

Showtime Amusements had attended a meeting with the Fete Committee and they will be visiting Cowfold with their Funfair for the summer fete.

Sheila Peever, HDC will be making a presentation on the Community Link Alarm System at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Friday 18 March 2011.

Sylvia Walder, British Red Cross had been invited to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting; however, no response had been received.

The residents of Goose Cottage had trimmed their hedge; however, it was still overhanging the footpath. There are several properties in Henfield Road with vegetation overhanging the footpath and it was agreed to ask WSCC to assess the situation. (JW)

Both the streetlight in Horsham Road and the light on the island outside the Village Hall are now working.

Mr Sibley had looked at the Football Club fencing and had agreed its suitability.

5. The Public

Mr Chamberlin said that there was another WC sign outside the restaurant which needed covering. Mrs Wright said that she would ask Mr Sibley if he would deal with it. (JW)

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport regarding problems associated with the A27 and A24.
- Budget cuts.

8. Correspondence

Theresa Newman: Complaints regarding Cowfold Football Club. It was agreed to respond to the points in the letter. (JW)

David Galle: Complaint regarding vehicles being parked on the grass verge in Thornden. It was agreed to respond suggesting that contact should be made with St Peter's school and Country Mice asking for their assistance to resolve the problem. (JW)

St Peter's Year 5 Pupils: Suggestions for improving the village. Mr Baldwin agreed to respond to the letters. (BB)

Henfield Parish Council: Henfield Community Action Plan. Request for comments. Mrs Wright issued copies to all Members present for comment.

Jo Brocken, WSCC: Information on the changes to the bus pass scheme. Further information available at www.westsussex.gov.uk/concessionarytravel.

9. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Baldwin read the Planning Report for March 2011.

Finance

Mrs Wright asked if book tokens could be purchased as prizes for the winners of the road safety poster competition. It was agreed to purchase four £10 vouchers.

(JW)

Approval of the tabled cheques for signature was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Although the Members were grateful to Mr Sibley for arranging the printing and installation of the road safety signs, it was felt that they needed to be considerably larger as currently they are not very visible. Mrs Wright agreed to ask Mr Sibley if the signs could be made two or three times larger.

(JW)

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report

Allotments

Mrs Wright had asked one of the allotment holders to remove the bags of hardcore placed inside the gate intended for spreading on the grass to make it easier to park on the wet ground.

Roads & Transport

Mrs Wright agreed to report the large potholes at Fairfield Cottages to WSCC.

(JW)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

Mr Allmond and Mrs Lucas were due to attend the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 March 2011.

Village Hall

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April 2011.

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Newsletter

The new style newsletter had been delivered. Mrs Cutbush said that the articles had had to be heavily edited due to the lack of advertisers. However, it was hoped that this situation would improve for the next issue.

Mr Baldwin wished to record thanks to Mrs Cutbush for arranging the successful transfer to the new publishing company.

Website

Nothing to report.

Scout Hut

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

10. Church Walk Path

A resident had asked Mrs Cutbush if anything could be done to fill in the holes at the edge of the path. Mrs Wright agreed to ask Enterprise for a quotation for this work.

(JW)

11. Parish Council Noticeboard

Mrs Cutbush asked if the noticeboard in the churchyard could be refurbished. Mr Chamberlin said that he would ask for a quotation from the person who had worked on the other one. He also agreed to look at the locks that were not working properly on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

12. Pavilion

Mrs Precious had received a response from the Football Foundation to the expression of interest form that had been submitted. Unfortunately, it was not a particularly positive response and it was not likely that the amount of funding hoped for would be forthcoming. Mr Collins said that perhaps it was time to consider refurbishing the existing pavilion or reducing the specification of a new build.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting of the New Pavilion Development Committee and to contact Howard Collins for an updated list of potential funding sources.

(JW)

The date of the next Toy/Jumble/Book Sale is Saturday 9 April 2011 and the Clover Leaf Walk will be held on Monday 2 May 2011.

The Fundraising Committee will again be responsible for catering on village fete day.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 11 April 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.