

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2012 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr V Allmond (VA) (Chairman) Mrs M Chamberlin (MC)
Mrs S Lucas (SL) Mrs J Wright (JW) (Clerk)
Mrs E Precious (EP)

Mr Lionel Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor
Public: 3
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Palling (JP), Mr J Chamberlin (JC), Mr C Collins (CC), Mr P Dittmer (PD) and Mr J Chowen (JC).

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 October 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

Mrs Wright had received a phone call from WSCC apologising for the lack of response to emails sent to Mark Bishop and was assured that if all enquiries were sent to the Highways call centre they would be answered.

It was not known whether or not Mr Holden had removed the sign from the green in Holm Oaks.

Mrs Wright had sent an email to Susan Whitehead asking for an update on the maintenance of the Acorn Avenue pond but had not received a reply to date. Mrs Wright agreed to contact Susan again for a response.

(JW)

The litter and dog bins that had not been emptied for five weeks had now been dealt with.

Mr Allmond had spoken to the resident who had asked if a decision had been made on the planning application submitted by the residents of 60 Acorn Avenue.

Mrs Wright had been told that the road sweeping team would be sent out but apparently

to date this hasn't happened. Mrs Wright agreed to contact HDC again.

(JW)

Mr Allmond had put a note on the website asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Mrs Wright had been contacted by WSCC to say that the oak tree opposite the Scout Hut which was in need of urgent attention was being dealt with.

Mrs Wright had contacted Andy Poynter regarding the ruts in the Playing Field and he had said that he was waiting for the weather to improve before further inspection. It was agreed that the Fete Committee had done all they could to rectify the situation, however, it was also agreed to speak to Enterprise and ask them to assess the problem and produce a quotation for the required work.

(JW)

Mr Allmond had reported the faulty streetlight in St Peter's Close.

5. The Public

Mr Rolfe asked what was being done regarding the rubbish at the side of the Co-op. Mrs Wright said that she would contact Andrew Baldwin at HDC for an update. It was suggested that the PCC should also contact Cllr. Baldwin to complain about the rubbish from the Co-op which was being blown onto the church path.

(JW/MC)

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Police & Crime Commissioner Elections
- Tour of the Rolls Royce Factory
- Broadband
- IT

Mr Barnard had inspected the sunken pavements in Bolney Road thought to be in a dangerous state with a WSCC Highways Officer. Although it appeared not to be feasible to repair the pavement, Mr Barnard suggested that painting a white line on the kerb side of the road might deter vehicles from getting too close to the pavement. The Parish Council members were in agreement with this course of action.

(LB)

With regard to the damaged grass verges in Thornden, Mr Barnard said that he would investigate the possibility of installing a material that would improve the situation by not causing so much damage if vehicles are parked on it.

(LB)

8. Correspondence

Roy Holden: – Letter of resignation. Noted.

South East Coast Ambulance Service: Recruitment drive for volunteer Community First

Responders. It was agreed to contact the Partridge Green Team to discuss. (JW)

Paul Engelmann: Copy of an email sent to HDC asking for their assistance to get Southern Water to stop the alarm at the sewage works randomly activating. It was evident from another resident’s correspondence that some departments at HDC were not responding to complaints and it was agreed to write to Tom Crowley on the subject. (JW)

Gatwick Airport Ltd: Gatwick Airport P-RNAV Departure SID Consultation. Noted.

Sandra Herbert - HDC: Minor revision to the Code of Conduct – member participation in setting precept. Noted.

HDC: Copy of elected member’s invitation to the Pride of Place Member Seminar to be held on 28 November 2012. Noted.

SSALC: Elections to Smaller Councils’ Committee. Noted.

9. Skateboard Park

All voted in favour of spending £200 for Evolution to produce the Skateboard Park Plan.

10. Mark the 2012 Jubilee

Jenny Baldwin had some funds from the Jubilee party which she wished to split between the purchase of a flagpole to mark the Jubilee and the Skateboard Park. She asked if the Parish Council would donate an amount towards the purchase of a flagpole. It was agreed to donate an amount up to £200. Mr Barnard suggested that planning permission may be required to install a flagpole. Mrs Wright agreed to contact HDC and ask if a planning application would be required.

11. Pavilion

(JW)

Meetings had taken place to formulate the plan for applying for grants. A meeting had also taken place with members of the Football Club to assist with answers to questions required for the applications. The plans were expected imminently and as soon as they are received grants will be applied for in earnest.

12. Representatives’ Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for November 2012.

A request had been received from Tom Warder of AiRS to attend a meeting to discuss feedback from the recent public consultation regarding the proposed Alley Groves development.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

It was agreed to contact WSCC Highways again regarding the blocked drains in Picts Lane and outside the Village Hall on the A281.

(JW)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

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

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

School Governors

An email had been received from the School Office asking for the Parish Council's support for another road safety poster competition. All members were in agreement.

There was a concern that some motorists were not stopping at the traffic lights because they hadn't seen them. It was agreed to contact the Police and ask them to monitor the situation.

(JW)

Website

Nothing to report.

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The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 5 December 2012.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10 December 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.