

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

Minutes of the meeting of 10th August 2011 held at the Village Hall at 6.45pm

Present: **Cllr Acland (Chair)**
 Cllr Hadley
 Cllr Barr

5 members of the public were in attendance.

Members of the public asked where minutes of Parish Council meetings were available to view. The Parish Clerk apologised for having neglected to post these on the Village notice boards. Cllr Acland asked if members of the public if they thought parishioners would be interested in buying the Village Public Inn (now up for sale) and run it as a community venture.

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

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Toogood.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 11th July 2011 were approved and signed by Cllr Acland.

4. Meeting of Allotment sub committee

- a) Z. Jackson reported that there was a lack of use by some tenants. It was decided she would write on behalf of the Parish Council to these tenants to remind them of the terms of agreement of their tenancy.
- b) It was decided to leave the annual rent and insurance for allotment tenants in year 2011/2012 at the same price but to point out to tenants when they renewed their tenancy that there might be an increase in the next year.
- c) The revised tenancy agreement was approved.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Jeffery reported that some villages had installed defibrillators in their old red BT telephone boxes and also shelves where unwanted books would be kept and then parishioners could take one book in exchange for another.

Cllr Jeffrey gave an update of the Community Hospital and stated that LINK (Local Involvement network) which gathered information which was then fed back to the NHS would be at the Village Hall in Bourton on the Water on Thursday 15th September.

Cllr Acland asked Cllr Jeffery re the review of the Planning Laws as to who would be giving planning permission in the proposals (Parish/Town Councils or District Councils)?

She stated it was undecided as yet.

Cllr Wilkins had nothing to add to Cllr Jeffery's report.
Both were thanked for their attendance.

6. Progress reports (for information)

- a) **Clerk** – Had received her induction on the Parish Archive and asked that it be discussed in greater depth at the next meeting. The clerk updated on the situation with regard to opening new bank and now it needed a Councillor to talk to the bank. Cllr Acland volunteered. The Investec Bank had finally sent a transfer of signatories form. There were no questions re the monthly spreadsheet of expenditures.
- b) **Grass cutting** – No report
- c) **Notice boards** – The new notice board was now in position.
- d) **Highways** – The Parish Clerk was asked if she would contact highways with regard to the grass verges as you pull out on to the main Cheltenham Road from both ends of the village as visibility was poor due to the length of the grass.
- e) **Tanners solicitors** – Slow but sure progress is being made.

7. To decide the next steps with the ICO request.

It was decided that the Parish Clerk would investigate to see if there were any documents stored electronically between the dates of May 2009 and July 2010 with regard to Church Cottage and would report to Cllr Hadley her findings.

It was further decided that The Parish Clerk would write to other right holders; D. Acland, A. Bullock and Bridget Kent to see if they or other right holders had any objections under DHA to information being sent to the Mr Dawson.

Finally The Parish Council agreed the 4 actions proposed by Cllr Hadley in the document GHH of 8th August.

8. To discuss the impact of the Planning Consultation document for Cold Aston Parish Council. – It was decided to postpone the discussion of this until the situation, with regard to Parish Council's responsibilities, were clearer.

9. To discuss ideas for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and to decide what will be done. It was decided to try and organise a celebration at Kite Hill Barn. The next step would be to contact H. Acland and other organising groups from Cold Aston, Turkdean and Notgrove.

10. To discuss the future of The Plough Inn @ Cold Aston and decide next steps for the Parish Council with regard to this matter.

It was decided that a group outside of the Parish Council would test what support there was for the proposed purchase of The Public Inn as a community venture, within Cold Aston Parish. The Parish Council wished to state their support for the Village Hall Committee in their intentions to offer occasional social evenings.

11. Financial;

- a. To approve the payment of the Parish Clerk work done in July – This was approved.
- b. To approve grass cutting fees for July – This was approved.
- b. To approve the payment of the new notice board. This was deferred until next meeting as no invoice had yet been received,

12. To decide Council's comments on planning application 11/03172/FUL

The Parish Council decided that they had no objections to this application.

13. Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting which was confirmed as 14th September

The meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

Chair.....

Date.....

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.