



**COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Mr C Sayer, Mr J Hislop, Mr S Vanstone & Mr Berry

**Public Participation**

Mr Sayer gave an update on the work that has been carried out in the new Paddock in the Wildlife Allotment Garden; he advised the Parish Council that they had received very positive feedback from residents of the Parish. They had been advised that the area was a benefit to the community. Mr Hislop reiterated Mr Sayers' comments. Mr Vanstone gave an update on the new planning application for the land adjacent to Summerfield. He had concerns regarding the height of the proposed buildings. Mr Vanstone advised that some changes previously refused had now been included in the new application. He also advised that the garages now proposed were identical to the ones refused in 2018. From advertising seen for the properties, it would seem that the areas for reptile mitigation would be interrupted by gates into a large paddock area. He asked the Parish Council to support the concerns with the new application.

**218629 Apologies for Absence**

**Cllrs Le-Cornu, Bailey, Marsh & Adams also District Cllr Simpson.**

**218630 Declarations of Interest**

**Cllr McArdle** declared an interest in item 218635 planning application 21/01197/HOUSE.

**218631 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved. They were duly signed by the **Chairman**.

**218632 Matters Arising**

- **Cllr McArdle** asked for actions to be included in future minutes.

**218633 Report from District Councillors**

**The District Councillors' report** had been circulated before the meeting. Items covered were Covid 19, Local Economy, Walking & Cycling, Environment & Health & Wellbeing. **District Councillor Simpson's** report included: Land at Summerfield, St Gabriel's Farm and Members' Bids. A copy of the report can be obtained from the **Clerk**.

**218634 Clerk's Report**

- **Clerk** advised that the Emergency Plan had been reviewed and sent to the website.
- **Clerk** advised a CIL payment was due for £654.33
- **Clerk** advised she had provisionally booked two dates for the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 would be the preferred date.
- **Clerk** advised that, due to her holidays, there would be one meeting during July, August & September. She would send full details to the Councillors.
- **Clerk** advised that she had received a request from the current football Club to invest £15,000 into Recreation Ground maintenance over the next 10 years. It was suggested that the manager attend the next meeting to give a formal presentation.
- **Clerk** had received a plan from a resident to have a picnic to celebrate HM The Queen's platinum Jubilee in June 2022. **Cllr Silsby** was happy to liaise with the Parishioners regarding this.
- **Clerk** advised she had contacted Mr Pelham regarding the Annual Fair. She was waiting for him to come back and confirm.
- **Clerk** had received confirmation that the Goats in grazing field 3 were being removed. She would contact a possible new tenant once they had gone.
- **Clerk** would arrange for the Chairmans' Board in the Acland Hall to be updated at a cost of £96.00.
- The Members' Bid closing date was 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. The **Clerk** would send details to **Cllr Silsby** and **Cllr Hanks** and also include District Cllr Simpson. The suggestions were further sculptures in the WAG and a footpath on land behind Little Copse.

**218635 Planning Matters**

*If members of the Public would like to comment on an application, they should check the advice on our website:*

<https://coldashpc.org.uk/the-council/planning/>

**a) Planning Applications**

*Cllr McArdle declared an interest in the following item*

**21/01197/HOUSE** Norbreck The Ridge Cold Ash RG18 9HT -  
*Proposed detached garage, stop up existing secondary access and new hedgerow with fence behind. **OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS***

- **Over development of site**
- **Not in keeping with street scene**

**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 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 - Appearance, landscaping and scale. **OBJECTION -***

**UNANIMOUS**

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

**21/01244/HOUSE** Chapel House St Marys The Ridge - *Insulate and render walls to 1980's extension (with no change to original adjacent brickwork), replace windows, construct front porch and rear lobby/boot room.* **NO COMMENT – Awaiting clarification of the validity of the application from West Berkshire Council**

**21/01274/HOUSE** Adjacent to Parish Penbury Long Lane Hermitage – *Proposed loft conversion and rear extension* **NO COMMENT**

**218642** **Cllr Clark** asked for item 218642 2nd June – Site Visit Western Area Planning St Gabriel's Farm to be bought forward. **Cllr Clark** advised that under Class Q it was very difficult to turn down applications. However, there were two reasons that could be used - these were impact on the environment and sustainability. **Cllr Clark** felt the buildings were not sustainable and that development would impact the environment. **Cllr Clark** wanted the support of the Parish Councillors to mention these points at the Western Area Planning meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

*Standing Orders were suspended at 19:50 to allow Mr. Sayer to speak as he was also attending the same meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Standing orders resumed at 19.55*

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

**21/00695/HOUSE** St Martins Red Shute Hill Hermitage - Single story Oak framed garage 5.9m x 9.5m, triple bay (one open) hip roof.

