

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10 June 2013 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr V Allmond (VA) (Chairman) Mr P Dittmer (PD)
 Mrs S Lucas (SL)

Mr R Clarke – Horsham District Councillor
Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Public: 5
Press: 0

Mr Tom Warder (AiRS), Mr Andrew Smith (HDC) and Mr Stephen Humphreys (SH)

Mr Warder gave a brief update on the results of the housing survey which showed that there was a good response (31%) and there was still a housing need for 32 households.

They then answered questions from the Council Members and public.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Wright (JW), Mr C Collins (CC), Mr J Chamberlin (JC), Mr J Palling (JP), Mrs M Chamberlin (MC) and Mrs E Precious (EP)

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 May 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

Mr Barnard said that Ed Dickinson was no longer dealing with highways matters and that he was currently arranging a meeting in the village with Ms Sparks to facilitate the repairs.

(LB)

Mrs Wright had sent Mr Dittmer the letter requesting a grant from Saxon Weald to help refurbish the Acorn Avenue play area. Mr Dittmer said that he would send it.

(PD)

5. The Public

Mr Twitchen expressed concern regarding the state of the oak tree in the corner of the playing field. Mr Dittmer agreed to look at this.

(PD)

Mr Rolfe reported that there are again some broken posts in the car park fence, that there appeared to be some dead patches of grass in a line across the playing field and that there are still some holes around the manhole at the Bolney entrance to the field. Mr Dittmer agreed to look at the patches and the holes.

(PD)

The tripping hazard outside the hairdressers had not been rectified. It was agreed to raise this with WSCC again.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen said that we should now have received the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment pack which was missing from the last meeting of HALC. Mr Allmond said that he had not seen it yet and Mr Chowen agreed to forward it to him. He also said that there had been a better response to the Acorn Green Waste collections than had been expected.

Mr Clarke said that he had looked into the situation regarding the coach park. HDC are currently reviewing the future of their car parks and it is hoped that the coach park will be re-designated and that the land that had sited the automatic toilet will be designated a motor cycle parking area later this year.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Gypsy and Traveller Sites Meeting
- SE7 Waste Seminar
- A County Cabinet Meeting on the Economy
- Proposed New Housing Developments at Mayfield and the Henfield Area.

8. Correspondence

HDC – Update on Assets Community Value. It was agreed to forward this to all Councillors.

(VA)

HDC – Pride of Place Campaign. Request to nominate a Councillor as an Age UK Pride of Place Advocate. It was agreed to forward this to all Councillors.

(VA)

HAGS – Leaflet advertising sports equipment. Handed to Mr Dittmer.

Secured by Design – Leaflet advertising sports equipment. Handed to Mr Dittmer.

9. Website

As there were only three Councillors present, it was agreed that this item should be put on the next Agenda.

10. 2012/2013 Annual Accounts

The 2012/13 Accounts were agreed by all.

11. Skateboard Park

Nothing to report.

12. Pavilion

It was announced that the pavilion fundraising committee would be running the catering at this year's fete and a request was made for cakes and sandwich fillings.

13. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for June 2013.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

A quotation had been received from Shaun Stevens to install a metal gate on the playing field at a cost of £360. It was agreed by all to proceed.

Pond Warden

The report from 'Pete the Pond' was read to the meeting and noted.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Mr Broucke informed the meeting that Eastlands Lane would be closed for 2 days on the 24th and 25th June for resurfacing works to be carried out.

Roads & Transport

Mrs Lucas reported that the drain in Fairfield Cottages next to the kissing gate was still blocked.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

Mr Allmond reported that the constitution of HALC had been amended to allow for the clerk to pay for venues instead of having to beg for free ones which would enable her to book a year's meetings in advance.

Village Hall

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

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12 June 2013.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 July 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.