

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Mrs M Cutbush (MC) – Vice Chair Mr S Clark (SC)
 Mr C Collins (CC) Mr S Reading (SR)
 Mr J Bailey (JB) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 3
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 J Palling, Mrs D Everest, Mr P Wilson, Mr T Clary, Mr J Hooper, Ms K Kingshott and Mr L Barnard.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019 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

As Mr Barnard was not present there was no update on the progress of the installation of signs diverting the traffic away from the village to assist with the reduction of pollution.

Mrs Wright had expressed the Council's interest in a digital tourist information screen being installed in the car park.

Mr Reading had posted a poll on the Community Facebook page with regard to installing a basketball area on the playing field. Around 100 responses had been received, two thirds of which were in favour of the proposal. Mrs Wright said that she would investigate the possible siting of a post and the cost of the installation. (JW)

Mrs Cutbush and Mrs Everest had met to discuss Cowfold's possible participation in Horsham Year of Culture Events. Cowfold Village History Society, had obtained a grant to establish a Heritage Trail and produce a leaflet, and Mrs Cutbush and Mrs Everest were going to assist with this and possibly combine the two projects by producing a guided walk based on the leaflet and trail.

5. The Public

Mr Chamberlin asked if any progress had been made with regard to the problems caused by the removal of the bus stop from outside Homelands Nursing Home. Mrs Wright said that last time she spoke to the Manager, she had been told that a solution to the problem was being discussed directly with an Officer from West Sussex County Council.

Daniel Corcoran from Devine Homes PLC wished to congratulate the Parish Council on its recent Neighbourhood Planning exhibition which had been organised and led by Mr Hooper.

Mr Rolfe had raised concerns with regard to the work that had restarted on the pond filling in the back garden of a property in Thornden which was causing residents to walk in the road to avoid the mud and had also caused the footpath to break up. Mrs Wright expressed concern that this work had been allowed to continue by Horsham District Council and without any traffic controls in place.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following:

- Table Tennis for Women
- Healthy Cycle Rides

Mr Chowen said that he had attended the recent Inter Parish Meeting where the proposed Mayfield development was discussed. It was now planned to move the proposed development further west out of Mid-Sussex and into the Horsham district thus having a greater impact on Cowfold. Mr Chowen said that Horsham District Council was expecting to receive a pre planning application from the developers.

7. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

Horsham District Council – Notification of Tree Preservation Orders that had been placed on seven trees along Eastlands Lane.

Jason Frost – Request for the potential use of the playing field to run fitness camps three evenings a week. Mrs Wright said that she would arrange a meeting with Jason to discuss the details further.

(JW)

9. Year of Culture 2019

See 'Matters Arising'.

10. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Mr Hooper had sent a message to say that the exhibition held on 1 March 2019 had been very well received with some good feedback on the day regarding the information, the process and the presentations. Initial counts indicated that there were 188 attendees with 125 feedback forms being completed although an analysis

of all the data had not yet been completed.

11. The Allmond Centre

Due to the lack of volunteers after the Allmond Centre had been completed, Dr Williams had been acting as caretaker for the past twelve months on a voluntary basis. He had now produced a detailed job description which had been emailed to all Councillors earlier in the day. After some discussion on the subject, it was agreed to determine interest by putting out an advertisement for the role to gauge interest.

12. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

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

Mr Bailey had taken on the task of managing the Village Hall replacing Mr Chamberlin following his retirement after 35 years of service.

Mr Collins had made a presentation to Mr Chamberlin on behalf of the Parish Council before the start of the meeting.

Website

Nothing to report.

Newsletter

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 8 April 2019**.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.