



COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 14th June 2022

Present:

Cllrs Fenner, McArdle, Marsh, Hanks, Wilding, Adams, Murray & Silsby
Clerk L Randall

In Attendance:

Mr P Roberts & Mr R Pattison

Public Participation

Mr Pattison asked the Parish Council to consider his report, submitted previously regarding Footpaths in the Parish. He advised that the footpaths were in a very poor state and although he understood that the responsibility of up keep and maintenance fell with West Berkshire Council he asked if the Parish Council could help with funding, for repairs, in anyway.

228942 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Verner & Clark

228943 Declarations of Interest
No Declarations of interest.

228944 Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th May 2022 were approved. They were duly signed by the Chairman **Cllr Fenner**.

228945 Matters Arising

- **Clerk** advised she had spoken to the insurers regarding the Parish Office Alarm, and they were happy with the current status. This would be added to a future agenda for further discussion.
- **Clerk** advised that the Gardening Club were happy to judge the competition and she would now send dates to **Cllr Hanks & Adams** to arrange a time for judging.
- **Cllr Marsh** advised he was still waiting for the feasibility report for Manor Park Playing Field, from WBC he asked the **Clerk** to send another reminder email to Mr Sweeting, Ms Doherty and District Cllr Beck.
- **Cllr Marsh** thanked the Jubilee Committee and everyone involved with the Jubilee celebrations for their hard work, it was a great event.

228946 Report from District Councillors
The District Councillors' report had been received by the **Clerk**. A copy was available on request. Matters included were Platinum Jubilee, Finance, Culture, Education, and

Minutes of Cold Ash Parish Council

Members Bid update. **Cllr McArdle** advised that Cold Ash Parish Council were the only parish to submit a bid.

Cllr Murray arrived at 7.10pm

228947 Clerk's Report

- **Clerk** advised she had received another notification regarding installing a smart meter to the Parish Office.
- **Clerk** advised she had reviewed the GDP (General Data Protection) policies and that there were no changes, these would be reviewed again in 2023.
- **Clerk** had received a request to use the Recreation Ground for a 2 day event in June 2023 for a dog training event. After a discussion it was agreed that due to usage by the sports clubs and general public the Parish Council declined the request. **Clerk** would advise all those concerned.
- **Clerk** advised she would be on leave for the next meeting on the 28th June 2022. The Parish Council meeting would be kept short to include relevant planning applications and any urgent matters only.

228948 Planning Matters

A) Planning Application

There were no applications

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

22/00744/HOUSE Pontecums Fishers Lane -*Replacement garage, single storey side extension loft conversion with dormer* **APPROVED** Previous Parish Council Comments -*NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS*

22/00816/PASOL Frontier Agriculture Ltd Red Shute Mill - *Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation, Alteration or Replacement of other Solar Photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the Roofs of Non-domestic Buildings: Proposed 252.954kWp roof mounted solar panels.* **NOT REQUIRED** – Previous Parish Council Comments *NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS*

22/00879/HOUSE 4 Laud Close RG14 2SL - *Single storey side extension extending into the rear of the existing garden* **APPROVED** Previous Parish Council Comments - *NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS*

22/00844/HOUSE The Granary Hatchgate Close - *Single storey rear extension and associated works* **APPROVED** – Previous Parish Council Comments - *NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS*

C) Appeal

There were no appeals

228949 Finance

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

Summary of sheet:

Water – 14.09

WAG Supplies/Works – 190.13

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Litter Pick – 65.00
Website – 8.00
Telephone – 31.16
Waste Collections – 47.69
Grant repayment – 1227.19
Maintenance – 234.96
Street Light supply charge – 41.63
Room Hire 44.00

2. **Bank reconciliation** – Members noted the Bank Reconciliation for May 2022.
3. **Payments against Budget** – Members noted the Analysis of Payments Against Budget to June 2022. Members noted the NDP payment was allocated in the wrong section. The Clerk had been advised by the internal auditor as such but the Clerk would clarify this again with the auditor.
4. **Annual Return** – The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman, **Clerk** will now submit to the external auditors.

