

Mrs Wright had contacted Horsham District Council to book the mobile skateboard equipment for a day in the Easter holidays and was currently awaiting a response. It was agreed to pay the required fee of £30 per hour.

A response had been received from WSCC Highways to a request to install posts or a fence on the grass verge opposite the Co-op to prevent vehicles parking on it. The Highways Officer had spoken to his Manager who said that at the present time WSCC are not funding or supporting any request for verge posts or fencing but a job request had been raised for the verge to be stone based plus soil and seeded when the weather improved. This was considered to be unsatisfactory and discussion took place on investigating the possibility of the Parish Council installing posts.

Mr Palling had contacted Tony Steer, Chairman of Bolney Parish Council who had offered to attend the Council meeting.

The road sign opposite the Care Home was still lying on the ground. Mrs Wright said that she would report the problem to Highways once more.

(JW)

5. The Public

Mr Chamberlin said that the road surface in St Peter's Close had broken up again. Mrs Wright said that she would report the problem to Highways.

(JW)

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Boundary Commission Electoral Review of West Sussex
- Fire & Rescue Services changes
- Expected Council Tax Increase.

Mr Barnard had no further information on the installation of the planters for outside the Co-op and was told that if there was no positive news to be reported at the February meeting the funding should be transferred to the Parish Council from West Sussex County Council in order that it may make its own arrangements for the installation.

8. Correspondence

The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of West Sussex: Draft Recommendations. Noted.

9. Vehicle Activated Sign

A request for funding had been received from The Cowfold Safer Roads Committee to assist in the purchase of a VAS to be located in Henfield Road. It was agreed to fund the shortfall of £1,393 and for the Parish Council to purchase the VAS and take full ownership of it. Mr Dittmer said that the Committee were hoping to eventually raise

enough money to install the signs at the other three entrances/exits to the village. Mr Dittmer was asked to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council to the Committee for their efforts to date.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Clarke had rearranged the date of the Neighbourhood Planning meeting for Monday 25 January 2016 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Reading Room of the Village Hall.

11. Skateboard Park

Mr Chamberlin said that the grind rails had been installed but he was still waiting for quotations for the manufacture of the ramp. It was suggested that he contact Beacon Fencing at Haywards Heath as it was thought that they could carry out the work quickly.

12. 2016/17 Budget

Mr Collins had presented the 2016/17 budget at the December 2015 meeting and as there were no further comments all voted in favour of requesting a Precept of £37,288.64.

Mrs Martin expressed an interest in any suggestions there may be from Members to fund any specific projects thought to benefit the village from possible Parish Council reserves. It was agreed to discuss the subject at the February meeting.

13. Pavilion

A meeting of the Cowfold Pavilion Renovation Committee had taken place prior to the Council meeting. The Committee had examined the quotations received from the Building Surveyor and the Quantity Surveyor. These costs were presented to the Members and it was agreed by all to accept the quotations to the value of £25,000 to be paid from the Pavilion Fund.

14. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 8 February 2016**.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.