

COLD ASTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2011 held at the Village Hall at 6.45pm

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

District Cllr Wilkins

4 members of the public were in attendance

One member of the public asked; if the worn down verges on The Notgrove Road close to Bang up Lane and in Bang up Lane close to Stable Yard /MOT station gate could be reinstated with soil movements from the footpath realignment project. Concern was raised over the protruding drains in the proposed area for setts opposite the allotments/Hathaway House. Cllr Toogood responded describing what might be done and confirmed that Highways were aware of this problem.. Another parishioner asked if the PC felt that there would be continuing pressure on the precept as further works may be required around village verges. Cllr Toogood responded by saying that further works may be required particularly around the main green but that funds could also be contributed through other sources so the whole burden would not fall on the precept, also that the PC view this as a long term improvement programme possibly over a ten year time frame. Another Parishioner asked if, before the snow plough started clearing the roads, could the placing poles be reinstated on the Notgrove Road.

There being no more questions the Chair formally opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs Barr and Hadley.

2. Declarations of Interest

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interest.
- b) & c) Cllr Bullock was unsure of his position but wished to make it clear that he was linked by marriage to a person who had interests in item 10 on the agenda, although he is no longer representing the rightholders– The Parish Clerk will check the legal position of this and report back to Councillors at a later date.

3. Minutes:

The minutes were approved subject to an alteration in the date of the next meeting which was incorrect. This was amended by hand and the minutes were signed by Cllr Acland.

4. Meeting with PCSO Mel Oliveira

PCSO Oliveira stated that the police had identified speeding near to the school as an issue for the Parish. During July and September of this year the police had checked speeds of vehicles and had stopped and spoken to 3 drivers. They will continue to monitor the

situation after October 20th. Police officers had also been into school along with other services to discuss with children safety issues such as wearing seat belts and moving around parked vehicles.

PCSO Oliveira gave advice to parishioners who have oil tanks to make sure that neighbours know when they have recently been filled so that if they see anyone else near the tank after this they would know that it was likely to be suspicious behaviour. She reported that there is now a new non emergency telephone for police nationwide and that is 101.

Crime figures for Cold Aston are:

2010 7 crimes

2011 so far 3 crimes

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wilkins reported;

- the District Council tax had been frozen for next financial year.
- With regard to planning possible development areas within the ANOB are likely to be better protected if a Parish has a robust local plan in place.

6. Cllr Toogood's report from Highways information evening

The evening covered Highways work within the community and Preparation for Winter. Cllr Toogood provided a written report.

Glos Highways have introduced 3 initiatives: Community action, Community match and Community top up to encourage self help within local communities.

Community Action; highways give support and tools to carry out work, Community Match; where highways match funding of parish for work and Community Top Up; Parishes can buy top ups in addition to basic services provided.

The message from the meeting was the emphasis would be on repairs as opposed to new roads being built. Also Highways advised communities to be prepared for winter, to listen to forecasts and encouraged members of the public to report local conditions back to highways via the 08000 514 514 number or via the newly launched Twitter.

7. Cllr Hadleys report from Hospital Meeting

This will now be discussed in November's meeting.

8. Progress reports (for information)

a) Clerk – reported on communication with Investec bank and reported that there had been donations made to the Cold Aston Community fund specifically for Verge Improvement .The Clerk reported that there was £8350 in this account. Cllr Toogood queried the amount. The Clerk will check this and report back to Councillors. The Allotment meeting will take place on Wed.19th October at 8p.m.

b) Grass cutting – nothing.

c) Planning enquiry – Old Gloucester Road – The buildings were found to not have planning permission. The planning enforcement officer had spoken to the owner about these matters.

d) Highways – Two new village signs are on order. Cllr Toogood has informed highways about the damaged road sign on the Notgrove Road and this work is scheduled by Highways. Highways will not refit the placing poles on the Notgrove Rd , but Cllrs Toogood and Bullock will liaise to re-fit them.

e) Tanners solicitors – There is now a draft agreement for resolution of the Church Cottage legal matters which will be discussed in item 10 on the agenda.

9. To decide if the Parish Council wish to register membership of Gloucestershire Care Services

The Council decided that they would register to be members.

10. To decide Council's response to the Plan from the Solicitors

It was decided that Cllr Acland and either Cllr Hadley or Cllr Toogood would sign the Church Cottage agreement to acknowledge the Councils approval of the agreement. The decision to approve the agreement was postponed to a later meeting as with Cllr Bullocks declaration of interest, there would not be a quorum.

11. Financial;

- a. To approve the payment of the Parish Clerk work done in September 2011 – This was approved.
- b. To approve grass cutting fees for September 2011 – This was approved.

12. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday 9th November

Signed

D Hunt

Clerk to Cold Aston Parish Council

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.