

COLD ASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Po Box 65, Bourton on the Water, Cheltenham GL54 3WL

Minutes of the Parish meeting of 11th January 2011 held at the Village Hall at 6.45pm

Present: **Cllr Acland (Chair)**
 Cllr Toogood
 Cllr Bullock
 Cllr Barr

6 members of the public were in attendance

One parishioner asked if the Council knew what the precept would be in the following financial year. Cllr Acland stated the proposed figure that would be decided upon in item 6 on the agenda. Another parishioner questioned the decision to use Mr Tanner for the legal work in registering parish land. Cllrs stated that no firm decision had been made as yet but that Mr Tanner was already familiar with Cold Aston, worked very economically on behalf of the village and questioned was it wise to employ some who you are less familiar with.

There being no more questions the Chair formally opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies: had been received from Cllr S. Jeffrey.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes:

9th November - These were approved.

16th November – These were approved.

14th December – These were approved.

4. Reports from District and County Councillors: There were none.

5. Progress reports (for information)

a) Clerk: the clerk reported that she was now receiving bank statements from Lloyds Current Account.

b) Highways: Cllr Toogood reported: that the Council had been informed by Highways they would use their own contractor or another that they could supervise, and this project still needed funding of between £1000 - £1500 to proceed. Highways also reported that this project would not generate enough top spoil/plainings to fill in the passing place at the beginning of the Notgrove Road but they would investigate this matter and see what could be done.

c) Tanners solicitors: Progress was being made towards the signing of the final agreement. Cllr Acland had emailed both Mr Dawson and Mr Tanner and was awaiting the answers to his questions.

d) FOI: Catherine Dickenson had emailed former Cllr Hadley informing him, that Mr Dawson had now withdrawn his outstanding requests for information, under the Freedom of Information Act.

e) The Plough Inn: No further information was available currently.

f) Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Notgrove had decided to hold it’s own celebration. One parishioner had offered to help and suggested various activities. Unfortunately the school would not be able to take part in activities on the bank holiday due to staff and pupils being on holiday. It was suggested that any celebration took place on Tuesday 5th June and a separate meeting was proposed to discuss the options and engage the community.

g) Allotments: The Clerk reported that there were now 3 vacant plots and the rent for 5 plots still unpaid. The Clerk will liaise with Z. Jackson over this matter. Cllr Acland had spoken to the tenant of Plot 1 and can confirm that only half of the plot has been under cultivation.

h) Registration of Parish land: Cllr Bullock reported that Taylor and Fletcher are mapping the 7 plots for registering. Once this had been done a solicitor would be needed to proceed further.

I) Vacant Parish Councillor post: The Clerk had informed the Electoral division of CDC who then would proceed as a normal election asking for nominations.

6. To decide the draft budget for financial year 2012/2013

The council agreed the draft budget and so the Clerk will apply to CDC for a precept of £10500.

7. To decide next steps in drafting a LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Toogood reported that she would be attending the meeting at the Westwood’s Centre Northleach on 7th February and would report back after this.

8. To agree dates of meetings for year beginning April 2012 and ending March 2013

The list of dates was approved, but it was decided to wait nearer to August to decide whether the Council needed a meeting in August.

9. Financial;

a. To approve the payment of the Parish Clerk work done in December 2011 – This was approved.

b. To approve payment for rental of Post Office Box- mail collection- no invoice had been received as yet.

c. To decide the allocation and amount of funds from the Winter Fuel Allotment Account – It was agreed to allocate £60 to 4 recipients.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting was agreed to take place on 1st February 2012

The meeting closed at 7.40.m.

Chair.....

Date.....

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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.