



COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 27th October 2020

Present:

Cllrs Marsh, Hanks, Clark, Fenner, Verner, Silsby, Adams & McArdle
Linda Randall - Clerk

In Attendance:

District Cllr Simpson,

Public Participation

There was no Public Participation

208413 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Le-Cornu & Jaques

208414 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

208415 **Minutes**
Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2020, as amended, were approved unanimously as a correct record and would be signed by the **Chairman** in due course.

208416 **Matters Arising**

- **Clerk** advised she had looked at prices for a concrete table tennis table, she would now liaise with **Cllr Jaques** from The Environment Committee to see if this was viable on the recreation ground, with current sports activities.
- **Clerk** advised that the Remembrance Parade was currently still going ahead with procedures amended to take COVID precautions into account.

208417 **District Councillor Update**
District Councillor Simpson gave a brief report; he advised that remote meetings within West Berkshire Council were improving. He advised the White Paper had now been submitted. He asked the Parish Council to understand that, due to COVID 19, West Berkshire Council had had to reinvent itself, and lead times were longer and he asked for tolerance during this time. It had been proposed that The Royal Berkshire Hospital may be moved and rebuilt in a new location nearer to the M4. **Chairman** asked if there was any further information on Class Q applications and asked if more information could be obtained regarding what the criteria was to object to these applications. District Councillor Simpson would take an action. **Clerk** would ask

BALC for their legal stance on this subject.

208418 Policies

Councillors reviewed the Freedom of Information policy. Councillors agreed to no changes. Councillors agreed to update the Equal Opportunities policy. **Clerk** would make changes and bring back to Council for approval at a later date.

208419 War Memorial Restoration & Preservation Action Group

Councillors agreed to increase the Parish Councils contribution to the War Memorial from £2,000 to £2,328 to cover the shortfall in meeting the repairs. **Clerk** would raise a cheque for the next meeting.

208420 Community Champion Awards 2020

Councillors agreed to nominate the Cold Ash COVID support Group for the Champion Award. Councillors considered nominating the members of the War Memorial Restoration Action Group and the Manager of the Cold Ash Boys & Girls football team, for hard work with during the Pandemic. **Clerk** would submit the nominations.

208421

Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

20/02270/FUL Adjacent to Parish Berkshire Talent Academy Unit 14 Turnpike Industrial Estate Turnpike Road - Section 73 removal of condition (1) of approved application 17/02594/FUL - Change of use - B2 general industrial to D2 assembly and leisure. **NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS**

20/02345/HOUSE Springfields Ashmore Green Road - Removal of existing rear conservatory and replacement with an oak framed garden room. **NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS**

b) Planning Decisions – members noted the following decisions:

20/01814/HOUSE St Martins Red Shute Hill - *Proposed replacement detached garage and car port.* **APPROVED** Previous Parish Council Comments - NO OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS.

20/01865/PACOU Field Off Stoney Lane Ashmore Green - Prior Notification of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 1 Dwelling house (Use Class C3) and Associated Building Operations under Class Q. **APPROVED.** PRIOR APPROVAL NO COMMENTS REQUIRED.

20/01774/OUTD Sun In The Wood Stoney Lane - Hybrid Application: *Full planning permission for change of use of former pub to single residential dwelling together with external alterations and erection of garage. Outline planning permission (with all matters reserved) for erection of detached residential dwelling and garage on former pub car park.* **WITHDRAWN** Previous Parish Council Comments. **OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS**

- This hybrid application is a deterioration from the previous application to which Cold Ash Parish Council did not object, albeit somewhat reluctantly, in view of the retention of the existing building.

- The addition of an outline application would be additional development outside the settlement boundary, and in a rural location, to which Cold Ash Parish Council objects.

20/02226/NONMAT Sparrow Corner, Spring Lane, Cold Ash, Thatcham
- *"Non material amendment to approved planning permission 19/02516/HOUSE - Two storey extension with loft conversion.*

Amendments: 1) The side window in ground floor kitchen has been moved slightly towards to rear to enable the fitting of kitchen units. 2) The small internal wall at the rear of the kitchen has been removed. 3)The dining area at the rear of the kitchen has been extended about half way onto the existing terrace with a glazed sunroom with a tiled lean-to roof to match existing. 4) The existing external steps from the terrace to the garden have been shown rebuilt. 5) The door from the dining area to the terrace has been changed to a set of bi-fold doors. 6) The front porch entrance door has been changed to a slightly wider door with a fixed glazed pane to the side instead of a small window. 7) On the first floor the side window to the front bathroom has been removed. 8) The sliding door to the ensuite has been moved towards the staircase. 9) The opening direction of the new master bedroom door has been changed. 10) We have added a brick pier to the front corner of the extension to match the existing pier and to allow the end finish to the UPVC weather boarding. On the section drawing, you will note that we have moved the roof Velux window down the roof slope so that the cill is not more than 1100mm off the floor to comply with the escape requirements for a building with only one staircase. This has not made any difference to the roof windows shown on the rear elevation drawing." **REFUSED**

- c) **Appeals**– members noted the following appeal:
There were no appeals.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm

Chairman..... Date.....

