

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Palling (JP) (Chairman) (P/T) Mrs G Martin (GM)
 Mr C Collins (CC) Mr B Martin (BM)
 Mrs E Precious (EP) Mrs J Wright (JW) (Clerk)
 Mr S Clarke (SC)

Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor

Public: 4

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Lisa Boydell – HDC

As Mr Palling arrived late, Mr Collins chaired the meeting.

Lisa Boydell explained some of the options available for providing activities/assistance for the youth together with various sources of available funding. It was agreed that initially Lisa would contact some Providers asking them to attend a Council meeting to inform the Members of what they have to offer.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S Awcock and Mr R Clarke.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 August 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

Mr Palling said that he wished to speak to the residents who had shown an interest in producing a Neighbourhood Plan personally before arranging the first meeting. (JP/SC)

Mrs Wright had contacted Evolve Estates with regard to the broken wooden base next to the Co-op and had been told that it would be repaired. However, to date no action had been taken. Mrs Wright said that she would contact them again. (JW)

The fence round the car park had still not been mended and another post had broken. Mrs Wright said that she would speak to HDC again. (JW)

Mrs Wright had contacted Annemarie Miller with regard to posting notices on the Cowfold Community Facebook page from time to time in an effort to direct residents to the Parish Council website and she said that she was happy either for the notices to be posted direct or through her.

5. The Public

Mr Rolfe said that the BT inspection cover near to the bus shelter in Henfield Road required attention. Mrs Wright said that she would contact BT and ask them to rectify the problem.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe also said that the roads throughout the village were in need of sweeping and that someone was seen randomly spraying weedkiller. Mrs Wright said that she would ask HDC to sweep the roads and Mr Barnard said that he would try to find out if it was someone from WSCC who was supposed to be killing weeds.

(JW/LB)

Mr Chamberlin said that some work was required to repair the bus shelter at the end of St Peter's Close. Mr Collins said that he would find out what the problem was and what needed to be done.

(CC)

Mr Brooke complained about the weeds growing at Palmerston House, and a problem with foul smelling water running down Henfield Road from the Village Hall which was the result of a container full of stagnant water being tipped over accidentally.

Mr Brooke also asked what progress had been made on the installation of flashing road signs in the village and was told that the Safer Roads Committee were currently waiting for WSCC Highways to decide where they could be connected.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Clarke reported on the following items:

- Planning
- Horsham District Council Development Plan
- Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre
- Health & Wellbeing

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Number of WSCC Councillors in the Horsham Area
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- WSCC/HDC Plan

With regard to the planters that were to be installed outside the Co-op, Mr Barnard said that they had not yet been ordered which was fortunate as the ones that had been selected were too large. Mr Barnard said that he had located some smaller ones and would endeavour to get them ordered and installed as soon as possible.

(LB)

8. Correspondence

West Sussex Mediaton Service – Letter thanking the Council for its donation. Noted.

Sue Franks, HDC – Invitation to attend the HDC Chairman's Trust Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 24 October 2015 at 7.30pm at the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham RH12 1JF. Noted.

Neighbourhood Policing Team – Results of Operation Vanquish which was held in Cowfold on 18 August. Noted.

Jenny Baldwin – Request to use the Playing Field for the annual firework display. There were no objections raised to the request provided that all debris is removed promptly.

9. Post Office

The new Post Office facility will be available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.00 p.m commencing on Tuesday 6 October 2015 in The Smithy, Bolney Road.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Covered under Item 4, Matters Arising.

11. Public Works Loan

Nothing to report.

12. Skateboard Park

Mr Chamberlin said that the contractor who laid the tarmac for the skateboard park had inspected the problem with vegetation growing through and said that he would put it right.

It was agreed that initially two wooden grind rails should be installed on the tarmac.

13. Pavilion

It was agreed to have the exploratory work carried out on the Pavilion at a cost of around £3,000 exclusive of VAT following the results of which a more accurate rebuild cost would be available.

14. Street Art

Mr Rolfe had spoken to the head of the Art Department at the 6th Form College on the subject of Street Art and was currently waiting for information on it. It was suggested that possible sites throughout the village should be identified.

15. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Collins read the Planning Report for September 2015.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

Mrs Wright had received several complaints regarding the quality of the grass cutting

and grounds maintenance recently. This had been reported to the contractors and the problem will be addressed

Ant Parsons had requested permission to rope off the whole of the football pitch this season due to a County requirement. All four corners have been left open for pedestrian use. No objections were raised to this request.

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Mr Martin reported on the recent HALC meeting that he had attended.

Village Hall

The next meeting is to be held in October 2015.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12 October 2015**.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.