

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9 February 2015 in the Village Hall

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

Mr R Clarke – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor
Public: 6
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Chowen (JC).

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 January 2015 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

As it had been determined that additional housing development was required throughout the district, HDC's plan needed to be adjusted and, therefore, the SHLAA was no longer relevant.

Mrs Wright had reported the problem with the power cables in Bolney Road which had dropped.

Mrs Precious had only found one footpath she considered to be a priority for clearance and asked all Members to inform her of any others that they thought were also a priority before she submitted the information to WSCC.

Mrs Wright had asked HDC to replace the 'no dog fouling' signs on the streetlights.

Unfortunately, Mrs Precious was unable to attend the Project Based Learning event at Steyning Grammar School.

With regard to the damage done to grass verges by HDC refuse vehicles, Mrs Wright had received a response from HDC who have agreed to speak to the drivers to determine the problems that they have encountered which force them onto the verges and report back with any ideas they may have to resolve the problem.

5. The Public

Mr Gladwish raised concerns regarding various traffic problems and the state of the footpath at the back of Station Road on the A281. It was agreed to speak to WSCC Highways and ask if it would be possible to pave the area.

(JW)

Mr Brooke raised concerns regarding the length of time the 17a bus stopped outside Godmans Court with the engine running. It was reported that the 17a bus was to be withdrawn on 3 April and, therefore, the problem would cease.

Mr Twitchen asked about the status of the safety issues outside the Co-op. Mr Barnard said that he had met with Highways Officers at the site and it was considered that the best solution would be to place large planters along the front and was currently exploring funding sources.

Mr Twitchen also commented on the look of the Co-op when entering the village. It was suggested that a meeting with Co-op personnel may be useful to discuss how the look of the Co-op might be improved.

Mr Chamberlin said that the defibrillator had now been installed outside the Village Hall for public use and that the one currently sited in the Co-op was to be removed. It was agreed to put information regarding the new unit onto the website.

(JW)

Mrs Sorrell was concerned about the increase in permitted development and asked who she should contact on the issue. Mr Allmond said that he would send her contact details.

(VA)

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Clarke reported on the following issues:

- Elections
- HDC Move

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Gatwick Second Runway Status
- WSCC Budget

8. Correspondence

William Pankhurst – Animal Bouncers – Request to use the Playing Field for a family fun day. No objections were raised subject to the usual conditions.

Julie Green, PCSO – Notification of a 'Come and Meet Us' event at the Co-op on Monday 2 March 2015 at 11.00 am. Noted.

Peter Inde – Thank you email for the support of the Parish Council in getting signs indicating the location of the Hare & Hounds installed.

Nikki Ernest – Albourne Parish Council – Request for a Councillor to replace those who had resigned to attend the inter parish meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in Albourne. Mr Palling expressed an interest in attending this meeting.

(JP)

HDC – Notification of 'Our Future Together' Partnership Conference to be held on Monday 2 March from 4.30pm to 8.00pm in the Drill Hall, Horsham. Noted.

Lisa Hawtin – HDC – Current status of Air Quality Monitoring following a request for information from a member of the public.

WSCC – Rampion Offshore Windfarm – Application to Discharge a Requirement. Noted.

Claire Elsdon – Introduction to Streetlife, the local social network. Noted.

9. Traffic Lights

Mrs Wright had received several communications regarding drivers jumping the red lights outside Wattle & Daub and asking for some action to be taken to avoid a serious accident occurring. It was agreed that action was required and initially Mr Barnard asked for copies of the emails to be sent to him so that he could discuss the problems with the Safety Officer at WSCC. He also suggested that the PCSO should be informed of the problem.

(JW/LB)

10. Skateboard Park

Three quotations had been received to extend the basketball area to accommodate a skateboard park. It was agreed to accept the quotation from A C Farley at a cost of £7,800 plus VAT.

(JW)

11. Pavilion

Mr Allmond had written to three local builders to ask if they would be interested in quoting for the Pavilion refurbishment. He had asked for their responses by the end of February 2015.

He had also arranged a meeting with a Quantity Surveyor to discuss a Schedule of Works.

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for February 2015.

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

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

Mr Allmond reported on the extraordinary meeting that had been called where Barbara Childs, Head of Strategic Planning and Sustainability at Horsham District Council was the guest speaker discussing the interim letter from the Planning Inspector on the Horsham District Planning Framework.

The next HALC meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at Southwater.

Village Hall

Mrs Lucas reported on the proposed improvements to the Village Hall.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 26 February 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall Reading Room.

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 4 March 2015.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 March 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.