property at the end of the Groaten was not complying with planning requirements/enforcement.

We confirmed that there are no outstanding enforcement actions.

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

In attendance: David Finch, Mr & Mrs Fletcher and DC Hardman

1. Apologies: Cllr Hardman & Cllr Smith

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None present

4. Progress reports

a. Social Centre DC

Meeting on 14/9. Agreed a list should be prepared of what is in the container

b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, meeting 10/10. Will pass on objection letter to Pig Barn

c. PACT

d. Lengthsman,

- agreed that SH will email Mark Cole with all work to be undertaken

SH

- Overhanging foliage in Cottons Lane

5.

a. Vehicle Activated Sign,

- still waiting for battery and sign to be moved

SH

- Look into purchasing a Solar VAS

b. Defibrillator

SS

c. Flooding

d. Highways issues

- Large stones on edge of verges, who does land belong to?, waiting on reply from CC Hardman

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- Pathway, good job done, however, has this been completed ?
 - e. Trees in the Parish
Ash trees in the Groaten, agreed to put a note on facebook and do a leaflet drop. SS agreed to take off the shields around the base of trees. Tree surgeon needed to look at the tree on Hillside NM
 - f. Communications, noticeboard repairs outstanding
 - g. Neighbourhood plan, help needed to project manage.
6. District and County Councillors' reports: for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.)
Cllr spoke about various items, one being Pig Barn, he agreed to take this application to committee.

7. Planning

W/16/01737/CU Pig Barn Objection letter sent, PC requested that District Councillor Darby take the application to committee.

W/16/01584/PP - Greystones, Elmley Road, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SN – Approved

W/16/10954 - Oaklands Farm, Back Lane, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7RG – Approved

W16/10623 16 Elmley Road, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SW - Approved

8. Parish councillor vacancy, outstanding

9. Finance

Bank balance as at 21st July £7263.53

Cheques to be approved

M English

Mudway Workman

- Wages

- Marquee

£ 420.21

£1920.00

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- Encounter with owner of dog who is allowed to foul and not picked up after, agreed chair would write a letter
- Japanese knotweed situation which was discussed and agreed as follows:
 - Clerk to write to Wychavon, seeking advice
 - discussed whether school should be contacted and warned
 - write to Rooftop again
 - Advertise on facebook and on website to warn residents

13. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting 8th November 2016. The meeting closed at 8pm

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2016

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In attendance: Clerk & Cllr Darby

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None present

4. Progress reports

a. Social Centre

- Quiet time of year, no report
- Some items have already been stored in the container

b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group

- Confirmation that the letter drafted on behalf of the BHGC objecting to the Pig barn application for a camp site was sent to Wychavon Planning authority via the clerk. Might take a few days for it to be uploaded on the website
- The application for the Beckford Care Village was refused. Issues with scale, location, design and environmental impact were some of the reasons stated.
- Allens are firming up their plans for the proposed application for 150 static caravan site at the Great Comberton golf club site. They have been invited by Great Comberton PC to present their plans to the village. Date not set
- The inspector for the Joint Core Strategy Gloucester and Tewksbury is driving the shortfall in the plan (circa 500 homes) to be met by the cross boundary site at Mitton Bank, Bredon's Hardwick in Bredon Parish. This site has potential for a development of 1100 homes. There is resistance to the site and although Wychavon Planning are mindful to resist the full 1100 development it would be challenging to resist the 500 the inspector is pushing at this site. There are complications with a cross boundary application and there is a large amount of uncertainty.

