

6. The Public

Mr Rolfe had reported that the retaining board between the two play areas had broken and been removed. It was agreed to ask Shaun Stevens to replace it.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe had expressed his concerns about the pollution levels in the village increasing.

Mr Rolfe said that the Co-op cleaners were sweeping the rubbish onto the pavement in the planter area. Mrs Wright said that she would speak to the Manager.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe had also reported on an incident involving an artic lorry which had a problem turning onto the A272 from the A281. It was agreed to investigate the regulations with regard to the size restrictions of artic lorries and the required road layouts to accommodate them.

(JW)

7. District Councillor Report

The District Councillors reported on the following:

- Number of new homes being built
- Strategy for Heritage
- Broadbridge Heath Multigames area status
- Rural Car parking
- Air Pollution

8. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following:

- Councillor Allowances
- Hall & Woodhouse Grant Scheme
- South Coast Devolution Project

9. Correspondence

David Sheldon, Horsham Matters – Request for information on youth activities currently in Cowfold. Mrs Wright said that she would respond to the request.

(JW)

Cowfold Scouts Assistant Group Leader – Email regarding the amount of dog fouling around the Scout Hut area. Noted.

Adam Bunce, 2020 Consultancy – Highways and Transport Planning Support offer. It was agreed to invite Adam to a Council meeting.

(JW)

Home Start – Request for donation. It was agreed not to donate but to put the information onto the website.

(JW)

The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Horsham: Warding Arrangements. Details can be found at www.lgbce.org.uk.

10. Accounts

The second quarter's costs against budget report was tabled.

11. Rural Car Park Proposals

On 21 September 2016, Mr Martin and Mrs Wright had attended a meeting with representatives of HDC to discuss the results of their recent assessment and listen to various proposed options with regard to the future of HDC owned car parks. Unfortunately, the report received did not altogether reflect the discussions that had taken place and had concluded that the best option for Cowfold's car park was for the Parish Council to take over full responsibility. Mr Martin offered to draft a response to the report to be discussed at the next meeting.

(BM)

12. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Clark said that a decision was still awaited with regard to grant applications.

Mr Clark asked if an advertisement asking for a volunteer to join the Committee and look after the finances could be put on the website.

(JW)

13. Skateboard Park

Mr Chamberlin said that the remaining piece of equipment was currently be pre-fabricated and would be installed shortly.

With regard to painting the equipment, Mr and Mrs Martin volunteered, along with Mrs Wright and Mrs Precious.

14. Emergency Plan/Village Volunteers

A discussion paper prepared by Mr Martin and Mrs Precious outlining the concept and purpose of the Cowfold Volunteers was tabled, discussed and approved. An initial amount of £200 to cover the preparation of flyers, advertising etc. was requested and approved. It was also requested that consideration be given to the inclusion of £2,000 for the purpose of purchasing tools and light equipment in the 2017/18 budget.

15. Pavilion

Doug Edwards had emailed saying that all was progressing well with regard to the Building Regulations and construction drawings. He also asked if arrangements could be made to open a section of the floor of the Pavilion for inspection purposes. Mrs Wright said that she would find out how big the opening needed to be and Mr Chamberlin said that he would bring the subject up at the Village Hall Management Committee meeting on 13 October.

(JW)

16. Representatives' Reports

Planning

As Mr Collins was absent no Planning Report for September 2016 was available to read.

Finance

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

Open Spaces

A request had been received to use the Playing Field for a Charity Classic Car show in September 2017. It was proposed to include a fun dog show and a burger van. No objections were raised to the request provided that the ground is not wet and that the football pitch area is avoided as it is likely that a match will be in progress.

It had previously been agreed that the Parish Council would take responsibility for the annual firework display since it was no longer organised by the church. Mr & Mrs Martin had attended the first Parish Council Sub-Committee meeting which had been set up for the purpose and the proposed arrangements had been communicated by an email dated 9 October 2016 to all Members together with a Fireworks HSE checklist. All Councillors in attendance were in agreement with the proposed arrangement.

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 14 November 2016**.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m