

# **COLD ASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 29, 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COLD ASTON**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr P. Clark, Chairman  
Cllr P. Lowe, Vice Chairman  
Cllr G. Hadley  
Cllr D. Ray  
Cllr D Toogood

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

09/82 - There were no parishioners present

### **APOLOGIES**

09/83 - None

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 23, 2009**

09/84 The minutes were agreed and signed (proposed Cllr G Hadley, seconded Cllr D Toogood).

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Item	Action
09/85 09/66 09/51 09/34 Meeting with CDC - the meeting will be held on May 18, 2009 in the school.	The Clerk to circulate previous correspondence.
09/86 09/67 09/52 09/32 Replacement dog bin – ordered. In future, the relevant councillor must be contacted when a decision is made in their absence.	
09/87 09/68 09/53 09/41 Tree works at the allotments – the sale of wood has so far raised £40.00.	
09/88 09/69 09/54 09/42 Sets around the green outside the school – the work is now finished and the Council thanked Cllr D. Toogood for her work.	
09/89 09/70 09/55 09/45 Hedge replanting at Elmbank Farm – Cllr P Clark has spoken to A. Bullock who has confirmed that the hedgerow has been replaced on his land but not on the Acland's.	
09/90 09/71 Starter plots at the allotments - no interest to date.	
09/91 09/78 Councillor surgeries at the Village Hall - Cllr P Lowe was concerned that the Village Hall committee was not informed but	

Cllr G Hadley has subsequently spoken to A. Slack about the matter.	
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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Item	Action
09/92 Insurance - investigate the possible need for slander/libel cover.	The Clerk to contact GAPTC.
09/93 09/57 – Letter from Mr F Hogan – Cllr P Lowe felt that farm machinery causes little if any damage to the village roads.	
09/94 Tree Council - re records of trees	Cllr D Ray to pursue.

### **FINANCE**

Item	Action
09/95 09/58 The Clerk's salary was agreed (proposed Cllr. P. Lowe, seconded Cllr. D. Toogood).	Cllr G Hadley is to look in to the insurance covering the allotments.
09/96 The account for the granite sets was agreed (proposed Cllr. P. Lowe, seconded Cllr. G. Hadley). The grant from GCC has been applied for.	
09/97 The mowing account was agreed (proposed Cllr. P Lowe, seconded Cllr. D Toogood).	
09/98 The CPRE membership renewal was agreed (proposed Cllr. D. Ray, seconded Cllr. P. Lowe).	
09/99 The insurance renewal was agreed (proposed Cllr P. Lowe, seconded Cllr. D. Ray).	
09/100 Village Hall donation - the majority of Councillors wanted to keep this as a donation but Cllr G Hadley disagreed because he would prefer the payment to be in the form of a hire charge similar to that paid by other users. A donation of £100 was agreed.	
09/101 The Summary Receipts and Payments Account was presented by Cllr P. Clark and unanimously adopted (proposed Cllr. D. Ray, seconded Cllr P. Lowe).	
09/102 The Annual Return (Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement) was unanimously approved (proposed Cllr. G. Hadley, seconded Cllr P. Lowe).	

### **MOWING OF VERGES**

Item	Action
09/103 The experimental verge outside Spring Cottage is to be continued and the conservation verges outside of the village are to continue to only have one yearly cut (proposed Cllr D. Ray, seconded	Cllr D Ray to approach the Highways Dept. at

Cllr. G. Hadley).	GCC.
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### **SCHOOL PARKING/GRASS VERGES**

09/104 Cllr D. Toogood has spoken to Lady Wade Gery who would like us to encourage car sharing and has suggested we lay a few sets each year and possibly apply to the school for a financial contribution. Cllr D Ray has spoken to the school who are preparing a green transport policy in conjunction with Glos. Highways. A number of parents do already car share. The Parish Council strongly supports these plans and will monitor their development. We would also like to encourage parents not to park around the entrances to Longbrook Farm and the Saunders' house.	Cllr D.Ray to draft a letter to the school confirming all of these points.
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### **RABBIT CULL**

Item	Action
09/105 Cllr G Hadley is to draft a letter to all local landowners.	Add to next Agenda.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

Item	Action
09/106 Mr S Bartlett at Daisy Cottage has created a new entrance in to his allotment and has laid quite a large part of it to grass although he does intend to cultivate the whole plot in due course.	Cllr G. Hadley is to write to Mr Bartlett pointing out that the gate in to his plot does give rise to an entitlement.
09/107 Cllr. P. Lowe feels that the rents are too low and that the allotments are subsidised by the residents of Whiteshoots.	
09/108 The path leading down in to the allotments from the direction of 'The Firs' and Church Cottage needs levelling as it now has a dangerous slope.	

### **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Item	Action
09/109 AGM 27/05/09 7 pm Open Meeting 27/05/09 8 pm 29/06/09 27/07/09	

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Item	Action
09/110 There is still a lot of dog mess in B. Nicholas' field and on Bang Up Lane. Another dog bin and possibly a bag dispenser may be placed on Bang Up Lane next to D. Ray's field.	Cllr D Toogood to contact the dog Warden.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10pm.

SIGNED

Clr P Clark

DATE