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- c. PACT
The team have 2 crimes to report this month.
Make off without payment from Vale petrol station - 27/10
Attempt theft - 06/11
In preparation for the darker night's police are reminding people to leave a light on to make your property look as if someone is at home.
- d. Lengthsman, happy to cut back the verges on Cottons Lane but will need to put soil somewhere, SH will look into this. Cleared around the War Memorial and cut back shrubs. **ACTION SH**
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, two new batteries have been ordered
• Solar panel VAS cost between £3-4k so was dismissed
- f. Flooding, no issues
- g. Highways issues: path is now completed. Resident tripped up outside The Close as curb is raised. Chair agreed to take a picture to pass onto Highways. **ACTION SS**
Signage by the playing field, could it be added to the current public footpath sign? Chair to speak to Cllr Hardman. **ACTION SS**
Stones on the side of Playing Fields Road, it inconclusive of who owns the land, agreed that it is tidy the way it is. No further action to be taken.
- h. Trees in the Parish, nothing is desperate or dangerous that needs doing immediately however the PC have the funds available so it was agreed to get the work done before March 2017. Two more quotes needed. Agreed the tree warden would send round an email to all to approve the best quotation. Contact Charles Archer regarding trimming trees on the corner of Back Lane that are interfering with telephone lines. **ACTION NM**
- i. Communications
• People using the PC Facebook page is increasing with posts regularly achieving views of 100-200 plus. People are still reluctant to comment on posts other than those concerning lost or injured animals. However, I am confident we can eventually encourage more interaction!
• PC Noticeboard backing has been replaced, thanks to Dorian Whitehead who kindly supplied the material free of charge and Paul Rowley who installed it. Still looking into the replacement of the scratched Perspex cover, with a view to a sun resistant material to stop the ink fading on the documents and photos.
• The Parish group email has been set up and currently contains approx. 130 residents' email addresses, all of whom have agreed in writing that they are happy to be on the list. Please ask me for the list and then send me any email addresses not on there. I can then email the invitation to be on the list.
- j. Neighbourhood plan, meeting on 9/11/16 to get a group together. Don't under estimate the amount of work that needs to go into this. JB is not able to lead this project so a project manager is needed. JB agreed to be a representative on the steering group.

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Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy.

The inspector had made her preliminary report which recommended an increase in the total amount of housing required and recommending the Tewkesbury Borough sought to find its extra allocation at Fiddington and by co-operation with Wychavon at Mitton/Bredon's Hardwick. Wychavon has a duty to co-operate and would be prepared to consider some proposal of this sort, although not at the level the inspector was suggesting for the long term (up to 1100 houses). However, it seems that Tewkesbury B.C. at its meeting on 25 October voted against accepting the inspector's proposals but as no minutes have yet been produced I am not sure of the grounds. This throws the whole JCS up in the air and has infuriated the other two councils which had voted in favour. At the same time it seems that the MoD is only prepared to release part of its site at Ashchurch (the eastern end) for the next ten years, which seems to throw the whole strategy back into the melting pot.

Local planning

The Pig Barn

This has not yet been decided. I tried to talk to the case officer today but she only works on the second half of the week. I told her some time ago that if she was minded to approve it against the parish council's advice I would like it to go to committee. However the warden's accommodation has been removed and the application has now been amended to 'Change of use from agricultural land to campsite; erection of toilet/shower blocks. Provision of 10no. camping pods and 5no caravan pitches and associated parking' and a new plan has been produced. Presumably the PC will comment on this amended application. The new end date is 19th December which would allow this to be taken to the December committee if necessary.

24 Wood Lane

I note that Highways are recommending refusal of this. I look forward to seeing the PC comments.

Chandlers

I will probably declare an interest in this. If the PC objects contrary to the officer's advice I will ask Cllr Hardman to represent your concerns.

AMGD

8 November 2016

6. Planning

- W/16/02277/PP - Chandlers, Chandlers End, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7UT, PC have no objection
- W/16/01937 Pig barn, PC still have an objection to this application **ACTION JB**
- W/16/02304 24 Wood Lane, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SH, new dwelling. PC object on the grounds of inadequate car parking space. **ACTION SS**

7. Parish councillor vacancy, agreed to re-advertise after Christmas

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8. Finance

Bank balance as at 21st September £12,779.77

ME to send out 2016/17 budget asking for proposal in order to have the 2017/18 budget prepared before the January meeting

To consider for future funding

- Repair of the Cross at the T-Junction which is deteriorating in places. Look into grants ACTION ME
- Steps around the Memorial. ACTION ME
- Knotweed issue
- 2 new dog bins for the Beckford Rd end of village

The following cheques for approval

M Cole, Lengthsman	£ 50.00
S E Harte, Bredon Hill Con Group	£ 30.00
BBC Entertainment, bouncy castle hire	£ 288.00
OHL, stationery	£ 7 0.50
Michelle English, wages	£ 464.87
Sarah Smith, small Lottery licence	£ 40.00
St Barbaras Church	£1500.00