228950 **Playground Update**

Members discussed the recent inspection carried out by ROSPA. It was agreed to get a quote for wet pour repairs and the possibility of pressure washing the toddler play park at Southend. **Clerk** would obtain these and add to a future agenda for further discussion.

228951 **Acland Hall**

Members discussed an email regarding times for booking the main hall for the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to alter the time to 6.45pm 8.45pm. **Clerk** would advise the Acland Hall.

228952 **PROW'S**

Cllr McArdle advised he had spoken to WBC early in the year to see what could be done regarding maintaining the footpaths in the Cold Ash Parish. Maintenance to the footpaths did fall under WBC and any complaints should be logged directly to WBC via the website. Any maintenance carried out by the Parish Council should be approved by WBC. **Cllr McArdle** suggested looking at the amount put aside in the budget for any future maintenance. **Clerk** would advise anyone with an issue regarding a footpath to log directly on the WBC website as this would ensure issues were escalated.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.45pm to allow Mr. Pattison to speak.

Standing Orders resumed at 7.50pm

228953 **Wildlife Allotment Garden**

Cllr McArdle gave an update on the WAG and recent events that had taken place there. He advised there were still some development plans for the Quiet Garden and a formal opening was planned for the end of September to coincide with the Great Big Green Week. The beacon lighting ceremony had been a success and a plaque for the beacon would be investigated. He thanked Mr. Taylor for creating the beacon for the Parish. He advised that the paperwork for further live stock had been sent to the proposed tenant. He asked if any fuel used to power tools by residents could be claimed back through expenses. This was agreed by members.

228954 NDP Update

Cllr McArdle updated Councillors on the current status of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, he advised that the draft had been sent to WBC in March with a proposed start date for Regulation 14 for June 2022. After no response from WBC it was understood that there was an issue with Natural England due to the new Nutrient Neutrality Guidance, causing the NDP to be put on hold. **Cllr McArdle** suggested a letter to be sent to the team leader of planning policy and a notice to be placed in the Parish News advising residents of the issues. **Cllr Murray** suggested a meeting with Bryan Lyttle from WBC, and felt the Cold Ash Parish Council should push back as the delay would cause the NDP to lose momentum with the parish residents. **Cllr McArdle** agreed to organise a meeting.

228955 Committee Reports

18th May & 1st June NDP Steering Group – **Cllr McArdle** this was covered under the previous item.

228956 Reports from meetings with other bodies

26th May District Parish Conference – **Cllr McArdle** had circulated a report to all Councillors.

25th May & 1st June Eastern Area Planning site visit & Meeting – **Cllr Murray** had attended both site visits with **Cllr McArdle**, he felt both projects were the correct way forward for the area. However there were issues with the access roads, and had suggested smaller access roads at the meeting. The developer had requested the road, but WBC felt the current proposed access road would not be sufficient for any future development. At the Bowling Green Road site it was noted that there were a row of Oak trees with no TPO's on. The tree Officer had been approached and **Cllr Murray** was hopeful these would now be added.

228957 Councillors Questions

- **Cllr Silsby** asked if notification had been received regarding the Land at Lawrence's Lane appeal, **Clerk** advised this would be on the next agenda.
- **Cllr Hanks** raised an issue with parking at the Acland Hall on a Wednesday when the Fish and Chip van was in situ. He asked for this to be added to a future agenda for further discussion.
- **Cllr Murray** asked **Cllr Silsby** for an update on speeding issues. **Cllr Silsby** would chase his contact.
- **Cllr McArdle** asked if **Cllr Wilding** would like to join the Environment Committee, **Cllr Wilding** agreed to the request.

228958 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received and sent since the meeting held on 10th May 2022 had been circulated as Information Sheet no3/June 2022 and was noted by Members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm

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