

Cowfold Parish Council

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

Present: Mr J Pallling (JP) (Chairman) Mr T Clary (TC)
Mrs M Cutbush (MC) Mr J Hooper (JH)
Mr C Collins (CC) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 18
Press: 0

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Clark.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 October 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

Mr Barnard said that he had asked WSCC Highways to inspect and assess the pavement in Bolney Road which was now considered to be a trip hazard.

Mrs Wright had contacted a member of the Horticultural Society to ask for information on locations, weights etc. of the hanging baskets to enable the application for a licence to be completed.

After considering the request, it was agreed not to pursue the request from Rag Solutions to place clothes banks on Parish Council land.

Following posts on the Community Facebook page inviting residents to join the Parish Council, a considerable amount of interest had been received and, therefore, no further discussion on the subject was necessary.

With regard to comments made at the last meeting following Dr Williams request to purchase a graphical interface to be built by the designers/installers of the heating/hot water system at the Allmond Centre, he suggested a meeting at the Allmond Centre to discuss the possibility of an application being available that would do the same job as had been suggested. Mr Hooper said that he would be happy to meeting with Dr Williams.

(JH)

5. The Public

Members of the public were present to report a current issue within the village. The Parish Council agreed that following receipt of some requested information on the subject that it would be happy to endeavour to do what it could to assist with finding a solution to the problem.

Other members of the public reported on correspondence addressed to residents of Henfield Road received from Fowler Bros proposing that parking in the road should be restricted to the hours between 6pm and 8am. It was also proposed that yellow lines be painted for 10 metres at both sides of the entrance to Fowlers business premises to increase visibility. Attached to the letter was a survey which Fowlers were asking to be completed and returned to them. Concern was expressed that Fowlers had not made the Parish Council aware of its proposals prior to this communication. A number of comments were made by those present on the subject, one of which was that it was considered that parked vehicles was beneficial as it acted as a traffic calming measure. Another major concern was that Cowfold already suffered from a lack of parking areas and Fowler's suggestion would only exacerbate the problem.

Mrs Wright said that she would contact Fowlers expressing concern that they did not approach the Parish Council with their proposals and requesting that in future anything they wished to propose affecting the village be discussed with the Parish Council in the first instance.

(JW)

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen reported on the following:

- Cedar Leas proposed development
- Bridge garage issues
- Year of Culture
- Mid-term financial strategy.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following:

- Remembrance Day Activities
- CLC TRO Applications

8. Correspondence

Neil Ward-Dutton (1st Cowfold Scouts) - Request to lay a path inside the playing field boundary from the lit area opposite the Mercers Mead crossing to the Scout Hut at their own expense. Mr Ward-Dutton was asked to provide a plan of the proposed path and Mrs Wright said that she would investigate any restrictions with regard to the Charity Commission rules.

(JW)

9. Neighbourhood Planing Update

No further progress can be made until the right number of properties has been calculated.

10. The Allmond Centre – Football Club Requests

As no representatives from the Football Club were present, it was agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting.

11. Councillor Co-option

Following an invitation to join the Council being posted on the Cowfold Community Facebook page, five residents had expressed an interest and were present at the meeting. All candidates were handed a new Councillor pack for completion.

12 . Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

A phone call had been received asking for permission to hold an open air film show on the Playing Field sometime in 2019. No objections were raised subject to sight of appropriate insurance certificates, licences etc.

It was reported that the gate that had been installed by a resident at the entrance to the Kicking Field in Acorn Avenue had still not been removed. It was agreed to request its removal within 14 days otherwise the Parish Council would arrange for its removal.

(JW)

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Mr Clary said that he had reported a large pothole in Burnthouse Lane via Love West Sussex but to date nothing had been done about it. Mrs Wright said that she would follow up this request with WSCC Highways.

(JW)

Mrs Wright said that she would speak to the Manager at the Co-op to ask if the recent flooding issue in the car park was being dealt with.

(JW)

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 10 December 2018**.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.