

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2012 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr V Allmond (VA) (Chairman) Mr R Holden (RH)
Mrs S Lucas (SL) Mrs M Chamberlin (MC)
Mrs E Precious (EP) Mr P Dittmer (PD) (P/T)
Mr C Collins (CC) Mrs J Wright (JW) (Clerk)

Mr Lionel Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor
Mr Jonathan Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Public: 6
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Palling (JP) and Mr J Chamberlin (JC).

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 September 2012 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

A response had still not been received from Mark Bishop to an email sent on 21 August 2012. Mrs Wright asked Mr Barnard who else she could contact to get a response and he suggested Duncan Barrett.

(JW)

Mr Holden had not yet removed the sign from the green in Holm Oaks.

(RH)

Shaun Stevens had repaired the fence at the bowling green at Potters Green and filled in the holes left by the fence posts.

Mrs Wright had written to WSCC asking for them to send a letter to the residents of the property at the corner of Picts Lane and the A272 asking them to cut back their hedge.

Mr Barnard said that it was not possible to apply for a grant to install VAS's from the Parish Initiative Fund through the CLC.

Mrs Wright had sent an email to Angela Davey detailing the Parish Council's current involvement on the subject of traffic calming.

Mrs Wright had forwarded Barry Nash's request to use the football pitch every other Sunday to Anthony Parsons for comment. Anthony raised no objections.

A meeting was held between Parish Council Planning Committee members, AiRS and Saxon Weald regarding the proposed housing development at the top of Alley Groves. Saxon Weald is holding a consultation event at the Pavilion on Thursday 25 October 2012 between 3pm and 7pm.

5. The Public

It was reported that the pavements in Bolney Road were broken and in a dangerous state. Mrs Wright said that she would contact WSCC Highways again about the problem and Mr Barnard suggested contacting Pieter.Montyn@westsussex.gov.uk.

(JW)

It was reported that the Acorn Avenue pond was very overgrown. Mrs Wright agreed to contact Susan Whitehead for an update on the maintenance of the pond.

(JW)

It was reported that the litter and dog bins had not been emptied for five weeks. Mrs Wright said that she would contact HDC regarding the problem.

(JW)

An Acorn Avenue resident asked if a decision had been made on the planning application submitted by the residents of 60 Acorn Avenue. Mr Allmond said that he would find out and let him know.

(VA)

Mr Rolfe asked if the roads could be swept. Mrs Wright said that she would contact HDC and ask when the road sweeping was scheduled to take place in Cowfold.

(JW)

Mr Chamberlin asked for Mr Chowen's views on Affordable Housing.

A resident from Thornden asked if anything could be done about vehicles being parked on the grass verges mainly by parents dropping their children off at school. She had written to the school asking for co-operation but the problem had not improved. Mr Barnard said that he would visit the area with the appropriate WSCC Officer and assess the situation.

(LB)

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- The Green Deal initiative
- Visit to Warwick County Council
- Rural Partnership
- Pooling of Business Rates

8. Correspondence

Beverley Bell: – Information on Halloween and Fireworks Events. Noted.

Lee Cornwall: Request to use the playing field for a new under 8's football club on Sunday mornings. No objections were raised to the request.

Ken Hall: Request for the banner objecting to the proposed new crematorium to be taken down. Suggestion that the under 16's football team should find somewhere else to play. Noted.

Ellen Barker: Requesting permission to hire the Scout Hut out for a party. No objections were raised.

Lionel Barnard-WSCC: Update on plans to make Superfast Broadband services accessible across West Sussex. Noted.

Outset Youth Action: Request for donation. It was agreed not to make a donation at this time.

West Sussex Rural Mobile Youth Trust: Cowfold Exit Report, Annual Report and request for donation. It was agreed to donate £150.

9. Skateboard Park

Nothing to report.

10. Pavilion

Nothing to report.

11. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for October 2012.

Finance

An invoice had been received for a sum of £52.25 from Cowfold Village Hall requesting payment for use of the Pavilion for the Jubilee Celebrations on 3 and 4 June 2012. It was agreed by all to contribute to the event by paying the invoice.

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

Open Spaces

Anthony Parsons had sent an email complaining about the amount of dog fouling on the playing field. Mr Allmond agreed to put a note on the website asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs. (VA)

The oak tree opposite the Scout Hut on the A272 was considered to be in need of urgent attention. Mrs Wright agreed to contact WSCC requesting that they deal with it. (JW)

The ruts on the playing field left by the fairground vehicles had still not been rolled out. Mrs Wright agreed to contact Andy Poynter and ask for an update. (JW)

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Mr Allmond agreed to report the faulty streetlight in St Peter's Close.

(VA)

Health Care & Social Services

Mrs Lucas said that the drivers were having a problem with free parking at the hospital again.

HDALC

The annual meeting of HDC and HALC is to be held on Monday 26 November 2012 at County Hall North, Horsham.

Village Hall

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 18 October 2012.

School Governors

Mrs Precious said that the new Headmaster had settled in well.

Some of the children helped with the planting of the new tree on the playing field.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 November 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.