

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2013 in the Village Hall

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

Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Public: 1
Press: 0

1. Apologies

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 March 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.

4. Matters Arising

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

Duncan Barrett had still not visited 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. Mr Barnard said that he would remind him. (LB)

No information had been received from Mr Dittmer regarding the possibility of obtaining a grant from Saxon Weald to refurbish the Acorn Avenue play area. (PD)

Mrs Wright had asked Mr Chowen to investigate the possibility of installing more dog bins and dog fouling signage. A response had been received and the cost of an additional dog bin would be £343.90 excl.VAT plus £40.00 installation fee and £2.00 per emptying. It was agreed not to progress this for the time being.

Information was still awaited regarding the possibility of additional signage.

Mr Allmond had determined that the manhole cover opposite 3 Oakfield Road which was in need of repair was the responsibility of BT. Mrs Wright agreed to report the problem to BT.

(JW)

Quotations had been received for the work required to be carried out on the oak tree outside 14 Acorn Avenue. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Dave Ford Tree Care at a cost of £475.00 excl.VAT. Whilst accepting the quotation, Mrs Wright said that she would ask Dave to look at the oak tree on the green by the Acorn Avenue play area and the one on the Kicking Field to assess what work, if any, was necessary.

(JW)

5. The Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Broadband
- Appointment of Head of Policy and Communications
- Flood Defence Work
- SE7

8. Correspondence

Cowfold Social Committee – Request for permission to use the playing field and Pavilion for the Annual Fete to be held on Saturday 6 July 2013. No objections were raised.

E.ON – The proposed Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order information. Noted.

Pulborough Parish Council: Copy of correspondence from HDC regarding the new Homes Bonus and its uses. Noted.

James Josling – Police report for April 2013. It was agreed to put the results of the day of action onto the noticeboard.

(JW)

CLC – Decision not to support the request for funding disabled facilities in the new Pavilion. Noted.

9. Website

Mr Dittmer had circulated a proposal to all Councillors proposing a change to our website hosting company. In the absence of Mr Dittmer at the meeting, it was assumed that the company that he was suggesting was 1&1 Internet Ltd. which is the organisation that we currently use. The monthly costs suggested in the proposal were unfortunately thought to be the costs for an individual user and not a business which is what the Parish Council is classed as.

With regard to improving the look of the website, Mr Allmond asked for all Councillors to look at the Henfield, Billingshurst and Storrington Parish Council websites for discussion at the May meeting when hopefully Mr Dittmer will be in attendance.

(ALL)

10. St. Peters School Posters

It was agreed to circulate the posters to all Councillors to choose the best poster from each year and the four overall best posters to be made into signs.

(JW)

11. Skateboard Park

Nothing to report.

12. Pavilion

All interested parties comments had been incorporated into the drawings and the next stage was to obtain an updated estimate of the costs to include the amendments.

13. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for April 2013.

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 arrange to clean the bus shelter at the top of St. Peter's Close. Mr Chamberlin said that he would issue a quotation. Mrs Wright said that she would ask Steve Rolfe if he would be interested in quoting also.

(JW)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 June 2013 at Steyning.

Village Hall

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 April 2013.

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13 May 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.