

COLD ASTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Present: Cllr Acland
Cllr Bullock (Chair)
Cllr Minns
Cllr Morris

Parish Clerk - D Hunt

2 members of the public were in attendance. They wished to ask the Council if they would; be able to purchase their allotment plot; make an access way through from their residence to their plot and if they could erect a shed on their plot. Discussion took place about issues from the past and leaglities. The Council agreed provisionally to the shed subject to further detail re size, refused to sell the land and would consider more fully the access way.

The Chair formally opened the meeting at 18.56

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on January 18th 2017

1. **Apologies:** These were accepted from District Cllr Keeling and County Cllr Hodgkinson
2. **Declarations of Interest**
 - a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
There weren't any.
 - b) To declare any prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.
There weren't any.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th November 2016, were approved and signed.
4. **Reports from District and County Councillors:** County Cllr Hodgkinson wished the Council to make him aware of any highways issues that he might be able to fund/part fund from his ward highway budget. Councillors felt that the passing places into the village could benefit from some work on them.
5. **To decide arrangements for reviewing the Parish Plan;** After some discussion it was decided to formally review the plan, especially the areas of building new houses. The council will take professional advice on how best to approach this so it is legally correct.
6. **To decide what if any comments to make about planning applications**

Minute reference 07/2017signature.....date.....

17/00021/FUL & 17/00022/LBC; Erection of two-storey side extension with glazed single-storey conservatory to rear at 11 Chapel Lane Cold Aston Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 3BJ – *The Council decided that they did not wish to make any comments on these applications.*

7. To decide what if any comments to make about planning

application16/05352/FUL; Conversion of outbuilding into one dwelling at The Ridge Whiteshoots Hill Bourton-On-The-Water Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LE - **After much discussion the Council decided to object and make the following comment;** *The Council wish to object because they do not wish to have an increase in dwellings on this site. It is accessed by the extremely busy A429, an arterial road in the Cotswolds and increased dwellings would lead to an increase in vehicles accessing and exiting this site. This site is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty and is clearly visible from the other side of the valley and any increase of building on this site would have a negative impact on the environment. The Council believe that the CDC stated after the last large development at the Paddocks on Whiteshoots Hill that no more developments would be allowed.* Another concern that the Council have is the lack of amenities on this site in particular mains sewerage. Finally the Council would like to point out that the Cold Aston Parish Plan states the Parish seek to retain the status quo; furthermore, few residents wished for more housing and many placed large importance on the surrounding environment with the surrounding countryside being of high importance. With many large developments already underway in the neighbouring Bourton on the Water this would reduce the need for extra housing.

8. To decide what if any comments to make about planning application16/05243FUL;

Creation of three dwellings by the conversion of the existing bed and breakfast into two dwellings and the construction of one new-build dwelling at The Ridge Whiteshoots Hill Bourton-On-The-Water Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LE – **After much discussion the Council decided to object and make the following comment;** *The Council wish to object because they do not wish to have an increase in dwellings on this site. It is accessed by the extremely busy A429, an arterial road in the Cotswolds and increased dwellings would lead to an increase in vehicles accessing and exiting this site. This site is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty and is clearly visible from the other side of the valley and any increase of building on this site would have a negative impact on the environment. The Council believe that the CDC stated after the last large development at the Paddocks on Whiteshoots Hill that no more developments would be allowed.* Another concern that the Council have is the lack of amenities on this site in particular mains sewerage. Finally the Council would like to point out that the Cold Aston Parish Plan states the Parish seek to retain the status quo; furthermore, few residents wished for more housing and many placed large importance on the surrounding environment with the surrounding countryside being of high importance. With many large developments already underway in the neighbouring Bourton on the Water this would reduce the need for extra housing. However the Council recognise that there is already an existing property on this site they would ideally like to see this renovated as opposed to being split into two properties which would still lead to an increase in vehicles accessing and exiting this property.

9. Progress reports (for information)

- a) Clerk; read relevant correspondence
- b) Highways; Cllr Morris was pleased to state that two new speeding signs had been put in place. The signage on the road surface was still set for the Spring when the weather improves.
- c) Allotments; Cllr Minns reported that he had been disappointed by his mark 1 rain harvesting prototype. He would now be seeking to increase the surface area.

10. Financial;

- a. To approve payment to the Clerk for wages Nov - £109.70, December - £41.66 & reimburse for purchase of paper £10, purchase of black ink cartridge £14.99, 1 book of first class stamps £7.68 & payment to simpleweb hosting of £54- **TOTAL £237.53** – *These payments were approved*
- b. To approve payment to Bluefin for allotment insurance renewal premium for £77.33 – *This payment was approved.*
- c. To approve payment to Cottage Garden Services October 2016 invoice of £132 – *This payment was approved.*
- d. To agree the Bank reconciliation as;
Treasurer's account - £23,727.06 to 01.12.2016
Community fund - £8445.10 to 01.01.2015 – *These were agreed*
- e. To approve the Financial report to December 31st 2016 – This was approved.

11. Date of next meeting: This was agreed as March 8th 2017

The meeting closed at 19:47

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.