

# ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

From the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at AUH Chapel Hall.

It was fully accessible to the public and press.

**Present** – Cllr Rowley (Chair), Cllr Rose (Vice Chair), Cllr Wood, Andy Robinson (Clerk). No members of the public.

1. **WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – The Chair welcomed all present. Apologies from Cllr Cope, Cllr Masding, Cllr Baylis.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REMINDERS.**
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No members of the public present.
4. **APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY RURAL RATE RELIEF:**

Council considered an application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief made by The Star Inn, Ashton under Hill. This application has been made to Wychavon District Council (WDC) who are now seeking the opinions of the Parish Council. All documents have been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

It was made clear that WDC are able to grant £300.00 Discretionary Relief for the financial year applied for. If the Council agree to support the business financially, WDC are asking for a parish contribution of £37.50.

Cllr Rowley proposed that:

1. The Council support the business, as in it's view it is of benefit to the local community.
2. It is reasonable to grant the relief in view of the fact that this will be funded in part by the Council Tax payer of this parish.

Cllr Rowley also proposed that Council adopt option A from the following options available:

- A) **The business is of benefit to the local community and it would be reasonable to grant the relief in view of the fact that this will be funded in part by the Council Tax payers of the parish. (In this case, the Parish Council will need to make a contribution as detailed above, so that the full 50% Discretionary Relief may be awarded).**
- B) The business is of benefit to the local community, but is not reasonable to grant the relief in view of the fact that this will be funded in part by the Council Tax payers of the parish. (In this case, the Parish Council will not need to make a contribution, but 25% Discretionary Relief may still be awarded).
- C) The business is not considered to be of benefit to the local community. (In this case no contribution needs to be made and Discretionary Relief will not be awarded).

Cllr Wood seconded the motion and all voted in favour.

The Clerk will complete the necessary forms and send to Wychavon District Council.

**1925 hours meeting concluded.**