

West Ashton Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on **Wednesday 29th September 2021**
at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Covington (Chairman), Cllr Prickett, Cllr Molloy, and Cllr Robertson

In attendance: Nicky Bull (Parish Clerk),

Jody Hawkes, Member of the Public, Edward Kirk Councillor for Trowbridge Adcroft joined the meeting at 19.25 pm and left at 19.41

| | AGENDA ITEM |
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| 2021/33 | Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given None. |
| 2021/34 | Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate None. |
| 2021/35 | Parish Council vacancies To date the Parish Council had not received any applicants so would continue to monitor. Cllr Covington had approached one villager who expressed an interest and was awaiting a response. |
| 2021/36 | Minutes of previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 st July 2021 were approved. |
| 2021/37 | The meeting was suspended at 19.25 pm for Edward Kirk and Jody Hawkes to speak. Cllr Edward Kirk Cllr Kirk stated that he was unable to access the Parish Council agenda on the Village Hall website, however Cllr Prickett advised that he had accessed the site just before the meeting and was able to print an agenda. Cllr Covington advised that he would contact Tim le Mare to rectify the problem. ACTION: Cllr Covington Cllr Kirk referred to the Parish Council Speed Indicator Device (SID) grant application, and said that the current system of voting by the Area Board was unfair on smaller Parishes. He said the present make up and criteria of the Area Board enabled Councillors to raid the pot for funding at any time, and this needed to change. Cllr Covington requested that Cllr Kirk forward an email to him setting out his objectives and what he would like to achieve. The next Area Board meeting would be held on 7 th October 2021. Jody Hawkes Ms Hawkes wished to discuss applications numbered 1600547FUL 2016 and 1712509FUL 2017. She and her neighbours were fighting an application regarding the plans surrounding the use of Toucan Street and the cul de sac where she lives. She advised that the proposals were considered dangerous and had been affecting the mental health of the community. In view of this they had submitted objections to the plans and recommended refusal; there would be an update at the strategic meeting on 6 th October 2021. Cllr Covington confirmed that he would send an email expressing the concerns of the Parish Council.. ACTION: Cllr Covington. |
| 2021/38 | The meeting re-commenced at 19.41 Follow- up actions agreed at the last meeting |

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| | <p>Speed Indicator Device – Cllr Covington had circulated quotes for a solar panel device (£3,281) and battery operated device (£2,366) After debate it was agreed that we would purchase the solar device (proposed Cllr Molloy, seconded Cllr Robertson) and to erect it on a lamppost in Bratton Road. Cllr Prickett to check with Kirsty Rose that we are permitted to use a lamp post and Nicky Bull to check insurance cover. ACTION: Cllr Prickett and Nicky Bull</p> |
| 2021/39 | <p>Parish Councillor Reports The following updates were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highways – Cllr Prickett and Cllr Covington attended a meeting with the WC Cabinet member for Highways regarding poor access for traffic travelling down from the North of the Country to Poole and Southampton. A map was passed to the Councillors showing a proposed new route highlighted in blue. Cllr Prickett had supported the suggested change. The Queens Jubilee is in June 2022 and a debate took place regarding the possible closure of Bratton Road for the day. It was decided that this would not be necessary as villagers could set up food/drinks on pavements as they had done previously on VE day celebration day.• Wiltshire Council – see individual reports.• Police – Matthew Till had been seconded to a different department so contact would be made with the police Sargent to find out who was taking over his role. ACTION: Cllr Covington• Parish Steward – Cllr Molloy advised that Simon Alford was happy to continue carrying out the duties.• Community Speedwatch – Cllr Covington reported that he and Carol Hackett had undertaken a couple of sessions recently and had caught out a small number of motorists speeding. It was felt however, in general, that the traffic was slowing when motorists spotted them in florescent jackets.• Village Hall – Cllr Covington confirmed that the recent Pub night event on 24th September was a huge success and approx. 60 villagers attended. A further CCTV camera would be installed and 2 more LED lights were installed over the bar. Cllr Robertson reported that a number of people had complained about the noise from a recent 18th birthday party, Cllr Covington advised that the party had been booked by mistake as policy dictated that no parties should be held in the hall for 14-24 year olds. He had apologised to residents and steps had been taken to ensure it would not happen again. Amanda Trim is taking over the bookings from the end of October. The VH committee would consider taking a deposit for bookings in future. Cllr Covington commented on the cleaning of the hall as he felt it was not thorough enough. Cllr Robertson would ask Jean to check the spec to see what should be covered. Cllr Robertson queried whether it was possible to change the licensee from Vaughan Nicholls to the Village Hall, Cllr Covington would contact Theresa Isaacson (nee Bray) at Wiltshire Council to check. ACTIONS: Cllr Robertson and Cllr Covington.• Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.• Traffic calming – Cllr Covington suggested that 2 more calming humps or chicanes were required in the village and a speed limit of 20 miles per hour. Cllr Prickett would contact CATG to progress ACTION: Cllr |

