



**COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Present:**

**Cllrs Marsh, Fenner, Verner, McArdle, Silsby, Clark, & Jaques**  
**Clerk L Randall**

**In Attendance:**

District Councillor Simpson

**Public Participation**

- There was no participation from the public.

**208325 Apologies for Absence**

**Cllr Le-Cornu & Cllr Adams.**

**208326 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**208327 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were approved unanimously as a correct record. They were duly signed by the **Chairman** outside the meeting.

**208328 Matters Arising**

- **Cllr Clark** raised a statement made by Cllr Cole at the Western Area Planning Committee (WAPC) regarding the Cold Ash Parish Village Design statement. It was agreed a response would be sent from Cold Ash Parish Council to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of WAPC.

**208329 Report from District Councillors**

District Councillors' report had been circulated before the meeting. Items covered were – COVID19, Community Support Hub, Waste Services, & Fly-Tipping. District Cllr Simpson gave a brief report covering Traffic regarding NDP.

**208330 Clerk's Report**

- **Clerk** advised that the Playground Inspection Reports from ROSPA had been received and circulated to the Environment Committee.
- It was agreed that, due to the current COVID19 restrictions, the annual visit from the Fair would not be able to take place. This would be discussed again if the government lifted restrictions.
- **Clerk** advised that a CIL payment of £4,971.00 had been received in relation to planning application 19/01595/FULD (Igl's).
- **Clerk** advised the Hearing regarding Footpath 18 would take place as a virtual

meeting due to COVID19 restrictions. A form would be completed and submitted. Some changes had been made to the footpath, details of which would be sent to the footpaths officer at West Berkshire Council.

- **Clerk** advised that due to COVID19 she had had to alter her holiday dates. It was agreed that there would be one meeting during July and this would take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> to enable the Clerk to organise papers in time.

### 208331 **Planning Matters**

#### a) **Planning Applications**

**20/00655/RESMAJ ADJACENT TO PARISH** Land Adjacent To Hilltop Oxford Road Donnington - *Approval of reserved matters application for phased development of 222 dwellings pursuant to planning application 19/00442/OUTMAJ which relates to Section 73: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of planning application 14/02480/OUTMAJ allowed under appeal reference APP/W0340/W/16/3143214 for a mixed use scheme on 23.1 ha of land, comprising up to 401 dwellings on 11.35 ha of land. A 400 sq.m. local centre (Use Classes A1/A2/D1/D2 no more than 200 sq.m. of A1) on 0.29 ha of land, a one form entry primary school site on 1.7 ha of land, public open space, landscaping and associated highway works. Matters to be considered: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale* **NO COMMENT.**

**20/01202/HOUSE** Saplings Cold Ash Hill- *Removal of a 10 ft Conifer Hedge within our boundary and erection of a wooden feather board fence* **No OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS**

#### b) **WBC (West Berks Council) Planning Decisions** Members noted following Decisions:

**19/00832/REM Land Adjacent To Summerfield** The Ridge - Approval of reserved matters following Outline permission 16/02529/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 - Access, landscaping and scale **AMENDED PLANS. REFUSED** *Previous Parish Council Comments - Cllr Clark advised the Parish Council that he had sent a personal letter to WBC regarding the hedge at the front of the proposed development. He advised that if the hedge was deemed historical it could not be removed. To remove it would be an offence. Cllr McArdle had attended the recent site visit. Clerk requested an email copy of letter sent to WBC by Mr. Clark. It was agreed to resubmit previous objections, submitted on 11th December, to West Berkshire Council regarding this application.*

#### c) **Appeals**

**There were no appeals**

### 208332 **Finance**

#### 1. **Items for payment.** Members agreed Items for Payment on Sheet No 3 2020/21.

Summary of sheet:

Waste Collection - £67.25

Grass Cutting - £489.55

Website - £225.00

Electric - £72.94

BALC - £ 827.08  
Playground repairs - £3777.00  
Telephone - £308.67  
Litter Pick - £65.00  
Office Alarm - £241.75

2. **Bank reconciliation** – Members noted the Bank Reconciliation Statement at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020
3. **Payments against Budget** – Members noted the Analysis of Payments Against Budget to June 2020

**208333 Members Bid**

**Cllr McArdle** had been investigating improving the Wildlife Allotment Garden. It was agreed to obtain quotes to improve disabled access, benches and better signage. Quotes would be put before the Parish Council at the next meeting where a decision would be made as to whether to submit it as a Members Bid.

**208334 Grant Request**

A request had been received from St Mark's School Association asking for a contribution to the cost of the crossing patroller. After discussion, it was decided that the Parish Council were not in a position to use the grant allocation to fund this request due to constraints as to how public money can be spent. It was suggested that the school could contact the diocese or make an appeal to local business via the parents. **Clerk** would advise the school association of this decision but say that future requests would be considered as they were received.

**208335 Cold Ash Boys & Girls**

The football club asked if the Recreation Ground could be used on a Saturday morning for 1 hour from September to December and again from April to July for girls 5 – 11 to have football training. The Parish Council agreed to this request. **Cllr Adams** had sent an email asking if the current football training could be moved to different areas on the Recreation Ground and asked for parking at Ashmore Green to be addressed. **Clerk** would advise the club of all issues.

**Tree Charter**

**208336** It was agreed to sign up to the Tree Charter newsletter.

**New Website**

**208337** **Cllr Marsh** advised the website was now almost ready to be launched. He suggested that this should happen towards the end of June. A letter would be sent to the existing website manager asking for the old website to link to the new one. Details of the new website would be advertised in the Parish News and Community Bulletin. The **Clerk** would let West Berkshire Council know of the address change.

**208338 Committee Reports**

19<sup>th</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> June NDP Steering Group – **Cllr Marsh** gave details of the meeting in **Cllr Adams'** absence. Matters included response from planning policy team, traffic logging analysis and grant application.

**208339 Meetings with other bodies**

No meetings with other bodies

**208340 Councillors' Questions**

- **Cllr Jaques** asked for an update on the new notice board for Manor Park.
- **Cllr Silsby** asked if the Parish Council had had a response regarding the bench request in the cemetery
- **Cllr Verner** suggested a letter to the Village shop thanking them for their support to the Parish during the Coronavirus. **Clerk** would organise this.

**208341** **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received and sent since the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 had been circulated as Information Sheet no 2/June 2020 and was noted by Members. It was agreed to send the renewal details from SSE to Cllr Silsby,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed..... Date.....  
Chairman