**APPROVED** – *Previous Parish Council Comments No Objection – Unanimous*

c) **Appeals**

**There were no appeals.**

**218636** **Finance**

1. **Items for payment.** Members agreed Items for Payment on Sheet No 3 2021/2022.

Summary of sheet:

WAG Work - £344.80

Meetings - £76.39

Locality Grant - £900.00

Waste Disposal £70.57

Stationery - £114.52

Grass cutting -£312.05

Water - £54.18

SSE-£112.78

BT - £430.92

Internal Auditor - £350.00

2. **Bank reconciliation** – Members noted the Bank Reconciliation for May 2021

3. **Payments against Budget** – Members noted the Analysis of Payments Against Budget to June 2021.

4. **Annual Return 2020/2021**

Members received a report of the Annual Return for 2020/2021, which had been

Prepared for submission by end of June 2021 by the RFO. Councillors agreed for the Chairman to sign the report. This would now be sent by recorded delivery to the External Auditor. Councillors discussed the internal auditor's report; The **Clerk** would action the suggested changes.

**218637 Tree Report**

Members discussed the recent tree report and it was agreed **Cllr McArdle** would meet with the contractor to discuss the works.

**218638 Wildlife Allotment Garden**

The Parish Councillors discussed the recent complaints received from a neighbouring resident regarding the recent opening of the new paddock. It was agreed to send a formal response to the resident.

**218639 St Mark's School Event**

The Parish Council agreed to the event requested by St Mark's School to hold a circus on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The parking had been addressed and St Mark's School would be used for parking, and any damage to the Recreation Ground would be remedied by the Company hosting the event or St Mark's School. A risk assessment and copy of insurance would be supplied to the Parish Council before the event. Neighbouring residents would be contacted before the event. The **Clerk** would now send a letter to St Mark's confirming these actions.

**218640 Pre-School Fence**

As no quotes had been received this item would be moved to the next agenda.

**218641 Committee Reports**

19<sup>th</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> June - NDP Steering Group – **Cllr Adams**. This item was not discussed as **Cllr Adams** had not been able to attend the meeting.

20<sup>th</sup> May – Environment Committee meeting – **Cllr McArdle** gave an update on the recent meeting. He advised that the allotment holders from Gladstone Lane had asked if a gate could be considered and some hedging be installed to deter deer. There had also been a request to reduce a large tree canopy; these jobs may be taken on by the volunteers. He also advised he would look into the possibility of providing water supplies to the Johnson Lane and Gladstone Lane allotments. He reported that Broadview Farm had now submitted a formal request to move a footpath to West Berkshire Council.

**218642 Meetings with other bodies –**

19<sup>th</sup> May – Local Climate Action Plan – **Cllr McArdle** advised he had attended the action plan but was waiting on more information.

26<sup>th</sup> May & 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Playgrounds – **Cllr Jaques & The Clerk** advised that they had met with the current contractor and he would carry out minor works that had appeared on the recent ROPSA inspection. With regards to the Huck roundabout, at the Hermitage Road playground, a new basket was required, which would cost £2598.00 plus VAT. It was agreed that this should be done and that CIL money could be used. The repairs suggested to the wet-pour could be carried out at £91.50 per square metre. The **Clerk** would liaise with the contractors to ascertain the exact cost. The Inspection had asked that the basketball hoop be removed from the car park as this was deemed dangerous. The option of re-installing on the Recreation Ground was not feasible, so it was agreed to remove it. There were two hoops at the Southend Ball Park which could be used instead, in a safer environment. **Clerk** would obtain quote to remove this.

27<sup>th</sup> May – Thatcham 20 – **Cllr Jaques** advised that she had attended the meeting as an observer. Midgham Parish Council had now dropped out of the group. **Cllr Jaques** asked if the Parish Council would agree for a poster to be added to the Parish notice boards, and if the Parish Council were happy to share data recently received from the traffic survey with the other Parishes. This was agreed

2<sup>nd</sup> June – Site Visit Western Area Planning to St Gabriel’s Farm – **Cllr Clark** - this had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**218643 Councillors’ Questions**

There were no questions.

**218644 Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received and sent since the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 had been circulated as Information Sheet no 2/May 2021 and was noted by Members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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