Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Palling (JP) Mr S Clark (SC)

Mr C Collins (CC) Mrs J Wright (JW) Clerk

Mrs E Precious (EP)

Public: 13 Press: 0

Mr Allmond thanked Council Members and the Clerk for their support whilst he had held the post of Chairman of the Parish Council before asking for nominations for a new Chairman.

Mrs Precious wished to record thanks to Mr Allmond on behalf of the Parish Council for the extremely valued contribution he had made whilst Chairman.

1. Election of Chairman

Mr Palling was proposed by (1) Mrs Precious and (2) Mr Collins and agreed by all.

Mr Palling took over the meeting from Mr Allmond as the new Chair of Cowfold Parish Council.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr Collins was proposed by (1) Mrs Precious and (2) Mr Clark and agreed by all.

3. Election of Treasurer

Mr Collins was proposed by (1) Mr Palling and (2) Mrs Precious and agreed by all.

4. Responsibilities

Planning Mr Palling, Mr Collins, Mrs Precious, Mr Martin Finance Mr Palling, Mr Collins, Mrs Martin, Mrs Wright

Open Spaces Mrs Wright
Footpaths Mr Clark
Allotments Mrs Wright
Roads & Transport Mrs Wright
Streetlights Mrs Precious
Village Hall Mrs Martin

HALC Mr Martin, Mr Clark

Website Dr Williams

CLC Mr Palling, Mr Clark SALC Mr Palling, Mr Clark

5. Register of Interests

A Register of Members' Interests Update Form was distributed to those present.

6. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Martin (BM), Mrs G Martin (GM), Mr L

Barnard (LB), Mr J Chowen (JC) and Mr R Clarke (RC).

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7. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 April 2015 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

8. Matters Arising

The letter from Faustina Bayo from AiRS on Horsham Rural Links Community Planning Networks had been circulated to all Members.

The poster from WSCC requesting volunteers for Children and Family Centres had been put on the website and the noticeboard.

Mrs Wright had asked the Manager of the Co-op if it would be possible for them to make a donation towards the planting of the new planters to be sited outside the store. He said that he was not able to make that decision but would ask his Manager.

Mrs Wright had registered the Parish Council's interest in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan with Horsham District Council.

The date for a further meeting to be held to discuss current Pavilion issues was still to be advised.

Mrs Wright had spoken to the Manager of the Co-op with regard to the removal of the lasagne poster from the window, repair of the streetlight and the state of the old Co-op site. He said that he would discuss all these issues with his Manager. He also said that he would be attending the June Council meeting and it was agreed to request that his new Manager also be in attendance.

(JW)

Mrs Wright had spoken to Tim Boxall from WSCC about the grass verge on the corner of Thornden.

9. The Public

Mr Rolfe said that the paper recycling bin had been removed. Mrs Wright agreed to contact Horsham District Council to ask why.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe also asked if it was permissible for all the posters advertising events to be scattered around the village. As any posters are considered to be flyposting Mr Rolfe was told that they could be removed

Mr Brooke said that apart from one recent incident, the problem with buses leaving their engines running whilst outside Godmans Court had improved considerably and wished to thank the Parish Council for its assistance with this matter.

Mr Broucke asked why the Planning meetings were not held on a Parish Council meeting evening. It was agreed to continue to hold the meetings on the first and third Monday of each month for the time being but maybe review the situation later in the year.

Mr Allmond commented on the new Snack Bar that had opened where Cobwebs used to trade as it was thought that no planning permission had been sought to change the use from A1 to A3. Mr Palling said that he would speak to the proprietor.

(JP)

A resident asked why it was permissible for vehicles to be parked in Henfield Road but were not allowed to park on the A272. She was told that it was not illegal to park in the main roads provided there were no yellow lines, however, in the case of Bolney Road, due to the central islands, it was not possible to park as it would block the traffic using the road.

It was reported that Henfield Road was becoming dangerous as it appeared that vehicles from the two garages were being parked on the road. It was thought that it may have been a requirement of the Bridge Garage's latest planning application that vehicles would not be allowed to park in the road. Mrs Wright said that she would check the application before speaking to the owner. Mr Clark said that he would speak to the Manager of the SMG garage.

(JW/SC)

10. District Councillor Report

No District Councillors were present and, therefore, there was nothing to report.

11. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard was not present and, therefore, there was nothing to report.

12. Correspondence

Julie Green, PCSO: May report. Noted.

Carla Staden, SALC: Booking form and programme of topics for new Councillors event. To be circulated.

(JW)

Nikki Ernest, Request for support of the LAMBS (Locals Against Mayfield Building Sprawl) main modifications representation letter to be sent to Horsham District Council. It was agreed to support the representation.

Cowfold Social Committee, WSCC: Request for decision on whether the football pitch could be used for parking and staging on Festival day. It was suggested that the Social Committee and Football Club meet to discuss the area of the pitch that would be required. However, it was agreed, in any event, that there would be no parking of vehicles if the field was wet. Pete Beaney, Cowfold Football Club: Notification of the success of the First team who have been admitted to play County level football for the forthcoming year. Also, a request for financial assistance towards some necessary maintenance required to be carried out to the Pavilion. It was agreed that representatives of the Football Club and Village Hall Management Committee would meet to discuss the matter.

13. Skateboard Park

It was reported that the work to extend the base of the basketball area to accommodate a skateboard park is to be carried out on Monday 15 June 2015.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

Following the request to register the Parish Council's interest in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan with Horsham District Council an Application Form had been received. Mr Clark asked for this information to be forwarded to him. Mr Palling asked if it would be possible to carry out another leaflet drop on the subject asking for any interested residents to register their interest in being part of a Committee to formulate a plan or offering any other relevant assistance. It was suggested it may be beneficial to look at the Plan formulated by Slaugham Parish Council and Mr Broucke, Chairman of Woodmancote Parish Council agreed to assist by forwarding any relevant information his Parish Council had gathered.

(JW)

15. Annual Accounts 2014/15

Mr Collins presented the 2014/15 Annual Accounts which were agreed by all.

16. Pavilion

The next New Pavilion Committee meeting is to be held on Monday 1 June 2015 following the Planning Committee meeting in the Pavilion commencing at 8.15p.m. Mr Collins said that he would lead that meeting, however, since Mr Allmond was no longer a Councillor and had resigned from the Committee, a new Chairman would need to be elected.

17. Representatives' Reports

Planning

As the Planning Report for May 2015 was not available, it was agreed to combine the information with the report for June 2015.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

Mr Clark commented on the state of the Palmerston House site. Mrs Wright said that she would contact those responsible to ask for the site to be tidied up.

(JW)

Pond Warden

It was agreed to include this item in Open Spaces in future.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 July 2015.

Village Hall

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 July 2015.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 June 2015 at Rydon Community College, Rock Road, Storrington commencing at 7.00p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 June 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.