

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 August 2014 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr V Allmond (VA) (Chairman) Mr P Carugati (PC)
Mrs S Lucas (SL) Ms A Walker (AW)
Mrs M Chamberlin (MC) Mrs J Wright (JW) (Clerk)
Mrs E Precious (EP)

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mr R Clarke – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor
Public: 4
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Collins (CC).

2. Approval of the Minutes

After the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 July 2014 were agreed by all as a true and correct record:

Page 4, Footpaths, Para.2, bottom line, '17 Fairfield Cottages' should read '16 Fairfield Cottages'.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest with regard to any item on the Agenda.

4. Matters Arising

Mrs Wright had visited BEL Signs in Horsham and was awaiting a quotation to replace the signs in the Acorn Avenue Play Area.

Compass Travel has agreed to put the times of the bus to Tesco into the bus shelter at the end of St Peter's Close.

Mrs Wright had asked Shaun Stevens to look at the two benches on the playing field with a view to carrying out any necessary repairs.

Mrs Wright had enquired about the mobile skateboard park and was awaiting a call from Horsham Matters staff with a possible date for a visit.

Mrs Wright had contacted the Highways Agency regarding the removal of the 'A' boards and diversion signs from the village and was waiting for a reply.

Following a telephone call to HDC, the roads had now been swept.

Mrs Wright said that she had been told by HDC that there was no longer a dog warden. Mr Allmond said that there was and that he would pass the details to Mrs Wright. (VA)

Mrs Wright had written to Evolve, Co-op, Pegasus, WSCC Highways and HDC regarding vehicles being parked on the grass verges opposite the Coach House and the problem had now ceased.

Mrs Wright was still trying to contact the owners of Viscount House regarding the unstable fence at the Post Office Twitten. (JW)

With regard to the SHLAA discrepancies, these were still not resolved and, therefore, Mr Chowen said that he would investigate further. (JC)

The date of 22 September 2014 for the Strategic Planning Officer to attend a public meeting was still to be confirmed. (JC)

Mrs Wright had contacted Cali Sparks requesting that the tactile pedestrian crossings are repaired who said that the repairs may be able to be added to the programme.

Mrs Wright had written to Gatwick opposing the consultation.

Responsibility for the tree in need of attention between No's 48 and 50 Acorn Avenue was still to be determined. (JW)

No response had been received to date regarding an email sent to WSCC expressing dissatisfaction with the vegetation clearance on their last visit.

The hedge at the Post Office Twitten had now been cut back and Saxon Weald was writing to the resident of 16 Fairfield Cottages asking for the overgrown vegetation to be cut back.

The request to WSCC to move the 'No Cycling Sign' at the Post Office Twitten had been passed to Traffic Services for action.

The signpost at the crossroads indicating Wineham Lane and Kent Street had been cleared of vegetation.

The faulty streetlight in Alley Groves had been repaired.

5. The Public

Lynne Sorrell reported on a meeting she had with an HDC Planning Officer regarding the proposed Coach House development. The date for consideration of the planning application had now been moved to 16 September 2014.

Steve Rolfe asked for the Pavilion and kicking wall to be disinfected again. (JW)

He also asked if the waste bins outside the Co-op could be moved to the new site. Mrs Wright said she would contact HDC on the subject.

(JW)

John Blythe asked if next year the football pitch area could be made available for parking on fete day. It was agreed that provided the ground was dry, it should not be a problem.

District Councillor Report

Mr Clarke reported on the following event:

- Horsham Food and Drink Festival from 6 September 2014 to 4 October 2014.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Fire Brigade Union Strike. Dates to be put on the website
- Book launch at Worthing library
- Chingford Pond site
- Waste disposal
- New Chief Constable.

(JW)

Mr Allmond asked about the status of the faster broadband project. Mr Barnard said that BT were currently carrying out surveys and would find out if Cowfold was included in their plans.

(LB)

8. Correspondence

Sue Franks, HDC – Request for details of the number of defibrillators in Cowfold. Currently there is only one available for use by the public which is located in the Co-op. It is a PAD and is managed by PART. Mr Allmond said that he would respond to the request.

(VA)

Cowfold Resident – Donation of £20.00 to be used to assist with the repair of the bench outside the Pavilion. A note of thanks to be put on the website.

Ellen Barker - Request for the Scout Hut to be used by a small dance class of 3-4 year olds due to problems with the hire of the Village Hall. It was agreed to ask the hirer to try and resolve her problems with the Village Hall but the use of the Scout Hut would not be permitted.

Big Lottery Fund – Confirmation that the application for funding for the skateboard park had been unsuccessful. Noted.

SALC – Notification of AGM to be held at the Lodge Hill Centre on Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 10.00 a.m. Noted.

MSDC – Traveller Sites Allocation Document – Consultation Draft. Noted.

Sharon Awcock – Request for information regarding Section 106 monies and faster broadband. Also response to comments made regarding playing field use and housing development. Mrs Wright said that she would respond to the message.

(JW)

9. Proposed Mayfield Development

A telephone call had been received from Nicky Ernest, an Albourne Parish Counciller regarding the proposed Mayfield development. An inter parish group has been set up and is made up of representatives from Albourne, Hurstpierpoint, Twineham, Pycombe, Shermanbury, Woodmancote, Henfield and West Grinstead Parish Councils.

As this development, if allowed to go ahead, may affect Cowfold, particularly with regard to traffic congestion, Nicky asked if it was likely that a representative from Cowfold PC would be interested in joining the group. The group currently meets quarterly at Albourne Village Hall and the next scheduled meeting will take place on 23 September 2014. Mr Carugati and Ms Walker said that they would attend the next meeting of the group.

(PC/AW)

10. Skateboard Park

Mr Chamberlin said that he was waiting for another, hopefully cheaper, quotation for extending the basketball area.

11. Pavilion

It had been suggested that the two Committees should be merged. This would be discussed at the next meeting which was to be held on Monday 15 September 2014.

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for August 2014.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

The main gate at the Scout Hut was in need of attention. It was agreed to ask Shaun Stevens to look at it.

(JW)

It was reported that a complaint had been made regarding footballs landing in a resident's garden, allegedly the cause of a broken wing mirror. It was agreed to write to the Football Club regarding this complaint and to ask why the ball net was not in place permanently.

(JW)

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Three allotment holders had given notice..

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 18 September 2014.

Village Hall

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 16 October 2014.

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 17 September 2014.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 September 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.