

5. The Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

6. District Councillor Report

Lynn Lambert introduced herself as the newly elected Horsham District Councillor.

Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Networking Evening at Leonardslee
- Meeting with Heads of Horsham Schools
- Gypsy and Traveller Sites
- Neighbourhood Wardens
- Ecology, Wildlife and Landscape

7. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

Cowfold Social Committee – Request to allow Robin Lackford, as a Festival sponsor, to display his business banner on the playing field railings on three separate dates. It was agreed to grant permission on this occasion, however, it was agreed that the future of the annual fete should be discussed as an Agenda item at the July 2018 council meeting.

Cowfold Horticultural Society – Request for a donation to assist with summer planting. £300 had been budgeted for and, therefore, it was agreed to donate this amount.

Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance – Request for a grant of £150. There was no budget available for this purpose and, therefore, the request was rejected but it was agreed to put the information on the website.

9. Football Club Requests

Clive Newman, Vice Chairman of the Cowfold Football Club had requested permission for the football pitch to be moved 10 feet in an eastward direction in order to avoid the corner of the field that gets boggy. No objections were raised to this request.

Clive also requested financial support from the Parish Council to assist with pitch renovation and repair due to take place shortly. Following some discussion on the subject it was agreed that due to a significant amount of unforeseen expenditure recently, no financial support would be made available. It was suggested, however, that a more formal process should be put in place to deal with requests for donations and this would be discussed at the Finance meeting at the end of the year.

10. 2017/18 Annual Accounts

A copy of the accounts had been forwarded to Mr Collins for comment and circulated to members at the meeting. Following a brief explanation and answering of questions, the accounts they were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

11. Newsletter

Mrs Cutbush said that she needed some assistance to produce the newsletter especially with regard to gathering articles. Mr Clark suggested a number of residents that he thought would be happy to help and passed this information onto Mrs Cutbush.

12. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Nothing to report.

13. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright asked for opinions on whether or not the newly purchased and installed picnic tables should be bolted down which would make use of the terrace area difficult for events that may require the whole space to be used. As the tables were extremely heavy and it would be difficult though not impossible to steal and CCTV cameras were now operating it was agreed that maybe this should be left for the time being.

A quotation had been received from Shaun Stevens to install 30 metres of 2ft high cleft rail style knee rail round the terrace area. Following some difference of opinion on the subject, it was agreed to circulate photographs of 2ft, 3ft, 4ft and estate type fencing to Councillors to gain a consensus of opinion.

(JW)

It was agreed to move the gate at the Allmond Centre end of the playing field to enable large vehicles to enter avoiding the football pitch.

Mr Palling had obtained several contact details in an effort to get cricket back to the village. Mr Clark knew most of the contacts personally and he and Mr Palling said that they would try to meet with these contacts to ask for any assistance/advice that they could offer.

(JP/SC)

14. Representatives' Reports

Planning

The May Planning report had been circulated.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Mrs Cutbush said that the Bowling Green at Potters Green was in need of a considerable overhaul. Mrs Wright said that she would get a quotation from the tree surgeon.

(JW)

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.

Newsletter

Nothing to report

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 9 July 2018**.

The meeting closed at 9.13 p.m.