

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Palling (JP) (Chairman) Mr C Collins (CC)
Mrs S Parsons (SP) Mr S Clark (SC)
Mrs E Precious (EP) Mrs J Wright (JW) (Clerk)
Mr J Hooper (JH)

Public: 4
Press: 0

Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R Detnon, Mrs M Cutbush, Mr T Clary, Mr J Chowen and Mr R Clarke.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 January 2018 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

Mrs Precious's action to ask Mr Martin if he would be interested in continuing to form a Village Volunteers Committee was deferred for the time being.

Mrs Wright had requested repairs to be made to the car park fence and broken bollards. A request was also made to replace the school signs.

Mr Palling had forwarded a copy of the map produced by WSCC detailing strategic lorry routes to Mr Barnard.

Mrs Wright had invited members of the Fete Committee to a Parish Council meeting.

5. The Public

Mr Chamberlin asked what was happening about the proposed Youth Club. Mr Clark said that a proposal was in preparation.

Mr Rolfe put forward some solutions to traffic problems within the village. Mr Barnard said that any alterations to road layouts, moving of 30mph signs etc. all came at a significant cost.

Mr Rolfe asked if he could purchase an outside cigarette ashtray to be installed at the bus stop outside Godmans Court. This request was agreed by all at a cost of around £25.00.

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Forthcoming CLC meeting Wednesday 7 March 2018 at Steyning Centre
- Council Tax Increase of 4.95%
- Major Road Network Consultation (MRN)

Mr Barnard suggested that the Parish Council should make a representation. It was suggested that a meeting with Bob Lanzer should be requested.

8. Correspondence

Lionel Barnard – Information regarding Sussex Day 16 June 2018. Noted.

9. Members' Contact Details

Mr Palling had received a Spam email from another Councillor and had concerns with regard to Councillor's email addresses appearing on the website, noticeboards etc. After some discussion it was decided that there was no obvious solution to this problem and, therefore, would be discussed after more thought had been given to the matter.

10. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Mr Hooper gave an update on the status of the plan and said that he would circulate a copy of the recently produced Scoping report. He also said that he had booked the Village Hall Reading Room for a public exhibition on Friday 23 March 2018 from 12.00-8pm.

11. Cowfold Air Quality Update

Mr Clark had received an email from HDC to say that a response to a request for Defra funding for a few projects including a feasibility study for the advisory signs scheme was awaited. The outcome of the Cabinet Member meeting regarding the advisory sign scheme for lorries was also awaited.

12. Emergency Plan/Village Volunteers

Mr Clark suggested that another Clean-up date should be arranged. Mrs Precious said that she would locate the list of volunteers from the last event.

(EP)

13. Newsletter

Mrs Cutbush had sent a message to say that the Spring edition of the Cowfold News was currently at the printers.

14. Allmond Centre Management Committee Update

Mrs Precious gave an update on progress made with regard to the build and management of the new facility, which is currently on schedule to complete at the end of the month.

15. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Collins read the planning report for January 2018.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Approval was given for a direct debit to be given to the bank to pay for website hosting for the Allmond Centre to be paid for from the Pavilion funds.

Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Mr Collins reported a broken fingerpost. Mrs Wright asked Mrs Precious to forward the footpath number for reporting to WSCC.

(EP)

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

The AGM will be held on Thursday 1 March 2018.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12 March 2018**.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.