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| | <p>Prickett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footpaths – Cllr Molloy reported the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. number 3 style in West Ashton had a broken step. Cllr Molloy would walk the footpath across Ransomes land to check for any problems.ii. The area when walking up from Yarnbrook, turning right and walking straight until you reach the woods, was now overgrown and some of the fencing was gone.iii. The grass verge from Kettle Lane to the crossroads to the village would be cut back in October 2021. Cllr Covington would contact CATG to ascertain if it is possible to take away the grass verge and have a tarmac footpath and cycle lane. ACTION: Cllr Covington Cllr Molloy to report points 1 and 2 on the Wiltshire link. ACTION: Cllr Molloy |
| 2021/40 | <p>. Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Councillors received and approved the financial report as at 31/8/21 (proposed Cllr Prickett and seconded Cllr Robertson).b) Payments as listed in the appendix at the end of the minutes were approved (proposed Cllr Covington, seconded Cllr Molloy). |
| 2021/41 | <p>Planning applications, decisions, enforcement issues and appeals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) The following planning applications considered by the Parish Council since the last meeting were noted: PL/2021/05756 Household planning permission. Proposed extension to rear elevation converting workshop/garage to independent living at Four Winds 81 Yarnbrook Road, West Ashton BA14 6AR. Comments submitted : No Objections (application had subsequently been agreed with conditions) PL/2021/05320 Erect detached garage at 131 Yarnbrook Road, West Ashton. Comments submitted: No Objections PL/2021/06550 Changes to roof structure on annex from standard roof truss to attic roof truss to create home office/living space to Woodside, West Ashton BA14 6DF (amendment to 19/04751/FUL) Comments submitted : No objections PL/2021/07119 Change of use from C3 holiday let to C3 Residential dwelling at Stable Cottage, West Ashton Road, West Ashton BA14 6DG. Comments submitted : Called in (application had subsequently been withdrawn) PL/2021/07084 First floor, side and rear extensions and detached garage at 22 Bratton Road, West Ashton BA14 6AZ. Comments submitted: A principle concern is the conversion of a bungalow to a ‘chalet style’ 4 bedroom property when existing bungalow properties should be protected to enable senior residents to remain in the village. Whilst the Parish Council is not opposing this application a number of conditions should apply if the application is approved.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Visual amenity for 1, 2 and 3 Ashton Heights should be protected.b) To this end the 2 dormer rear facing windows should be reduced in height to |

