

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

County Cllr Hodgkinson
Clerk D Hunt

2 members of the public

Mr Nicholas wished to talk about item 11 on the agenda as he had attended the meeting that led to the item on the agenda. He gave a brief report of the meeting with NFU and the local police force with the aim to reduce rural theft and burglaries. He also volunteered to devise a plan of action for the village.

The Meeting opened at 07:04pm

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SEPTEMBER 2017

1. Apologies: There were none.

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 July 12th 2017 were approved and signed.

4. Reports from District and County Councillors;

County Cllr Hodgkinson reported that the Highways contract with Amey was due for renewal in approximately 18months. At this time the contract would be split into 3 areas; day to day maintenance of roads and verges, large schemes such as road resurfacing & design work. He also stated that he still had a small pot of money for youth activities in the community that had to be spent by Christmas 2017. He also gave a brief report on his meeting with Highways and D Ray re verge cutting issues & designated conservation verges areas.

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5. **Progress reports** (for information)
- a) Clerk; The Clerk reported that she had received another complaint from the same resident re the footpaths on the old Gloucester Rd. The Annual audit had been approved and there were no recommendations.
 - b) Highways; There were still some outstanding works; the painting of speed roundels, awaiting guidelines re the installation of radar operated speed signs and improvement of parking areas in Bang Up Lane.
 - c) Allotments; the Clerk stated that almost all of the rents had been paid ahead of the renewal date of the 1st October 2017/. Cllr Minns stated that he had let 1 more plot.

6. To receive a feedback on the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting.

Cllrs had read the minutes and it was noted that weed suppressant membrane would be discussed under item 8 on the agenda.

7. To discuss the affordable local housing project.

All of the organisations involved so far had decided that it had become too complicated and too far from the original remit.

8. To decide whether to purchase weed suppressant membrane for the vacant plots on the allotments.

It was agreed to purchase but a quote was needed for the membrane. Cllr Bullock will get the quote. Cllr Minns felt that he could gather help to lay this, from other tenants.

9. To discuss whether to take on the cutting of the verges from Highways including the conservation areas.

It was decided to discuss this item at a meeting in the future, when more information had been found out re costs etc.

10. **To decide where to plant the crocus bulbs which have been donated by the Rotary Club.** When these were delivered it was decided to plant them in the following locations; by the School, by the big tree in the centre of the village & by the Holly Bush outside of Springfield House.

11. To decide what improvements can be made to prevent burglaries in the locality

The Council decided to support the work of Mr J Beresford & Mr M Nichols who were going to formulate a plan in consultation with parishioners and present this plan to the police in the hope of gaining subsidies towards the cost of CCTV.

12. Financial;

- a. To approve payment for the annual ICO premium - £35

This was approved.

- b. To approve payment to the Clerk for wages July 2017 £67.16 & August 2017 - £31.57 , refund postage costs of £9.10 & ICO subscription £35 TOTAL - £142.83

This was approved.

- c. To approve payment to Cottage garden Services for grass cutting; July 2017 - £198.00, August 2017 - £132.00 TOTAL - £330

This was approved.

- d. To reimburse M Taber for payment of annual premium for Website domain - £25.31

This was approved.

- e. To agree the Bank reconciliation as;
Treasurer's account - £25,122.38 to 14.09.2017
Community fund - £8445.10 to 01.01.2015
Both of these were agreed and the financial report where it was noted that currently the Council were predicted to end the year with an under spend.

- 13. **Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as November 8th 2017 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 07:34pm

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