



COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 25th January 2022

Present:

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

In Attendance:

The were no members of the public present

Public Participation

No Public Participation

218804 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Adams, Silsby and Clark.

218805 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest

218806 **Granting of Dispensations to allow Councillors to discuss Precepts**
With the authority granted to her, the **Clerk** will grant dispensations to those present to discuss matters pertaining to the Precept, having received the necessary signed pro formas Declarations of Interest

218807 **Minutes**
Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January 2022 were approved unanimously as a correct record and were signed by the **Chairman**.

218808 **Matters Arising**

- **Clerk** advised councillors of the cost for installation and purchase of larger dog bins.
- **Cllr Bailey** asked for more information ahead of the libraries review.

218809 **Platinum Jubilee Picnic**
Cllr Silsby's report was read out to Councillors regarding the cost of a Beacon. It was agreed that further investigation would take place with a resident and the supplier and this would be discussed at the next meeting. A request by the Jubilee committee had been received regarding the Parish Council contributing to waste disposal. It was agreed to ask a member of the committee to attend the next meeting so that further

discussion could take place.

218810 **Projects**

Cllr Bailey presented on Projects which had been discussed at the NDP open day. She advised that the 10 projects that had been voted on some would fall outside the NDP and more under Traffic. The list included suggestions of creating a community café, and **Cllr McArdle** had suggested a quiet garden within the Wildlife Allotment Garden. **Cllr Bailey** would like to shorten the list to 5 projects to progress in the next year. She hoped that Parishioners would get involved and help run the projects. **Cllr Marsh** was keen that residents of the Parish were able to vote further on the ideas; **Cllr Hanks** suggested a poll on Facebook. It was agreed that **Cllr Bailey** would draft a communication for Facebook. **Cllr McArdle** advised that the goal posts for the Recreation Ground had now been agreed, with regards to a bike track in the woods a landowner was to be contacted. **Cllr Silsby** would look at transport. The projects document would be added to the drop box.

218811 **Draft Budget 2022/23**

Cllr Marsh outlined the Budget and the main areas of annual expenditure further to the papers tabled at 11th January 2022 council meeting. Members were asked to consider a draft budget and predicted year-end statement together with Clerk's notes. The proposed precept was £51,000.00 for year 2022/23. This was taken to a vote, with a unanimous vote in favor. **Clerk** would now submit the precept request to West Berkshire Council.

218812 **NDP Committee**

Cllr McArdle advised that the NDP committee had been unable to meet officially due to the number of parish councillor members being below the minimum of 3, required by the ToR. **Cllr McArdle** presented 3 options which he outlined. The options presented covered: 1. expanding the membership of the NDP Steering Committee 2. CAPC taking a greater involvement in the NDP, to spread the load 3. cancelling/suspending the NDP. He recommended that the Parish Councils support option 2 and highlighted that this would mean that the Parish Council would take on some of the work; this would include Projects, Transport/Traffic/Travel and Housing allocations, plus active involvement in communications and navigating the regulatory framework; leaving the NDP steering group to focus on completing the document. **Cllr Verner** agreed this made sense. **Cllr McArdle** advised that Councillors would also need to be brought up to speed with the position of the NDP, so that they could actively engage with it and start to take ownership (this is a natural progression to CAPC taking over ownership of the NDP, as the Qualifying Body, once it is enacted). **Cllr McArdle** asked for agreement to send a letter to a developer regarding Henwick Park development. It was agreed for the Chairman to sign and send.

218813 **Scheme of Delegation**

Cllr Fenner explained that using a 'Scheme of Delegation' would enable the Parish Council to discuss planning applications informally and allow the **Clerk** to submit recommendations to West Berkshire Council. This would allow the Parish Council to continue to meet once a month for a full meeting and then have an informal meeting via zoom later in the month to discuss planning. If, however there were any urgent matters to be discussed at the 2nd meeting a formal meeting would have to take place. Although no public agenda should be published for this informal meeting, it is advised that a communication is made via Community Bulletin and Facebook to encourage public participation. This scheme of Delegation is a temporary one and could be tried

- 218814 for 6 months. It was agreed that the Scheme of Delegation can be put in place but is called on when this is appropriate, rather than making it a fixture. The **Clerk** would enquire about obtaining a 'Scheme of Delegation' template from other clerks.

a)

Planning Matters

Planning Applications

21/03151/HOUSE Breckland Hermitage Road RG18 9JN - *Demolish conservatory. New single storey side and rear extension.* **No Objection - Unanimous**

21/03135/COMIND Land West Of Heath Lane - *Construction of 2 Detention basins located north and south of a proposed access track connected via twin 450mm dia. pipes. The North Basin will have an area of 0.35 hectares and a 0.6m high earth bund and will accommodate a 20m wide spillway and a 20m wide weir. The South Basin will have an area of 0.23 hectares and a 1.4m high earth with a 20m wide weir to accommodate exceedance flows from the North Basin. and realignment of an existing ditch via a 450mm dia. Culvert. A 450mm dia. pipe will convey flows from the southern basin during flood events to a new cut ditch before discharging into the existing ditch to the west of the site. Flows from the existing ditch eventually discharge to a Thames Water sewer. The provision of a 4.8m wide access track to serve the Scheme.* **No Objection - Unanimous**

21/03154/FUL Land North Of Bowling Green Road -*Construction of a detention basin with an area of 0.20 hectares and a 0.7m high earth bund to the south of the scheme. Realignment of an existing ditch for 12m into the proposed basin and installation of a bypass structure to facilitate flows in the existing watercourse downstream. A 300mm diameter pipe will convey flows from the basin during flood events to the existing ditch to the south of the scheme before out falling to the existing Thames Water sewer to the southwest. The existing ditch will be regraded from the outlet from the basin to the inlet to Thames Water sewer. The provision of a 3.0m wide access track from Bowling Green Road to serve the Scheme.* **No Objection - Unanimous**

b)

21/03241/HOUSE 6 Sewell Close Cold Ash - *Single storey extension and Alterations to provide accessible accommodation.* **No Objection - Unanimous**

Planning Decisions –

21/02593/HOUSE Nuttington Stoney Lane RG18 9HQ - *Proposed single-storey extension to replace existing conservatory.* **APPROVED** *Previous Parish Council Comments - No Objection – Unanimous*

21/02886/COND4 Red Shute Mill Business Centre, Red Shute Hill, Hermitage, Thatcham Application for approval of details reserved by condition 14 (SUDS) of planning permission 19/02597/FULMAJ -*Erection of new extension to existing two storey office building, construction of new parking areas and associated landscaping. Construction of new access road to split commercial and residential uses* **APPROVED** *Previous Parish Council Comments to 19/0259/FULMAJ - No Objection to the building extension and new parking areas - unanimous - Subject to all the points in the highways officers' report being addressed. However, Cold Ash Parish Council does object to the new access roadway encroaching into the*

- c) *countryside area. We do not consider the access road necessary, as we can perceive no benefit to the Industrial Estate or local residents, based on the current information*

provided.

21/02765/HOUSE 3 Malta Cottages Ashmore Green RG18 9EZ - Single Storey Rear Extension **APPROVED** – *Previous Parish Council Comments No Objection – Unanimous*

Appeals—There were no appeals.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.36pm

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