

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 February 2013 in the Village Hall

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

Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Public: 10

Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Collins (CC) and Mr J Chamberlin (JC).

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 January 2013 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.

Councillors were reminded once again to complete their Register of Interests required for adding to the website and sending to HDC.

4. Matters Arising

A copy of a letter sent to the Co-operative Group had been received from HDC Legal Department. The letter states that the waste is to be stored at the back of the store and if any waste is stored outside it should only be out for collection on or near the advertised collection time. HDC has asked for the Co-op's co-operation in order that it does not have to consider taking further action.

With reference to the damage done to verges in Thornden, Mr Barnard said that the Officer he needed to speak to regarding the problems was on sick leave. However, he had arranged a meeting for Wednesday 13 February and would report on that discussion at the next Council meeting.

(LB)

Mrs Wright had contacted HDC regarding the broken post, rail and tree to HDC and an email had been received saying that the repairs were in hand. With regard to the flooding outside the Village Hall it was due to the camber of the road which was preventing water from reaching the drain and not a blocked drain. This problem would

(1301)

be reported to WSCC

(JW)

Mrs Wright had written to the Police & Crime Commissioner to report the problem with the traffic lights in the centre of the village.

Mrs Wright had responded to the email from James Josling, PCSO with reference to the Parish Council's expectations regarding his attendance at Council meetings.

The Football Club had removed the ropes from the football pitch as requested.

Due to problems with the HDC website, the nomination forms regarding community assets could not be downloaded. A form in PDF format had now been received and could now be completed.

Mr Dittmer had investigated the problem with the drain on the path to 1 Acorn Avenue where the earth had been washed away. A quotation had been received for repair at a cost of £65. Mr Dittmer agreed to ask Shaun Stevens for a quotation also. It was agreed to go ahead with the repair once the second quote had been received.

(PD)

The broken Picts Lane road sign had been reported and confirmation that HDC would repair it had been received.

The problem with the breaking-up of the road on the A272 on the south side west of Brownings Farm had been reported to WSCC.

Mr Allmond had reported faulty streetlight No.3.

Mr Dittmer said that cheaper website hosting was available and that he and Mr Allmond were arranging a meeting to discuss the subject.

(VA/PD)

5. The Public

It was reported that the white lines painted outside the Co-op had faded and due to a lack of bollards, vehicles were being parked thereby blocking the footpath. Mr Barnard said that he would arrange a visit from Duncan Barrett to assess the problem.

(LB)

A resident asked if it was possible to purchase more 30mph bin stickers. Mrs Wright said that she would get in touch with her contact in Storrington to find out if the stickers were still available and what the cost would be for a further 25.

(JW)

A Henfield Road resident was pleased to hear that HDC had written to the Co-op to address the problem of rubbish around the store.

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Climate Change
- Recruitment of a Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner

8. Correspondence

Neal Twitchen – Email reporting flooding at the top of Alley Groves and requesting details of how to contact the landowner to ask if the drainage ditches could be kept clear. Mrs Wright said that she would respond to the email with contact details. (JW)

Paul Dittmer – Copy of a letter from a parent of St. Peter’s School sent to all parents asking them to report drivers seen speeding to Operation Crackdown. Noted.

Lionel Barnard – Copy of a letter sent to the Police & Crime Commissioner asking for action to be taken regarding speeding in Cowfold. Noted.

Lionel Barnard – Update on the superfast broadband project. Noted.

Sue Franks, HDC – Request for some dates and times for a meeting to review rural car parking provision. It was agreed to ask HDC for some suggested dates. (JW)

E.ON – Consultation on the proposed Rampion Offshore Wind Farm. Noted.

9. Acorn Avenue Play Area

Mr Dittmer had inspected the play area and made a list of what he considered needed attention as follows:

- Bench to be re-bolted, sanded and repainted
- Empty Bins – To be reported to HDC (JW)
- Climbing ladder to be repaired and made good
- Slide area to be sanded down, smoothed and repainted
- Weeds to be dug out, mud to be removed and gaps filled with mortar
- Central drain to be dug out and made good
- Hopscotch, snakes and ladders to be cleaned and repainted.
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One quotation had been received. Mr Dittmer said that he would ask Shaun Stevens for a quotation also. Mrs Wright said that she would give Mr Dittmer Shaun’s contact details. (PD/JW)

10. Skateboard Park

Nothing to report.

11. Pavilion

An application had been submitted for Football Foundation funding following a successful meeting between the Chairman of the Cowfold Football Club and a representative of the Football Association. An application had also been submitted to CLC requesting funding for the disabled facilities. The outcome of both submissions was

awaited.

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for February 2013.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

Repairs were required to be carried out to some of the equipment in the play area on the playing field. Mr Dittmer said that he would speak to Shaun Stevens to get his opinion on the issues.

(PD)

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Mrs Wright said that she would report the potholes in St Peter's Close and the broken 'Cowfold' sign on the A272 to WSCC.

(JW)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

The next HALC meeting will be held in March 2013.

Village Hall

The AGM is to be held on Thursday 28 February 2013.

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 6 March 2013.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11 March 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.