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- SS agreed to send Tracy Perkins (Wychavon) an update on the three items purchased with NHB money. Almost complete, sending picture. ACTION SS
- Complaint from resident re people using general waste bins for dog waste, there is no rule to say it is not allowed. As long as dog waste is being bagged and binned that is all that is important. SS to reply to Mrs. Fletcher. It was agreed to add 2 new dog bins at the Beckford rd. end of village ACTION SS
- Bungalow at 18 Gorse Hill, have an ash tree that over hangs the path which is dangerous during the Autumn and Winter with fallen leaves Ice and snow, they have complained at least 4 times to the county council about the footpaths without any success. I was told that because they have a grit bin that is sufficient. It was agreed to cut the tree back ACTION MN
- Gorse Hill fence broken. PC agreed to look at purchasing the chain link and request that the footpaths committee to repair it. ACTION SS
- Chicks dumped in Ashton by the blue gate coming along Elmley Road in a plastic bag have been homed and doing well
- Request from resident of Ashton to support their nomination for Mrs Penny Scotland for MBE (for service to the community) PC agreed clerk should send letter to Harriett Baldwin ACTION ME
- Dogs, PC have had numerous complains about dogs in the village. Agreed to put a note in the next newsletter reminding residents of their responsibility, also to give details of how to report details of

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dangerous and antisocial behaviour. Advertise on Facebook and website.

ACTION SS

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- Precept to be set in January, all additions/changes to be submitted by mid-December in order to prepare proposal for January meeting.
- Knotweed – Me to write to Mr Hughes & Rooftop, SS to contact the school and residents on Elmley Road
- Purchase 2 new dog bins

ACTION ME/SS

12. Date of next meeting: 10th January. Meeting closed 8.40

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.....(date)

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- Some items have already been stored in the container

b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group

- Confirmation that the letter drafted on behalf of the BHGC objecting to the Pig barn application for a camp site was sent to Wychavon Planning authority via the clerk. Might take a few days for it to be uploaded on the website
- The application for the Beckford Care Village was refused. Issues with scale, location, design and environmental impact were some of the reasons stated.
- Allens are firming up their plans for the proposed application for 150 static caravan site at the Great Comberton golf club site. They have been invited by Great Comberton PC to present their plans to the village. Date not set
- The inspector for the Joint Core Strategy Gloucester and Tewksbury is driving the shortfall in the plan (circa 500 homes) to be met by the cross boundary site at Mitton Bank, Bredon's Hardwick in Bredon Parish. This site has potential for a development of 1100 homes. There is resistance to the site and although Wychavon Planning are mindful to resist the full 1100 development it would be challenging to resist the 500 the inspector is pushing at this site. There are complications with a cross boundary application and there is a large amount of uncertainty.

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- c. PACT
The team have 2 crimes to report this month.
Make off without payment from Vale petrol station - 27/10
Attempt theft - 06/11
In preparation for the darker night's police are reminding people to leave a light on to make your property look as if someone is at home.
- d. Lengthsman, happy to cut back the verges on Cottons Lane but will need to put soil somewhere, SH will look into this. Cleared around the War Memorial and cut back shrubs. **ACTION SH**
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, two new batteries have been ordered
• Solar panel VAS cost between £3-4k so was dismissed
- f. Flooding, no issues
- g. Highways issues: path is now completed. Resident tripped up outside The Close as curb is raised. Chair agreed to take a picture to pass onto Highways. **ACTION SS**
Signage by the playing field, could it be added to the current public footpath sign? Chair to speak to Cllr Hardman. **ACTION SS**
Stones on the side of Playing Fields Road, it inconclusive of who owns the land, agreed that it is tidy the way it is. No further action to be taken.
- h. Trees in the Parish, nothing is desperate or dangerous that needs doing immediately however the PC have the funds available so it was agreed to get the work done before March 2017. Two more quotes needed. Agreed the tree warden would send round an email to all to approve the best quotation. Contact Charles Archer regarding trimming trees on the corner of Back Lane that are interfering with telephone lines. **ACTION NM**
- i. Communications
• People using the PC Facebook page is increasing with posts regularly achieving views of 100-200 plus. People are still reluctant to comment on posts other than those concerning lost or injured animals. However, I am confident we can eventually encourage more interaction!
• PC Noticeboard backing has been replaced, thanks to Dorian Whitehead who kindly supplied the material free of charge and Paul Rowley who installed it. Still looking into the replacement of the scratched Perspex cover, with a view to a sun resistant material to stop the ink fading on the documents and photos.
• The Parish group email has been set up and currently contains approx. 130 residents' email addresses, all of whom have agreed in writing that they are happy to be on the list. Please ask me for the list and then send me any email addresses not on there. I can then email the invitation to be on the list.
- j. Neighbourhood plan, meeting on 9/11/16 to get a group together. Don't under estimate the amount of work that needs to go into this. JB is not able to lead this project so a project manager is needed. JB agreed to be a representative on the steering group.

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

Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy.

