



COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12th October 2021

Present:

Cllrs Verner, McArdle, Hanks, Adams, Silsby, Bailey, Fenner, & Marsh
Clerk L Randall

In Attendance:

No members of the Public attended

Public Participation

There was no Public Participation

218720 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Clark, Le-Cornu & District Cllr Simpson

218721 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of interest

218722 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2021 were approved. They were duly signed by **Cllr Fenner**.

218723 Matters Arising

- **Clerk** advised she had sent details of the memorial bench to the resident but had not yet had a response.
- **Clerk** had advised West Berkshire Council of recent anti-social behaviour.
- Councillors agreed to the advert for Parish Councillor Vacancy being advertised in notice boards. The date for applying would be reviewed in 1 month.

218724 Report from District Councillors

The District Councillors' report had been circulated before the meeting. Items covered were:-.Education, Economy, Community & Leisure. A copy is available from the **Clerk** upon request.

218725 Clerk's Report

- **Clerk** advised the gate on the Goat paddock had been replaced.
- Councillors discussed the Community Awards Scheme and it was agreed it to add to the next agenda for further discussion.
- **Clerk** advised that the recent water bill had been high, she had checked with Tennis Club and discovered that no separate meter had been added to the supply to the Pavilion. The Tennis club agreed to cover the high bill and going forward

to pay half towards the Parish Office supply. A formal agreement would be raised between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club. It was also agreed to ask the contractor to check if there was a water leak.

- **Clerk** advised she would now be working for a few hours in the Parish Office on a Monday.
- **Clerk** asked Councillors for their availability for a get together in December for a Christmas drink.

218726 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

21/02338/HOUSE Foxridge The Ridge - Proposed part conversion of garage, first floor home office within roof space with new dormer window. Garden room extension to rear of garage with garden storage under and new decking area. **No Objection - Unanimous**

21/02370/HOUSE ADJACENT TO PARISH Mayfield Long Lane Hermitage - Construction of rear single storey extension to allow larger kitchen, sitting room and bathroom **No Comment**

21/02008/HOUSE ADJACENT TO PARISH Oakwell Long Lane Hermitage - Erection of a timber framed double garage in the front garden of the property. **No Comment**

21/02452/HOUSE Cherwell Cottage Cold Ash Hill - Replacement Roof and Loft Area to Garage. **No Objection 6 in favour 2 abstain– No orange site notice was visible at this site.**

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

21/01861/FUL Straight Elms Farm Stoney Lane Ashmore Green – Conversion, link extension and alterations to existing buildings to create an annexe, home office and gym, ancillary to the main dwelling.

Erection of stable block. **APPROVED** – Previous Parish Council Comments - No Objection with the following caveats:-

- That the new conversion has to remain as part of the main house and should NOT be allowed to be sold/treated as an independent dwelling (The justification for the build is a accommodation for an aged parent and a gym/office – as such there is no need for it to be treated as an independent house).
- If the stables are built as per the current plan then a further caveat should be added to prohibit any further development of the stables and surrounding area

c) Appeals

There were no appeals.

218727 Finance

1. **Items for payment.** Members agreed Items for Payment on Sheet No 7 2021/2022.
Summary of sheet:
Green Gym £25.00
Litter pick £65.00
Electric supply to street lights £101.85
Grass Cutting £509.13
Contribution to WBC Libraries £2500.00
Website £4.80
CCB Renewal £40.00
Room Hire £64.00
Payroll £65.52
Tennis Courts Clean £690.00
Stationary £192.80
CPRE Membership £36.00
2. **Bank reconciliation** – Members noted the Bank Reconciliation for September 2021
3. **Payments against Budget** – Members noted the Analysis of Payments Against Budget to October 2021
4. **VAT** Members noted VAT return

218728 Committee Reports

2nd September & 6th October - NDP Steering Group – **Cllr McArdle**. Gave a brief report, he advised all leaflets for the NDP open day on the 23rd October had been delivered. The Grant had been applied for. He asked for any Councillors if available to attend the event.

218729 Meetings with other bodies –

There were no meetings with other bodies

218730 Councillors' Questions

- **Cllr Adams** asked if there were any future plans for events on the Recreation Ground like the Watermill production in August.
- **Cllr Marsh** asked about the Christmas Tree for the Parish. This would be added to next agenda for further discussion.
- **Cllr Bailey** asked if the plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee were underway.

218731 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received and sent since the meeting held on 14th September 2021 had been circulated as Information Sheet no 7/October 2021 and was noted by Members. Cllr Verner asked for sight of the Tree Preservation Order.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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