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| | <p>match the proposed front facing dormer window</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">c) No veranda extension from the rear facing dormer windows should be allowed over the kitchen and/or utility room.d) The boundary wall of the property should be repaired and maintained as necessary and remain at its current height (2 metres). This was a requirement of the planning approval for 3 Ashton Heights. See original planning application W99/0604 and revised application W98/1480e) The 1 metre wooded fence between the property and Ashton Heights should be repaired and maintained.f) Similarly a 1 metre fence between the property and 22A should be erected and maintained.g) Boundary shrubs and trees should remain, particularly in the front garden adjacent to the proposed garage so that existing visual amenity is protected. This is the Cherry Plum, ‘Genus Prunus’.h) Proximity to the boundary wall; the utility room is very close to the boundary wall.i) Any works or material deliveries should only be carried out during hours of 8.00 am and 18.00 pm Monday to Friday. <p>PL/2021/07790 Proposed conversion of an existing barn to 2 dwellings at land and building adjacent to Nantoes, Kettle Lane, West Ashton BA14 6AW. Comments submitted: Objection, not supported by the Parish Council. Called in.</p> <p>PL/2021/07992 Loft conversion to include roof lights to front and rear elevation roof slope at 32 Shepherds Drove West Ashton BA14 6DG</p> <p>Comments submitted: No objections (application had now been agreed with conditions)</p> <p>PL/202107828 Householder planning permission erection of greenhouse and wall, fence along boundary line at Rood Ashton Hall, Rood Ashton BA14 6AS Comments: The neighbours gardens goes down in tiers whereas the application shows a straight wall and not tiered, with the back of the wall being block work which is visible to the neighbour. There is concern regarding the roots of trees in the area where the foundations of the wall will be excavated. The proposed erection of the fence between the properties is out of character with Rood Hall.</p> <p>b) To consider the following applications:</p> <p>PL/2021/08404 Householder planning permission proposed replacement front porch, rear extension and garage conversion 7 Orchard Close West Ashton BA14 6AU Comments submitted : No objections, although concern was expressed about possible parking issues in the future.</p> |
| 2021/42 | <p>Defibrillator service requirements</p> <p>Simon Alford confirmed that NHS scheme had been replaced by The Circuit. A review of the current arrangements would take place in March 2022. In the meantime Cllr Robertson suggested we contact Vaughan Nicholls to organise refresher training. ACTION: Nicky Bull</p> |
| 2021/43 | <p>Longs Trust</p> <p>Nicky Bull advised that all the paperwork had been completed and the bank account was now active. Accordingly the Trustees would now go ahead and make a payment of £500 to the Trowbridge foodbank. It was suggested that we liaise with the Church</p> |

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| | who will be donating tins of food from the Harvest Festival and take photographs for the Village Magazine. The return to the Charity Commission would be sent by the deadline in November. |
| 2021/44 | <p>Parish Matters</p> <p>Cllr Prickett advised that a Central Government Survey was taking place looking at Transport issues. He would pass a copy of the Government booklet to Cllr Covington to obtain his feedback on the proposals. ACTION: Cllrs Prickett/Covington.</p> <p>Cllr Robertson reported that Steeple Ashton Parish had held a meeting recently for villagers to discuss the carbon footprint of the village and available grants. It was suggested that West Ashton Parish Council do the same. ACTION: Cllr Robertson</p> |
| 2021/45 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Residents in Shepherds Drove had expressed concern regarding parking on the estate as a number of commercial vans were being parking on pavements blocking views and causing possible access problems for emergency vehicles. It was noted that a covenant exists prohibiting commercial vans, caravans etc parking on the estate. Following feedback from residents and Andrew Murrison MP, it was suggested that neighbours continue to work together to encourage van owners to park their commercial vehicle on drives and use the roads to park cars.</p> |
| 2021/46 | <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 17th November 2021</p> |

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.19 pm.

Appendix.

Payments made in between meetings

| Payee name | Details | Payment date | Chq No. | Amount |
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| N Bull | Clerks wages 13/4/21 to 14/7/21 plus working from home allowance (less tax £117.40) | 08/09/21 | On line | 638.60 |
| Evans Above | 3 months payments, May, June and August | 03/09/21 | On line | 216.00 |
| Parish Mag Printer | Autumn edition | 08/09/21 | On line | 246.00 |
| Peter Hughes | Affinity Publisher for the Parish Magazine | 08/09/21 | On line | 39.99 |
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Payments made at Parish Council meeting

| Payee name | Details | Payment date | Chq No. | Amount |
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