The inspector had made her preliminary report which recommended an increase in the total amount of housing required and recommending the Tewkesbury Borough sought to find its extra allocation at Fiddington and by co-operation with Wychavon at Mitton/Bredon's Hardwick. Wychavon has a duty to co-operate and would be prepared to consider some proposal of this sort, although not at the level the inspector was suggesting for the long term (up to 1100 houses). However, it seems that Tewkesbury B.C. at its meeting on 25 October voted against accepting the inspector's proposals but as no minutes have yet been produced I am not sure of the grounds. This throws the whole JCS up in the air and has infuriated the other two councils which had voted in favour. At the same time it seems that the MoD is only prepared to release part of its site at Ashchurch (the eastern end) for the next ten years, which seems to throw the whole strategy back into the melting pot.

Local planning

The Pig Barn

This has not yet been decided. I tried to talk to the case officer today but she only works on the second half of the week. I told her some time ago that if she was minded to approve it against the parish council's advice I would like it to go to committee. However the warden's accommodation has been removed and the application has now been amended to 'Change of use from agricultural land to campsite; erection of toilet/shower blocks. Provision of 10no. camping pods and 5no caravan pitches and associated parking' and a new plan has been produced. Presumably the PC will comment on this amended application. The new end date is 19th December which would allow this to be taken to the December committee if necessary.

24 Wood Lane

I note that Highways are recommending refusal of this. I look forward to seeing the PC comments.

Chandlers

I will probably declare an interest in this. If the PC objects contrary to the officer's advice I will ask Cllr Hardman to represent your concerns.

AMGD

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6. Planning

- W/16/02277/PP - Chandlers, Chandlers End, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7UT, PC have no objection
- W/16/01937 Pig barn, PC still have an objection to this application **ACTION JB**
- W/16/02304 24 Wood Lane, Ashton under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7SH, new dwelling. PC object on the grounds of inadequate car parking space. **ACTION SS**

7. Parish councillor vacancy, agreed to re-advertise after Christmas

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8. Finance

Bank balance as at 21st September £12,779.77

ME to send out 2016/17 budget asking for proposal in order to have the 2017/18 budget prepared before the January meeting

To consider for future funding

- Repair of the Cross at the T-Junction which is deteriorating in places. Look into grants **ACTION ME**
- Steps around the Memorial. **ACTION ME**
- Knotweed issue
- 2 new dog bins for the Beckford Rd end of village

The following cheques for approval

M Cole, Lengthsman	£ 50.00
S E Harte, Bredon Hill Con Group	£ 30.00
BBC Entertainment, bouncy castle hire	£ 288.00
OHL, stationery	£ 7 0.50
Michelle English, wages	£ 464.87
Sarah Smith, small Lottery licence	£ 40.00
St Barbaras Church	£1500.00

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.)

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

- SS agreed to send Tracy Perkins (Wychavon) an update on the three items purchased with NHB money. Almost complete, sending picture. **ACTION SS**
- Complaint from resident re people using general waste bins for dog waste, there is no rule to say it is not allowed. As long as dog waste is being bagged and binned that is all that is important. SS to reply to Mrs. Fletcher. It was agreed to add 2 new dog bins at the Beckford rd. end of village **ACTION SS**
- Bungalow at 18 Gorse Hill, have an ash tree that over hangs the path which is dangerous during the Autumn and Winter with fallen leaves Ice and snow, they have complained at least 4 times to the county council about the footpaths without any success. I was told that because they have a grit bin that is sufficient. It was agreed to cut the tree back **ACTION MN**
- Gorse Hill fence broken. PC agreed to look at purchasing the chain link and request that the footpaths committee to repair it. **ACTION SS**
- Chicks dumped in Ashton by the blue gate coming along Elmley Road in a plastic bag have been homed and doing well
- Request from resident of Ashton to support their nomination for Mrs Penny Scotland for MBE (for service to the community) PC agreed clerk should send letter to Harriett Baldwin **ACTION ME**
- Dogs, PC have had numerous complains about dogs in the village. Agreed to put a note in the next newsletter reminding residents of their responsibility, also to give details of how to report details of

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dangerous and antisocial behaviour. Advertise on Facebook and website.

ACTION SS

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.

- Precept to be set in January, all additions/changes to be submitted by mid-December in order to prepare proposal for January meeting.
- Knotweed – Me to write to Mr Hughes & Rooftop, SS to contact the school and residents on Elmley Road
- Purchase 2 new dog bins

ACTION ME/SS

12. Date of next meeting: 10th January. Meeting closed 8.40

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