

## **Cowfold Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 12 September 2011 in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Mr V Allmond (VA) (Chairman)                      Mr C Collins (CC)  
Mrs S Lucas (SL)    Mr P Dittmer (PD)  
Mrs E Precious (EP)     Mrs J Wright (JW) Clerk

Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor

Public: 6

Press: 0

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Sibley (GS), Mr M Detnon (MD) and Mr A Dunlop (AD).

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 August 2011 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest with regard to any item on the Agenda.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Mrs Wright had reported the problem of children speeding on their bicycles through the Twitten by the Post Office to the PCSO who had also informed the local PC.

Photographs had been sent to HDC of the mess outside the Co-op and two representatives from HDC had visited the manager who said that he would ensure that the area was kept tidy. HDC also offered to install another litter bin outside the shop.

It was reported that the overgrown vegetation in Horsham Road had been cut back.

Mrs Wright had reported the missing stopcock cover to Southern Water.

Mrs Wright had contacted Ed Dickinson at WSCC on the subject of possibly changing the pitch of the camber of the A272 next time the road is resurfaced but had received no response to date.

Mrs Wright had asked HDC for two more litter bins to be installed in the car park area but had received no response to date.

Mr Barnard had written to Balfour Beatty requesting that in conjunction with the Highways Agency consideration be given to installing more signs on the M23 directing heavy vehicles onto the A264 in an effort to reduce pollution and road damage within

the village. A response had been received saying that before any action could be taken a study of all road works would be required to be carried out.

Mrs Wright had asked if two representatives could attend each session of the Essential Training – An Introduction to Planning on Wednesday 21 September 2011 and the response had been circulated. Mr Allmond said that he was no longer able to attend and asked Mrs Wright to offer his place to any other Member who was interested.

(JW)

WSCC Highways confirmed that the area between the Scout Hut gate and the kerb was their responsibility.

Mr Sibley had acquired some updated information regarding the installation of flashing road signs. It was agreed to discuss the subject as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

The tarmac in the play area had been repaired and the brambles had been removed.

Mr Sibley had completed another application for authorisation to trim the tree at 14 Acorn Avenue.

Mrs Wright had contacted the Access Ranger asking them to clear the overgrown vegetation on the footpath to the rear of 2 Alley Groves but had received no response to date. Mrs Wright agreed to chase.

(JW)

Mr Allmond had circulated the information received from the last HALC meeting.

Mr Allmond had sorted out the problem with uploading the magazine to the website chronologically.

## **5. The Public**

Mr Rolfe said that the footpath on the A272 between the last bungalow and Eastlands House entrance was overgrown. It was agreed to contact WSCC Highways.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe said that the litter bin outside the Co-op had not been emptied for ten days because of the August bank holiday.

## **6. District Councillor Report**

Mr Chowen reported on the following issue:

- Air Quality in Cowfold Consultation.

## **7. County Councillor Report**

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Knepp Castle Rewilding Project
- Paralympics Launch at Amex Stadium
- A272 Replacement Water Main.

## 8. Correspondence

*Mig Cutbush:* Letter of resignation. Received with regret.

*M A Wise:* Notification that there were cases of empty lager bottles scattered around in the woods at the bottom of the field past the allotments on the Colvin estate. Mrs Wright agreed to write to the Principal of the Camelia Botnar Foundation as it was thought that it was young people from there that were to blame. (JW)

*AiRS:* Notification of the SALC AGM and the Sussex Rural Community Council AGM to be held on Friday 4 November 2011 at Norfolk Pavilion, South of England Showground, Ardingly at 2.00pm and 3.30pm. Noted.

*Roger Harper WSCC:* Notification that the proposal to reduce the speed limit from Shermanbury to Cowfold to 50mph would be reviewed in around a year's time as the resources to resolve the difference of opinion between the County Council and the Parish Council were not available. It was agreed to ask Roger Harper why the available funds could not be spent on traffic calming measures within the village as had been requested. (JW)

*Deborah Hart:* Request to ask Royal Mail to consider changing the postcode of either the Oakendene Industrial Estate or the properties along Bolney Road which have the postcode RH13 8AZ as problems had been encountered with lorries trying to enter residential properties. Mr Allmond said that there were 25 addresses with the same postcode, 9 on the Oakendene Estate and 16 residential properties. It was agreed to contact Royal Mail to ask if it would be possible to issue a new postcode. (JW)

*RML:* Information on RML Community Partners. Noted.

*Tony Skelding HDC:* Notification of Community Resilience Workshop to be held on Wednesday 16 November 2011 in the Large Council Chamber at Beeson House, Southwater from 16.00 to 19.00. Noted.

*Clare Ebelewicz HDC:* Information on Pride of Place by Age UK – How Councillors can improve neighbourhoods for older people. Noted.

*Clare Ebelewicz HDC:* Notification of the Youth Support and Development Service Public Consultation open until 14 October 2011. Noted.

## 9. Save the No.86 Bus Campaign Funding

It was agreed to fund the Save the No.86 Bus Campaign leaflet at a cost of £145.

## 10. Pavilion

Mrs Wright agreed to contact Mark Passfield to ask if the cost estimate for the refurbishment of the Pavilion had been completed. (JW)

Mrs Precious said that she and Mrs Wright had attended a free workshop on applying for grants entitled 'Making an Impact'.

The next fundraising event will be a Barn Dance on Saturday 15 October 2011.

## 11. Representatives' Reports

### Planning

Nothing to report.

**Finance**

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

**Open Spaces**

The work required to be carried out to the trees at the Scout Hut had been completed.

Mrs Wright said that HDC had to be contacted to ask if they would send someone out to disinfect the area round the Pavilion and Kicking Wall after a coach party had used it as a toilet. It was agreed to contact HDC asking what had happened to the Parish Council's request to convert the coach park into a car park.

(JW)

**Pond Warden**

Nothing to report.

**Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

**Allotments**

Nothing to report.

**Roads & Transport**

Nothing to report.

**Streetlights**

Nothing to report.

**Health Care & Social Services**

Nothing to report.

**HDALC**

The Annual meeting of HDC and HALC will be held on Thursday 3 November 2011 at Mannings Heath Village Hall.

**Village Hall**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 October 2011.

**School Governors**

Nothing to report.

Mrs Wright asked Mrs Precious if she would find out what the school were doing about prize giving for the poster competition.

(EP)

**Newsletter**

Although Mrs Cutbush said that she would edit the newsletter for the time being, a new Editor would be required.

**Website**

Nothing to report.

**Scout Hut**

Nothing to report.

**CLC**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 September 2011 at 7.00pm at Storrington First School.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 October 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.