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why our communications were not being responded to.

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The padlock on the bollard by the top gate of the playing field had been replaced and Mrs Wright had forwarded the latest information received from Saxon Weald on the status of the Alley Groves housing development to Mr Twitchen.

Mr Collins had looked at the portable goal posts and it appeared that one of them had been repaired. Mr Rolfe said that he was holding the other one which was in pieces.

Some suggestions were made with regard to recognising Mr Allmond's efforts as a past Parish Councillor and the matter would be discussed again following some investigation.

With reference to finding out more information with regard to AiRS Good Neighbour Schemes, an invitation had been received to an event on the subject to be held on Wednesday 16 September 2015 at the Rawson Hall, The Street, Bolney from 9.30 a.m to 12.00 a.m. Anybody interested in attending should contact Mrs Wright who will complete a booking form. Places will be limited.

Mrs Wright had contacted Evolve Estates with regard to the possible use of the end unit of the 'Stable Block' at the former Coach House site to accommodate a new Post Office. A response was awaited.

Mr Palling suggested that the first Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting, (which is to be a Community led initiative), to elect a Chairman should follow the Parish Council meeting to be held on 14 September 2015. Mr Palling and Mr Clarke were in possession of the details of all interested parties to be contacted about the meeting date and time.

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5. The Public

Michael from the Co-op reported on the status of all the improvement requests that had been made. The only outstanding issue was the removal of the lasagne poster from the window which was being addressed.

Michael said that Joe Barnes-Grattan currently managing the Partridge Green store would be transferring to the Cowfold branch as the new permanent manager.

It was reported that the wooden base outside the Co-op had broken and had become dangerous to pedestrians. Michael said that he had been in contact with Evolve Estates regarding this problem and it was agreed that the Parish Council should also contact them on the subject.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe said that the fence round the car park had broken. Mrs Wright said that she would report it to HDC.

(JW)

Mr Brooke informed the Council of his reporting activities with regard to bus drivers

leaving their engines running whilst stationary.

Ms Awcock was of the opinion that the Football Club was responsible for reseeding not only the pitch area of the field but other areas that were used for training. Mrs Awcock was informed that there was no such agreement in place for this purpose.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Clarke reported on the new Councillor induction programme.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- SAFA Awards
- Boundary Commission Twelve Member Scheme
- Mayor of Arundel Ceremony
- Members Big Society Fund.

8. Correspondence

David Precious – Request for permission for the Football Club to install a notice board to the Pavilion to read as follows:

‘COWFOLD COMMUNITY PAVILION
HOME OF COWFOLD FOOTBALL CLUB’.

No objections were raised to the request.

The HeartSafe Steering Group, HDC – Invitation to attend a morning workshop event on Wednesday 21 October 2015 from 10.00 a.m to 1.00 p.m at The Holbrook Club, North Heath Lane, Horsham RH12 5PJ. Anyone wishing to attend this event should email Debra Young, Communities and Culture Administrator at debra.young@horsham.gov.uk by 28 September 2015. To be put on the website.

Lisa Boydell, HDC – Request to meet with a Councillor(s) to discuss youth provision in the district. It was agreed to invite Lisa to a Council meeting to speak on the subject.

(JW)

Nigel Barden, HDC – Notification that a licence had been granted to Sussex Police for the use of the car park to run their Operation Vanquish event on Tuesday 18 August 2015. Noted.

Community Engagement Team, Gatwick Airport – Invitation to a meeting with Gatwick Airport to be held on Wednesday 18 September 2015 at The Henfield Hall, Coopers Way High Street, Henfield, BN5 9DB commencing at 7.30 p.m. Any Councillor interested in attending should let Mrs Wright know.

Don Fuller – Request for permission to use the Playing Field for car parking for an open garden day for the National Garden Scheme on the first Sunday in June 2016 to raise money for the Macmillan Nurses and St Peter’s church. No objections were raised to this request provided that the ground was not too wet to accommodate vehicles.

(JW)

9. Post Office

The Post Office had been in contact to say that they had received an offer from the Weald Church to use their premises for a temporary Sub Post Office. A Postmistress willing to run a post office facility in Cowfold for two afternoons a week had been identified.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

It was intended that the first meeting of the new Committee should take place following the Parish Council meeting on Monday 14 September 2015.

11. Public Works Loan

A number of answers were required from questions asked regarding the cost estimates received from the Quantity Surveyor before any decision could be made on the public works loan. This information should be received in the next few days.

12. Skateboard Park

It was reported that vegetation was growing through the newly laid tarmac of the Skateboard Park. Mr Chamberlin said that he had arranged to meet with the contractor to ask him to rectify the situation. Mr Chamberlin also said that he had quotations for grind rails and was currently awaiting quotations for ramps.

13. Pavilion

It was reported that the Football Club together with the Village Hall Management Committee were currently in the process of smartening up the existing Pavilion.

A meeting of the Pavilion Renovation Committee had taken place before the Council meeting which was attended by the Quantity Surveyor and Architect where they presented their plans and cost estimates for the new Pavilion. A number of questions were asked regarding the drawings and cost estimates etc. the answers to which were expected in the next few days.

The next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 7 September 2015 in the Pavilion commencing at 8.00 p.m.

14. Street Art

Mr Rolfe informed the meeting of the progress he had made on the possibility of using street art to improve the look of the village. Following some discussion on the subject it was agreed that Mr Rolfe would contact the Art Department of Collyers 6th Form College to get their thoughts on the matter. Apparently, grants are available from The Arts Council for the purpose.

15. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mrs Precious read the August Planning Report.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

A quotation had been received from Dave Ford Tree Care for necessary surgery to be carried out to a number of trees at a cost of £1,905 excl. All voted in favour of accepting the quotation.

A request had been received from Sue Crofts, a member of the Cowfold Village History Society, to install banners and notices advertising the History Day to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19 September 2015. No objections were raised to the request.

Pond Warden

A report from 'Pete the Pond' had been received on the work recently carried out on the Acorn Avenue pond.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

No further information was available on the status of the speed activation signs.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

The next HALC meeting is to be held on Thursday 10 September at the Roffey Millennium Hall.

Village Hall

The next meeting is to be held in October 2015.

Website

It was suggested that certain Parish Council information could be advertised on the Cowfold Community Facebook page via the website. The other suggestion was that the information could be passed to Anne-Marie Miller to post directly onto the site. Mrs Wright said that she would explore both possibilities.

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CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 14 September 2015**.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.