

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

Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2011 held at the Village Hall at 6.45pm

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

District Cllr Jeffery

1 member of the public was in attendance

D. Ray asked if another litter picking session could be organised and advertised in the Parish newsletter, or details given for individuals to do this. She also wished to draw to the attention of The Parish Council that The Old Prison at Northleach was on the market and concerns had been expressed about its possible use.

There being no more questions the Chair formally opened the meeting at 7.12pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes:

These were approved with the proviso that the date was altered to read October 12th 2011 instead of September 14th 2011. The Clerk altered this by hand and the Chair then signed.

4. Reports from District and County Councillors

Councillor Jeffery had nothing to report.

5. Cllr Hadleys report from Hospital Meeting

Cllr Hadley felt that Gloucestershire Care Services were worth supporting and was pleased to note that in his absence at the October PC meeting, the Council had registered to become members of GCS.

6. Winter Fuel Scheme report

Cllr Hadley reported that there were three actions needed:

1. The annual return needed to be done,
2. Cash needs to be withdrawn in order to..
3. Make the winter fuel payments.

7. Progress reports (for information)

- a) Clerk – there had been a Vat refund of £528.28. The rescheduled allotments meeting had to be postponed at short notice. Allotment invoices and tenancy agreements had been sent out but only 3 payments along with signed agreements had been returned thus far. That the Parish Clerk had been notified of an additional planning application for the installation of Solar panels at the property of Churn Cottage.
- b) Highways – Cllr Toogood gave out more details on the planned matched funding work on granite setts between Bang Up lane and the School, and reported that more money was needed for this project although the amount raised so far was quite close to the target figure.
- c) Tanners solicitors – The Parish Council were pleased with the progress made since last meeting, and were ready to convene a special meeting to authorize the signature of the agreement when it is ready.
- d) The Plough Inn – It is believed that the sale has now fallen through. A petition is in progress and signatures from outside the Parish will now be targeted. Cllr Acland will send the signatures collected so far to Catherine Tetlow at [Planning](#).

8. To give permission for Parish Clerk to transfer funds from Investec Current Account to Lloyds Current Account, that the Council agreed to opening on June 8th 2011 minute reference 11/174 .

It was agreed to do this.

9. To decide the Parish Council's next steps with regard to registration of Parish Land

Former Cllr Ray reported back to the Parish Council as requested. It was agreed that the first step would be the setting up of a working party who would report back to the Parish Council with their recommendations. Cllr Bullock volunteered to represent the PC on the working party .

10. To agree the Parish Council's response to Environment agency's consultation document on ground water

The Parish Council decided to make no response.

11. To decide

- a) Council's response to the Agreement from the Solicitors reached over rights of way past Church Cottage
 - b) If the Council wishes to sign the agreement
- The agreement is not complete as yet, see minute reference 7c in these minutes (November 9th 2011) for more details.

12. FOI request to decide next steps

It was noted that a reply had been made to the ICO on questions raised concerning a photograph referred to in Appendix 2 to the legal brief of October 2009. No further action was currently in hand.

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

It was decided that in order to do this The Clerk would alter last Years draft Budget records to reflect current expenditures and then the Clerk and Chair would meet and report back at the December meeting with their recommendations.

14. To decide next steps in drafting a LOCAL PLAN

It was decided that Cllrs would consult the Parish Map and write down their individual thoughts on the particular objectives for the parish which a Neighbourhood plan could usefully promote, ready to discuss at the December meeting.

15. Financial;

- a. To approve the payment of the Parish Clerk work done in October 2011- It was agreed to approve this payment.
- b. To approve grass cutting fees for October 2011 – No invoice had been received for this.
- c. to approve D Hunt as the main communicator with Investec Bank – It was agreed to do this.

16. To decide the Parish Council’s response to planning application 11/04799/FUL; Springfield House, The Green, Cold Aston, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 3BJ, Replacement of the existing front entrance porch and construct new single storey extension to the rear. New double garage including associated works to the rear of the property.

The Council decided to make the following comment;

With regard to the original application 11/00222/FUL Cold Aston Parish Council then noted its’ concerns that the height of the garage and the materials planned for use would be out of keeping with the surroundings in the conservation area.

With reference to the current application they are pleased to note the changes in materials but the newly planned garage is taller than the last application. Such a large structure in a small space could adversely change the landscape of this corner of the village. A lower, single garage would be preferable, but if the proposed design were approved, there should be a requirement for landscaped screening along the southern boundary of the garden area to reduce its’ impact.

17. Date of next meeting: The next meeting which is scheduled for 14th December at 6.45p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.14p.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.