



**COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

**Present:**

Cllrs Jaques Marsh, Fenner, Hanks, Bailey, Silsby, & McArdle  
Linda Randall - Clerk

**In Attendance:**

Mr S Lamb Cold Ash Boys & Girls FC & Mr C Sayer

**Public Participation**

Mr Lamb took the Parish Council through the Football Clubs proposal for ongoing maintenance, through grants, to the Recreation Ground over the next 6 years. The grants would be from the Football Club and the FA This would include splitting and verti draining. The football club needed formal; permission from the Parish Council to proceed. **Cllr Fenner** asked if the total grant was for both Chieveley and Cold Ash she was informed it was just for Cold Ash Parish. **Cllr Jaques** put forward some questions raised by **Cllr Adams** in his absence, these included that the Recreation Ground was for all the community to enjoy not to be used just as a football pitch. Mr Lamb stated that the club recognises that the Recreation Ground is a community area for all the parish to use and football was a part of that. Mr Lamb advised that other match grounds were being investigated; he advised that Headley and Hermitage were being looked at. **Cllr Adams** had also asked if the junior pitch could be moved nearer to the tennis courts, Mr Lamb did not think that this would be an issue. Mr Lamb advised that for any maintenance they would use the current contractors. Mr Lamb advised that Cold Ash Children formed a large part of the teams. **Cllr Marsh** thanked Mr Lamb for the maintenance that had already taken place. But areas of the ground were not level; he asked if this was going to be addressed? Mr Lamb advised he was hopeful but cost of this maintenance was expensive. The **Clerk** advised that the current grass cutting took place twice monthly between March & October. Mr Lamb advised there were three areas that may need re-turfing but that it would not impact the Recreation Ground users when it was being rectified. **Cllr McArdle** asked about “over using” the ground, Mr Lamb advised this was being monitored and they had options to use other pitches if the need arose.

Mr Sayer thanked the Parish Council, particularly **Cllr Clark** and District Councillor Simpson, for their comments and support to the planning application for St Gabriel’s Farm.

**218645 Apologies for Absence**

**Cllr Le-Cornu, Verner, Clark, Adams & District Cllr Simpson & Beck**

**218646**    **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**218647**    **Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were approved unanimously as a correct record and were signed by the **Chairman**.

**218648**    **Matters Arising**

- **Clerk** advised that the points raised in the internal auditors report were being addressed. She advised that using an extra hard drive to back up the PC was probably not feasible. Parish Councillors would investigate using the Cloud.
- **Clerk** advised that the goats had now been removed from grazing field 3. A new tenant was interested but would probably not be able to replace the goats for a couple of months. Parish Councillors were happy to wait. The **Clerk** would advise the new tenant.
- **Cllr Hanks** advised that unfortunately he had been unable to get the quote and paperwork together for the next members bid. He would continue to work on the quotes ahead of the next round in September. **Cllr Silsby** had also incurred problems he would also gather more information for later in the year. **Cllr Hanks** asked if the Parish Council could discuss contractors on a future agenda. **Cllr Jaques** suggested using the current Members Bid for the new fence request for the pre-school.
- **Cllr McArdle** had met with the contractor and gone through the recent Tree Report, the suggested works were agreed with the addition of some works near Caulfield House and Johnsons Lane. There was also some issues near the pond but the volunteer's would undertake this work. **Clerk** would advise the contractor to start the work.
- **Cllr McArdle** advised that due to printer issues in the Parish Office a quote had been sourced to get the WAG open day leaflets printed externally. The Parish Council was happy for this to go ahead.

**218649**    **Pre School request**

**Cllr Jaques** proposed submitting the request for extra safety fencing around the Pre-School garden as a members bid. This would then be match funded so half would be from the members bid and half from the CIL money. Parish Councillors agreed to this request.

**218650**    **Recreation Ground**

Mr. Lamb had presented to the Parish Council previously, the Parish Council were happy for the maintenance to go ahead.

**218651**    **The Watermill Theatre Touring 2021**

The Acland Hall committee had asked for two dates to be reserved in August for the event these were the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. **Cllr Hanks** agreed to attend the feasibility visit once it was arranged.

**218652**    **Winter Service Plan**

West Berkshire Council's Highways Department is inviting comments from local Councils on its Winter Service Plan for 2021/2022, details of which have been circulated electronically to Members. Any comments were to be submitted to WBC by 30th July 2021.

**218653 Policies**

Councillors reviewed the Procurement Policy and noted the logo change on the Retention and disposal policy.

**1.Items for Payment**

**218654** Members noted the items for payment. It was agreed to raise cheques for these as the Clerk is away on leave and the next meeting is the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Planning Matters**

**218655**

a) **Planning Applications**

**21/01354/HOUSE** The White House Long Lane Cold Ash - *Ground floor extension and first floor extension over kitchen.* **NO OBJECTION – Unanimous**

**21/01437/HOUSE Adjacent to Parish** Sanctuary Wood Slanting Hill – *Relocation of driveway access and associated work to significantly improve visibility and safety.* **NO OBJECTION – Unanimous**

b) **Planning Decisions** – members noted the following decisions:

**21/00860/HOUSE** 26 Southend Cold Ash - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension **APPROVED**  
*Previous Parish Council Comments - No Objection – Unanimous.*

**20/02026/PACOU** St Gabriels Farm The Ridge- Prior approval of change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 dwellings **PRIOR APPROVAL NO COMMENTS REQUIRED. REFUSED**

c) **Appeals**– members noted the following appeal:

There were no appeals.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56 pm

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