

# ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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## To Members of Ashton under Hill Parish Council

You are duly summoned/required to attend the Parish Council Meeting of Ashton under Hill Parish Council to be held at **7pm** on Tuesday 12th November 2019 in the Green Room.

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Present & Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
3. Declarations of Interest:
  - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  - 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.

#### 4. The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time

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.

5. To review and approve minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting
6. District and County Councillor's reports: for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.)
7. Progress Reports
  - a. Social Centre
  - b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group

[BHCG meeting 15th Oct 2019](#)  
[Planning updates](#)  
19/01629/PIP 2 houses in Gt Comberton - no update  
19/01355/Ful 5 traveller pitches, Eckington Ed, Bredon's Norton - still pending delay possibly because of highways?  
19/01254/ful Woollas Farm - recommending approval  
19/91841/ful The Hayloft, Hollyoaks, Little Comberton. - objection because of traffic as this is a distribution site not just growing British plants.

#### [SWDP update](#)

There are new proposals coming because of a revision to the plan. Wychavon have to accommodate 14k new houses. Mitton Bank likely to be 500 houses. All parishes advised to look at latest updates on prospective areas for development on Wychavon website. Consultations will follow and the BHCG will feed into this process. There is a presentation to all relevant parishes on 6th Nov about the recent revisions and what it means. Wychavon will propose a draft allocation map.

Elmley and Bricklehampton would like to see some sort of speed management on the whole hill and would like support from the group to reduce the open limit to something more sensible. Adrian Hardman to be consulted by the group for his support. Also a call for signs across the hill warning drivers of horse riders.

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Contribution to running costs of BHCG, unchanged.

Next meeting 2nd April 2020 at 7.15 Elmley Castle.

New chair James Maude

## c. PACT

Community officer had to cancel last meeting so meeting her in November.

Continue to receive community messaging via email (another annoying thing, much better as info on a website, easier to share, I'll be asking the officer re this). Many are arguably not relevant to us (villages /towns further afield) but I don't really like having to choose what to post. Some residents might find them useful if they work further afield or have relatives in other places etc. Hope that makes sense.

## d. Lengthsman

## e. Vehicle Activated Sign

## f. Flooding

## g. Highways & Byways

## h. Trees in the Parish

Dead ash trees removed and willow close tree trimmed.

Jenny has ordered replacement trees and these will be in before Christmas.

## i. Communication

Can we legitimately get details of new arrivals to village and their addresses? Could then send them 'welcome pack; website, Facebook, newsletter, group email details of clubs & events etc. How else can we contact them if not?

Apologies, still delaying on changing fb page to be an account rather than a community page. Doing this would mean I would no longer have to either share or copy and paste posts to the PC page (e.g. West Mercia/ neighbourhood Watch/ various Evesham associations etc).

## j. Neighbourhood plan

## k. Broadband gaps

*The government are offering various voucher schemes in order to upgrade rural broadband. Depending on village broadband speeds would depend on what we are eligible for. The government Universal Service Obligation comes into effect from March 2020 and it gives the everyone the right to request broadband connection of at least 10mbps.*

*As a village based on the information that people have sent me the general speeds achieved are good, around 30mbps, drop outs are the main problem experienced.*

*Given that most of the schemes don't really apply to us, although there is a business premises voucher that may help some, I propose that the ongoing dropout issues I tackle directly with open reach/BT as I probably have enough evidence across various ISP's.*

*The other option that maybe worth looking at is Airband Community Internet Ltd, they are able to survey our area and with the governments voucher investigate if they can provide a better, faster service. As with BT you would sign up for 1 year contract and obviously they would need a number if interested households to make the installation viable.*

*Looking at reviews for Airband the install and speeds are good but lots of complaints regarding the ongoing customer service sometimes described as worse than BT, how is that even possible?*

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*So given all the info above I recommend that in the first instance I tackle Openreach/BT as a collective see if we can resolve the drop out problems and then if we don't get anywhere have a conversation and possibly a presentation from Airband?*

l. Painting of phone box

m. Telephone box use

Decision to be made by us as to purpose. Polled village via facebook, most said joint information & book bank. We would need volunteers to put up display board and shelving etc. We would have to assign someone to look after it, change info, check books etc.

n. Speeding signs

Between LBL and me, haven't been able to collect them yet although you have seen pictures. I am hopefully going there (Sedgeberrow) in next two weeks. If we make a decision to use them, they will need to be enlarged to A3, professionally laminated and mounted on lamp posts. I will get quotes.

## 8 Planning application notifications

<a href="#">19/02214/RM</a>	Land Off Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill	Reserved matters application for Landscaping following outline approval W/16/02188.	Pending decision
<a href="#">19/02057/FUL</a>	Former Garden Of Middle Farm Back Lane Ashton Under Hill	Construction of a new dwelling with a detached garage and improved access way.	Pending decision
<a href="#">19/02155/CAN</a>	The Old Barn Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill Evesham WR11 7SN	T1 - No work planned - small shrub T2 - Conifer tree being removed as it is damaging the stone wall - replacement species undecided. T3 - Silver Birch being removed as roots are damaging the wall. All trees as shown on plan which accompanied the notification.	Decision - Information
<a href="#">19/01795/HP</a>	Ding Cottage Elmley Road Ashton Under Hill Evesham WR11 7SH	Proposed double garage with store - variation of condition 2) of permission 17/00652/HP to allow change of overall roof height so that roof space can be used for living space.	Approved

## 9. Finance

Current account balance as at 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - £24,611.68

To approve the following payments

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1	Brian Arrowsmith	Lengthsman Sep	£ 168.00	£ -	£ 168.00
2		Lengthsman Oct	£ 168.00	£ -	£ 168.00
3	W Collins Tree	Tree care	£ 300.00	£ -	£ 300.00
4	L Stewart	Wages	£ 225.40	£ -	£ 225.40

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5	M English	Wages	£ 287.70	£ -	£ 287.70
6	PKF	Audit	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
					£ -
	TOTALS		£ 1,349.10	£ 40.00	£ 1,389.10

## Utility bank update :

In light of the fact that the newly appointed Clerk, Lynn Stewart resigned at short notice, the previous Clerk, Michelle English stood in to do the agenda and finance for the November meeting. The above payments were raised by Michelle, authorised by Cllr Rowley and Cllr Hewitt.

Michelle has changed internet banking authority as follows:

Cllr Hewitt to set up payments

Either Cllr Rowley or Cllr Cope to approve payments

*Cllrs please note that while you are without a Clerk this is the best way to deal with payments and it is extremely important that the above motion is nominated by one of you, seconded by another and all vote to approve.*

10. 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.)
11. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting
12. Councilor's reports and items for future agenda: Councilors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.
13. Date of next meeting

Signed

Michelle English (October 2019)

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