

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 March 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 J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Public: 6
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Collins (CC), Mr J Chamberlin (JC), Mr J Palling (JP) and Mr L Barnard (LB).

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 February 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

No information had been received from Mr Barnard regarding the damaged grass verges in Thornden. (LB)

WSCC had been informed of the flooding outside the Village Hall due to the camber of the road which was preventing water from reaching the drain and the request for attention had been acknowledged.

A quotation for repairing the drain on the path to 1 Acorn Avenue was still awaited from Shaun Stevens.

Mr Allmond and Mr Dittmer had met to discuss cheaper options for website hosting. These options were to be discussed as an Agenda item at the next Council meeting.

(1305)

Mr Barnard had not yet arranged for Duncan Barrett to visit to assess the work required to be carried out in front of the Co-op where the white lines were in need of painting and the installation of bollards were required to prevent vehicles from parking on the walkway.

(LB)

Mrs Wright had located 12 more 30mph bin stickers at a cost of £30. It was agreed to purchase these stickers for resale to those residents who had asked for them.

Mrs Wright had responded to the email from Neil Twitchen with contact details regarding the clearance of ditches at the top of Alley Groves.

With regard to HDC's request to discuss rural car parking provision, a suggested date was awaited from HDC.

The bins that had not been emptied at Acorn Avenue play area had been reported to HDC.

Mr Dittmer was awaiting a quotation from Shaun Stevens for the work that needed to be carried out to the Acorn Avenue play area.

Mr Dittmer said that he was intending to contact Saxon Weald regarding the possibility of obtaining a grant to refurbish the Acorn Avenue play area.

(PD)

Mr Dittmer was awaiting Shaun Stevens opinion on the work required to the playing field play area.

Mrs Wright had reported the potholes in St Peter's Close and the broken 'Cowfold' sign on the A272 to WSCC.

5. The Public

Dog fouling was reported to be a real problem again. It was suggested that more signs and dog bins are installed. Mr Chowen said that he would investigate the possibility of installing more signs especially on the route to the primary school if a request was made to him. Mrs Wright agreed to email Mr Chowen and also to find out if it would be possible together with the additional cost of installing more dog bins.

(JW/JC)

It was reported that the manhole cover opposite 3 Oakfield Road was in need of repair. Mr Allmond said that he would investigate the problem.

(VA)

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Air Quality
- Green Waste Charges
- District Councillor Elections

- Housing Needs.

7. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

St Catherine's Hospice – Request for donation. It was agreed not to make a donation at this time.

Sussex PCC – Response to Mr Barnards's letter regarding traffic issues in Cowfold. Noted.

9. Speeding

The newly formed Cowfold Safer Roads Committee had met and several courses of action had already been identified including the following:

- Installation of cables across the roads to monitor traffic speed
- Various fundraising events
- Gateways at entrances to the village
- Fluorescent bibs issued to children advertising slower speeds.

10. Skateboard Park

Nothing to report.

11. Pavilion

A meeting was taking place on Tuesday 12 March 2012 with the architect and interested parties to attempt to finalise the plans.

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for March 2013.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

It was reported that the oak tree outside 14 Acorn Avenue was in urgent need of attention. Mr Dittmer said that he would obtain quotes for the work.

(PD)

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

Mrs Lucas said that she had been very busy organising hospital transport and that there had been a bit of a problem with hospital parking.

HDALC

The next HALC meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13 March 2013.

Village Hall

The AGM was 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 8 April 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.