

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9 March 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 J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor
Public: 4
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Clarke (RC).

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 February 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

Mrs Wright asked WSCC Highways if it would be possible to pave the footpath at the back of Station Road behind Thornden. This is an unmade road being used and WSCC say there are no funds to pave this area but would be quite happy to discuss the matter with residents if they wished to fund the project themselves. WSCC have agreed to clear all vegetation from the official footpath.

The information regarding the new defibrillator that has been installed outside the Village Hall has been put on the website.

Mr Allmond had sent Mrs Sorrell contact details of who she should speak to with regard to the increase in permitted development.

Mrs Wright had sent the correspondence from residents regarding vehicles jumping the red light at the traffic lights outside Wattle & Daub to Mr Barnard. Subsequently, comments from WSCC Safety Officer have been received suggesting improvements, however, although these improvements have been noted for action they have not been considered urgent and therefore, nothing will be done in the near future. It was suggested that the Police should be contacted as it was thought that it was their responsibility to stop vehicles jumping the lights. The PCSO was contacted who said that it was not a Police matter and that WSCC should install CCTV cameras as they owned the traffic lights.

As neither party would take responsibility for dealing with the problem, it was agreed to forward the correspondence to the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner's office asking for their comments on the subject.

(JW)

Mr Palling had attended the Inter Parish Meeting and reported on its content.

Mrs Wright had accepted the quotation from A C Farley to extend the basketball area to accommodate a skateboard park.

5. The Public

Mrs Sorrell had questions for Mr Barnard with regard to the recent Highways Report that had been produced for the Coach House site.

Mr Rolfe was concerned about the new positioning of some streetlights and the replacement school crossing signs. Mr Barnard said that if he received the streetlight numbers and locations he would look into the problems raised.

(JW/LB)

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Horsham Development Framework
- HDC Move

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Application for funding for planters outside the Co-op
- Watershed funding no longer available
- Henfield day centre go-ahead
- Integrated works plan

8. Correspondence

WSSC – Rampion Offshore Windfarm Application to Discharge a Requirement. Noted.
Rob Mcleod – Request to mark out a new full size football pitch on the Playing Field for an under 15's football team. The majority of Councillors had no objections, however, concerns were raised regarding parking problems on Sundays. Mr Chamberlin thought that the Pavilion was already booked but asked for the email to be forwarded to him so that he could contact Rob direct on this subject.

(JW)

Julie Green, PCSO – February report. It was agreed to put the report on the website.

(JW)

Ellen Barker – Request for a resident to use the Scout Hut for a photo school. As this is a business, and the lease states that the Scout Hut is only to be used for the normal activities of the Group and purposes ancillary thereto and for no other purpose, the request was rejected. It was suggested that the Village Hall Reading Room would be appropriate.

9. Skateboard Park

Nothing further to report.

10. Pavilion

A Quantity Surveyor had been asked to produce a Schedule of Works for the renovation of the Pavilion.

Of the three local builders Mr Allmond had written to asking if they would be interested in quoting for the Pavilion refurbishment, only one response had been received. He was now intending to form a group to compose a letter to send to another five builders.

(VA)

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for March 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

Mr Palling reported on a problem with Fosters beer cans being thrown into the hedges in Picts Lane on a regular basis. It was agreed to report this problem to the PCSO.

(JW)

Streetlights

Mr Allmond had reported two faulty streetlights in Thornden.

Health Care & Social Services

Mrs Lucas said that there was very little activity on the hospital car service and, therefore, it was agreed to contact the doctors' surgery to inform them that the service would no longer be available. Mrs Lucas was thanked for her efforts in running the scheme over a number of years.

(JW)

HDALC

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

Village Hall

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 23 April 2015.

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

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The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.