

COLD ASTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Present: Cllr Bullock (chair)
Cllr Morris
Cllr Marchant
Cllr Nicholas
Cllr Pearce

Clerk D Hunt

3 members of the public were present.

The three parishioners raised concerns over car parking on the land that was currently rented by Lady Wade Gery. They stated that they felt a car park would ruin the unspoilt look of Cold Aston, it could cause ill feeling between villagers and it might lead to cars being driven faster. They felt that the safety zone parking or gravelling laybys in Bang Up Lane might be a better option. They asked if the Council were aware that field in question was part of the curtilage of the Vicarage and therefore listed.

Councillor Bullock responded by stating that nothing was happening yet and pointed out Lady Wade-Gery still leased the land. He had attended a meeting at the school where the school had expressed a wish to lease the land when it became available. He further added before any decision could be made there would have to be a period of public consultation.

The Meeting opened at 19:00

AGENDA

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Hodgkinson sent his apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
 - a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
Cllr Bullock expressed an interest in item No.6 on the agenda.
 - b) To declare any prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.
There were none.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 13th 2019 were approved and signed.
4. **Reports from District and County Councillors** – there weren't any.
5. **Progress reports** (for information)
 - a) Clerk – The Clerk reported that The Council were still awaiting a refund from Highways for the mowing of the verges. There had been 1 application for the vacancy of Parish Clerk/RFO so far and she apologised for not pursuing the online banking.
 - b) Highways- Cllr Morris reported that the wall in Chapel Lane and the one by his house had both been repaired.

- c) Allotments – There were now 2 persons on a waiting list.
- d) Parking – There was nothing more to be added to what had been stated in the public part of the meeting.

6. To decide what if any comments to make about Planning application

19/00923/FUL; Demolition of conservatory, erection of single and two storey rear extensions, replacement windows, garage conversion, new first floor window on the east elevation, erection of a detached garage with log store, replacement vehicular gates, and raising the front dry stone boundary wall Rose House Old Gloucester Road Bourton-On-The-Water Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 3BH

The Council wished to object to this application making the following comment;
The Council feel that the size of the new development is disproportionate to the size of the existing building. They feel that the garage at the front will impact on the view from the road side and of the country side beyond. The higher wall, gates and garage will not be in keeping with the other existing properties along that road.

7. Financial Matters – End of Year accounts;

- (i) Decide whether to send the Annual Audit to External Auditor** – The Council decided to opt out and not use an external auditor for the accounts for year end 2019
- (ii) Approve the Annual Governance Statement** – this was approved and signed.
- (iii) Consider and approve the Annual Accounting Statements** – These were considered and signed after the RFO had explained the significant variances.

8. Financial;

- a. To approve payment to the Clerk for wages February 2019 - £37.48 March 2019 - £128.70 *This could not be approved due to there being no paperwork to view. Also the February request for payment was an error as the Clerk has already been paid.*
- b. To approve payment to the National Allotment Society – annual membership for £66.00 *This was approved.*
- c. To approve payment to A Bullock reimbursing him for costs of fitting rain harvesting equipment at the allotments - £535.96 – *This was approved.*

9. Date of next meeting the date of the next meetings were confirmed as ; The annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting that are scheduled for May 22nd 2019 at 6.45 p.m. & 7:45pm respectively.

The meeting closed at 20:03

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.