

# ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

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

In attendance: Clerk & Cllr Darby

Apologies: Cllr Barker & CC Hardman

1. The Chair welcomed Cllrs, there were no members of the public
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, none
  - 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.

*The Clerk reminded the following councilors that they still needed to submit their declaration of interest to Wychavon Cllrs D Cope, N McIntyre & M Wood*

3. Public Question Time – no public present
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4. The minutes of the July 2019 Parish Council Meeting were approved as a true and accurate. Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Rowley, all voted in favour
5. District and County Councilor's reports: for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.)

*South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Revision.*

*There have been two reports published, both of which are on the SWDP website. They are the*

*Village Facilities and Rural Transport Study (VFRTS) [https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page\\_id=14346](https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=14346) . This explains how the criteria for assessing settlements has changed. In fact the new method leaves Ashton under Hill unchanged as a Category 2 village.*

**and the**

*Strategic Housing Land and Employment Availability Assessment Report August 2019 (First Edition) [https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page\\_id=14130](https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=14130)*

*This explains the principles which will be used to screen the sites which have been put forward. It stresses that further criteria will need to be applied before the sites are proposed for allocation. The map, SWDPR Interactive Polices Map, which is also to be found on the same website page, shows all the sites originally submitted and does not show which ones have been eliminated.*

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*As a member of the Joint Advisory Panel I have been consulted on the sites which are still being considered as allocations. They will be published in the consultation draft of the revised SWDP which will be presented in the autumn. These are confidential at the moment.*

*It should be noted that there are only two sites in Ashton included in the SHELAA but I cannot comment on whether or not either will be brought forward.*

*Piper Homes Development, Elmley Road*

*I attended a site meeting at the Piper Homes site opposite Bredon Hill Academy to consider the safety of the proposed pedestrian access to the new development. The Highway Authority had required a safety audit which found that the approved pedestrian access was not safe and would therefore have to be changed. The meeting was due to be attended by the case officer, two representatives of Worcs CC Highways team and the developer. I also requested that a representative of the Parish Council should be allowed to attend, and since no councillors were available, Roger Umpleby came. You will have seen his very full report.*

*Since the new proposal will remove a substantial portion of hedge and three trees, contrary to the approved Landscape Plan, a revised planning application will have to be submitted. You will be asked to comment on this, but I think that what is suggested is the least unsatisfactory solution.*

*Cllr Darby stated the management company would be responsible for the maintenance of the new hedge. The PC will have a chance to propose what hedging should be planted once Wychavon have issued the modified planning application.*

*You will have seen the appeal against Wychavon's refusal of a Rural Worker's dwelling at the Pig Barn, the Groaten has been refused.*

*No further development on Willow Cottage to report on.*

## 6. Progress Reports

- a. Social Centre – no report. Grant application received for 2019/20. PC have issued an invoice for the ground rent dating back to 1967
- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group – meeting October 2019. Eckington 25 unit dwelling for affordable housing. Gypsy site in Eckington to expand the site from 2-7. Action MW
- c. PACT – meeting with West Mercia. Action KR
- d. Lengthsman – hedge next to the war memorial has been cut back. DC agreed to talk to Stonecroft regarding the overhanging hedge. Check drains in the village. Action SH/DC
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, agreed to go ahead with the proposal as per SH email. First School are producing "reduce your speed posters " will laminate chosen few and put up around the village, agreed to issue medals for the chosen ones.
- f. Flooding, reported drains outside the Mote house, SH has taken photos of flooded area, WCC say there is no issue, will report to AH. Lengthsman to inspect drains in the village
- g. Highways & Byways. The following street signs are damaged and in need of replacing (Bakers Lane, Elmley Rd & Willow Close ). No news on the entrance to Long Carrant Park from Highways, suggested that residents report it next time there is an accident.
- h. Trees in the Parish. Two ash trees and two Hornbeam have died and need to be removed at a cost of £360, two more quotes required. Need to replant in Dec/January. Agreed that the quote would be accepted via email and an order placed.

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- i. Footpaths, lots of work has taking place with landowners clearing paths. Hedge cutter funded by the PC which has been helpful. The chair stated that if the footpath gang required any further equipment they should put in a requisition. Looking for WCC to pay for a Kissing Gate to be installed.  
A suggestion has been made to put handrails on the footpath .....????? Where SH
- j. Communication – complaint received about persistent reports of dogs chasing sheep. The Parish Council agreed to put a note in the parish news about unsociable dog behaviour. Action KR
- k. Neighbourhood plan, no report
- l. Broadband gaps, quite a few reports received from residents, NM will collate and send to Wychavon. Action NM
- m. Painting of phone box, painted. Agreed to ask the village what they would like the phone box to be used for. Action KR

## 8 Planning application notifications

<b>19/01795/HP</b>	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. No comment	Pending decision
<b>19/01474/FUL</b>	Ashton House Business Centre Cheltenham Road Ashton Under Hill Evesham WR11 7QP	Retrospective Change of use, from a former commercial HGV lorry park, into a commercial caravan sales forecourt and parking area. All Cllrs to respond and email Clerk by Tuesday 17th	Pending decision

## Planning decisions

<b>19/01152/FUL</b>	Long Carrant Park Cheltenham Road Ashton Under Hill WR11 7QP	Provision of a residential park home for a park manager/ warden	Refused
<b>19/01003/NMA</b>	Paris, Aldamar Bakers Lane Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SZ	Non-Material Amendments to W/14/00960/PP for the following: 1. Change of rear (west) elevation to replace timber panelling with glazing and no infill to the kitchen window to the south elevation. 2. Retention of recess to side (south) elevation. 3. Reduction of decked area. 4. New flue 5, New glazing on east elevation (basement room) 6, Introduction of two skylights to the south single storey roof space.	Refused
<b>19/01045/HP</b>	Paris, Beauchamp House Bakers Lane Ashton Under Hill WR11 7SZ	New pool enclosure to replace existing and new orangery to replace existing conservatory (existing base to be utilised)	Approved

## 9. Finance

Bank balances as at 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Current account - £ 16,145.27

Savings account - £ 3,325.93

New bank account has been opened with Unity Trust, online signatories are Cllr Hewitt, Rowley & Cope with the Clerk having viewing and admin rights only.

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The funds from the current account need to be transferred to Unity Trust, easiest way is for the PC to write a cheque to Unity Trust.

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1	B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman	£ 168.00		£ 168.00
2	PATA	PAYE	£ 18.00		£ 18.00
3	HMRC	PAYE	£ 13.60		£ 13.60
4	ICO	GDPR	£ 40.00		£ 40.00
6	M English	Wages	£ 605.03		£ 605.03
7	K Rowley	Telephone box	£ 500.00		£ 500.00
8	AUHSC	Social Centre	£ 2500.00		£ 2,500.00

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. 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.

Street naming – Proposal to Wychavon are Hudson Walk & Blue Meadows.

13. With nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The date for the next meeting was confirmed 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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Signed  
Chair

Date