



COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 22nd March 2022

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr P Murray

Public Participation

No Public Participation

218857 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Fenner & Clark

218858 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest

218859 **Minutes**
Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March 2022 were approved unanimously as a correct record and were signed by the **Chairman**.

- 218860** **Matters Arising**
- **Clerk** advised that she had contacted the insurance company and radar was included in the Parish Council policy. It gave the parish council the option of a helpline if information, help or advice was required.
 - **Clerk** had spoken to Gardner & Leader and confirmed that the Parish Council deeds were available, but they had not been scanned in so it was only the originals available. It was agreed that the **Clerk** would call them again and request copies, which the Parish Council were entitled to, to be sent.
 - **Cllr McArdle** advised that a response had been drafted and would be sent to the resident in Johnson Lane by the **Clerk**.

218861 **Platinum Jubilee Picnic**
Cllr Silsby updated the Parish Council on the Beacon lighting event taking place on the 2nd June, he advised a Piper, Bugler and Choir would be at the event. The Beacon would be lit at 8.45pm both the public houses would be open serving refreshments.

218862 The arrangements for the picnic which is scheduled to take place on Saturday 4th June were nearly finalised, it was scheduled to start at 12.00pm and finish at 9.00pm. **Clerk** advised that the waste bins had been ordered from Grundon. The committee had another meeting on the 28th March once that had taken place **Cllr Silsby** would update with final plans. The committee had asked if the Parish Council were happy for any cheques received for the picnic could be made out to the Parish Council and kept with the remainder of the money allocated to the event. The Parish Council agreed to this request. **Cllr Silsby** also asked if the Parish Council would be able to contribute further funds to the amount, **Cllr Marsh** said he had understood that residents would be bring their own food and equipment so was not sure what further monies would be required. So far eight bands were playing at the event, one of the public houses had agreed to set up a bar and pizza oven, this would be covered by their own licence, there was also talk of classic cars attending the event this was to be confirmed. Parking would be at the far end of the Recreation Ground but this was subject to weather conditions in June. **Cllr Silsby** advised that insurance would be taken out via the current insurers of the Parish, **Cllr Marsh** asked if a claim was made would this impact the Parish Council insurance. **Clerk** would call insurers and confirm and advise **Cllr Silsby**. **Cllr McArdle** advised that the football manager was keen to be involved in the event. Downe House school had also shown interest but so far the committee had been unable to contact them.

218863 **Street Furniture**

Councillors agreed to a new noticeboard for Southend. It was also agreed to purchase two new large dog bins for the Recreation Ground. **Clerk** would organise this.

218864 **Annual Parish Meeting**

Discussion took place regarding the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to include an update from the NDP steering group, also projects and a presentation around what the Parish Council do and the current vacancies, it was agreed to ask **Cllr Fenner** to present these items. **Cllr Silsby** would ask a Jubilee committee member to give a brief update on the Beacon Event and Picnic. The Football Club would also be approached to give a short presentation. Although speeding issues had been raised by a resident, Councillors agreed this matter would be better placed at a Parish Council formal meeting. **Clerk** would write to the residents and ask them to attend a meeting where their views could be heard and discussed.

218865 **Parish Council Facebook Page**

Parish Councillors discussed using a Facebook page to get information to parishioners. **Cllr Marsh** would create a page, but any responses would be sent via normal email channels to the **Clerk**. Councilors agreed to this idea.

218866 **WAG Usage**

Cllr McArdle advised that he had been approached with a request to use the Wildlife Allotment Garden for an Easter Egg hunt. Councillors agreed to this request. **Clerk** would advise the resident

218867 **Recreation Ground Usage.**

A request had been received for the Recreation Ground to be used by the refugees, currently residing at the Regency Park Hotel, to play football twice weekly in the afternoon. Councillors agreed to the request **Clerk** would speak to the organizer to obtain more information.

218868 **NDP Update**

Cllr McArdle gave an update on the recent meetings taken place by the steering group; he advised that the last meeting had not been quorate so it had been an informal meeting. He reminded Councillors of the NDP update on the 29th March. The session would be to make sure that everyone was comfortable with the draft NDP and agreement to send to WBC. He advised he had spoken to a contact at WBC who advised that due to work load WBC would not be able to look at it for at least 4 weeks. This would then be reviewed and changes could be made before going to regulation 14. He also asked for the Parish Councils thoughts on the request by a resident for Assets of Community Value. After a discussion it was agreed to respond to the resident giving them the various options that could be considered by members of the community. **Cllr McArdle** agreed to draft this response.

218869 **Finance Update**

Members noted the updated payments.

a) **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

22/00381/HOUSE Wyldwood Bucklebury Alley - *Retrospective Householder application for the erection of decking* **No Objection - Unanimous**

22/00380/HOUSE Wyldwood Bucklebury Alley - *Retrospective: Householder application for the erection of a detached domestic storage shed (outbuilding) (retrospective).* **No Objection - Unanimous**

22/00378/HOUSE Wyldwood Bucklebury Alley - *Retrospective application for the erection of a detached home office and games room (outbuilding)* **No Objection - Unanimous**

b) **Planning Decisions –**

22/00061/HOUSE 4 Laud Close Newbury RG14 2SL -Two storey side extension extending into the rear of the existing garden. **REFUSED** *Previous Parish Council Comments - No Objection – Unanimous Comments – Cold Ash Parish Council request that the Planning Officer consults with the Highways Officer to check how close proposed extension is to the public footpath.*

21/03241/HOUSE 6 Sewell Close Cold Ash - *Single storey extension and Alterations to provide accessible accommodation.* **APPROVED – Previous Parish Council Comments - No Objection – Unanimous**

21/03247/HOUSE Arbor Low Bucklebury Alley - *Two storey front and rear extensions* **APPROVED – Previous Parish Council Comments - No Objection - Unanimous**

c) **Appeals**

APP/W0340/W/21/3279937 21/01203/REM Land Adjacent to Summerfield The Ridge Cold Ash – Section 73 application for removal/variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 5 (Instant hedge) and 6 (gates) of approved 19/00832/REM - Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 6/02529/OUTD - Change of use of part of existing agricultural field to residential and the erection of 5 no.

detached dwelling houses with ancillary garages, access, parking, landscaping and associated works. Matters seeking consent - Appearance, landscaping and scale.
Conclusion – **Appeal should succeed request for costs refused.** -*Previous Parish Council Comments - OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS*

- *Further over development of the site*
- *Changes not agreed on original planning application.*
- *Unnecessary development for the site*

Part Two – Members of the Public are invited to leave the meeting

Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was Resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under Part 2, the public and press be asked to leave the meeting.

218870 PART TWO

Clerks Pay Review

Confidential Minute no. 56 refers

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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