

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13 April 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 R Clarke – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor
Public: 3
Press: 0

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 March 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 had contacted Sussex Police and the Crime Commissioner's office asking for comments on the subject of the traffic lights outside Wattle & Daub. Unsatisfactory responses had been received, however, a further police response was awaited.

The positioning of some of the new streetlights had been discussed at some length with WSCC and some of the concerns raised at the last meeting had been taken into consideration.

Discussions had taken place with the Football Club regarding the use of the playing field for an additional Sunday league team. Unfortunately, it had been decided that it was not possible to accommodate another football team.

The PCSO's February report had been put onto the website.

Mr Allmond had written to five builders to ask if they would be interested in quoting for the refurbishment of the Pavilion. To date only two responses had been received.

The problem with Fosters beer cans being thrown into the hedges in Picts Lane on a regular basis had been reported to the PCSO by Mr Palling and Mrs Wright.

Mrs Wright had written to the doctors' surgery informing them that there would no longer be a hospital car service run by the Parish Council.

5. The Public

Nothing to report.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Local Elections

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Works Plan Audit
- Boundary Committee
- Appointment as Vice Chairman of WSCC

8. Correspondence

Faustina Bayo, AiRS – Horsham Rural Links Community Planning Networks. To be circulated.

(JW)

Roy Holden – Request for tree bark chippings to be spread by the dog bins on the Kicking Field when it becomes muddy. It was agreed that this could be undertaken.

Cowfold Social Committee – Request to use the Pavilion for the Cowfold Festival on Saturday 4 July. No objections were raised to the use of the Playing Field, however, the Pavilion would need to be booked separately.

WSCC – Request for volunteers for the Children and Family Centres. It was agreed to display the poster and put the information on the website.

(JW)

CHS – Request for contribution towards the summer planting. It was agreed to contribute £300. It was also agreed to speak to the CHS with regard to planting the new planters to be installed outside the Co-op. An additional £300 was authorised for the purpose, however, it was agreed to speak to the Manager of the Co-op to ask if a contribution from them would be possible.

(JW)

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Following considerable discussion on the subject, it was agreed to proceed with Stage 1 of the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan by registering the Parish Council's interest with Horsham District Council. It was also agreed to request that a representative from AiRS or Horsham District Council attend the AGM in May to speak on the subject and to put a notice on the website.

(JW)

10. Skateboard Park

It was reported that the basketball area was likely to be extended in the next three weeks.

(1410)

11. Pavilion

A meeting had been held with Members of the Parish Council, Pavilion Committee and Football Club to discuss problems being encountered with the hiring of the Pavilion and where it was suggested that the Parish Council take the running of the Pavilion back from the Village Hall Committee. As Mr Chamberlin was not present at the meeting it was agreed that another meeting be called to discuss the matter further.

(JW)

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Allmond read the Planning Report for April 2015.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

Mr Palling asked if anything could be done to improve the Co-op store's appearance given that it is located in a conservation area for example could the lasagne advertisement be removed from the window and the damaged lamp post repaired? Also to ask what is happening to the old Co-op site. Mrs Wright said that she would speak to the Manager of the Co-op.

(JW)

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Mrs Wright said that she had spoken to Tim Boxall from WSCC regarding the damaged bend sign on the A281 and was told that the repair which was supposed to have been carried out last month would now be done in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Wright said that she would speak to Tim Boxall from WSCC about the grass verge on the corner of Thornden which had been damaged again.

(JW)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Health Care & Social Services

Nothing to report.

HDALC

The next HALC meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8 July 2015.

Village Hall

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

School Governors

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

Mrs Precious wished to record thanks to Mrs Lucas and Mrs Chamberlin, as it was their last meeting, for the valuable contribution they have made to the Parish Council.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 18 May 2015**.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.