COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 26th May 2020

Present:
Cllrs Marsh, Jaques, Clark, Fenner, Verner, Silsby, Adams & McArdle
Linda Randall - Clerk

In Attendance:
No Members of Public were present

Public Participation
There was no Public Participation

208316 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Le-Cornu

208317 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

208318 **Minutes**
Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2020 were approved unanimously as a correct record and would be signed by the **Chairman** in due course**.**

208319 **Matters Arising**

- Allotment holders only signs had been placed at all allotment sites.
- Updated Emergency plan had been sent to Website.
- Next tree inspection had been diarised for September.

208320 **Member's Bid**
Cllr McArdle gave some suggestions for the next round of Members Bids, which included better signage and more information signs in the Wildlife Allotment Garden. Moving the large carving in the Orchard to a better position with a view to adding more wood sculptures and carvings was also suggested, as well as upgrading pathways to enable better disabled access to more areas. **Cllr Jaques** suggested more funding to schools for books and equipment. Member's Bid would be added to next agenda once information and quotes could be obtained.

208321 **Glebeland Cemetery**
Councillors had received a letter from a member of the public requesting a new bench in the Glebeland cemetery in memory of a Parishioner who had recently passed away.

Councillors agreed to the request, subject to any inscription being approved, and the installation being carried out by Parish Council contractor. **Clerk** would obtain a quote for the installation and then advise the resident of the cost and also clarify that once the bench was installed the Parish Council would take ownership for the upkeep. **Cllr Silsby** agreed to oversee the project.

208322 **Environment Committee Update**

Cllr McArdle gave an update from the Environment Committee on the WAG project. He explained that, due to the very wet weather at the beginning of the year, then the Coronavirus and now being in bird nesting season, not a lot had happened. The Greening Group was hoping to put in 100 new saplings at the end of the year but had not been able to start clearing areas. **Cllr McArdle** had now spoken to some volunteers who were happy to start working following self-distancing guidelines. **Cllr McArdle** was currently walking footpaths in the Parish to check on any damage. **Clerk** advised that wet pour improvements had been carried out by the contractors in the playgrounds and the net on the Huck Roundabout would be replaced in July. **Cllr McArdle** mentioned that the new Jubilee trees had not been watered.

208323 **Cold Ash Parish Email**

Cllr Marsh explained the possible options for a new email address. Clerk had checked with Data Protection Officer and a G mail address was GDP compliant, with a note advising new email address. Cllrs agreed to use a G mail. Once established **Clerk** would advise West Berkshire Council of the change.

208324 **Western Area Planning**

Cllr Clark gave a report on the Western Area Planning meeting regarding Land Adjacent to Summerfield. The application was refused the vote was 7 – 2. **Clerk** had received the decision and would send to Councillors.

208324 **Planning Matters**

a) Planning Applications

20/01018/HOUSE 8 Strouds Meadow Cold Ash - *Erect a new fence for the rear garden closer to the boundary of the property to include a gate. Remove redundant section of wall including gate.* **No Objection - Unanimous**

b) Planning Decisions – members noted the following decisions:
There were no decisions

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00pm

Chairman…… Date.....