

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10 December 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Pallling (JP) (Chairman) Mr P Wilson (PW)
Mr C Collins (CC) Mrs D Everest (DE)
Mr S Clark (SC) Mrs K Kingshott (KK)
Mr T Clary (TC) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)
Mr J Hooper (JH)

Public: 9

Press: 0

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Cutbush, Mr S Reading and Mr J Chowen.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 November 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

With regard to Dr Williams's request to purchase a graphical interface to be built by the designers/installers of the heating/hot water system at the Allmond Centre, Mr Hooper had met with Dr Williams to discuss the possibility of an available application which would do the same job. It was determined that no application was available but Mr Hooper was of the opinion that the quotation received was too high. Dr Williams agreed to contact the supplier to ask if there was any way that the cost could be reduced.

Following a phone call to Fowlers expressing concern that the Parish Council was not approached before they consulted with residents of Henfield Road on the subject of parking restrictions, Mrs Wright had been invited to an informal meeting with the Managing Director to discuss a way forward. Mr Lydon said that he would not pursue the proposal to restrict parking in the road to between 6pm and 8am but would contact WSCC Highways to request permission to install yellow lines at the entrance of their property.

Mrs Wright said that she could not find any Charity Commission rules that would restrict laying a path inside the playing field boundary from the area opposite the

Mercers Mead crossing to the Scout Hut. Detailed plans for the path were still awaited from Mr Neil Ward-Dutton.

The letter requesting the removal of the gate in Acorn Avenue had been written but was still to be delivered.

The pothole in Burnthouse Lane had still not been repaired.

Mrs Wright had not been able to make contact with the Manager of the Co-op with regard to asking if any action had been taken on the car park flooding problem but would endeavour to find out before the next meeting.

(JW)

5. The Public

Mr Chamberlin expressed concern regarding the latest public consultation leaflet that had been delivered by Gladman on the proposed development on land at Bolney Road.

Mr Rolfe expressed concern about the environmentally unfriendly fixings left by whoever was installing and removing cameras from lampposts throughout the County.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following:

- Young Entrepreneur Day
- Recycling.

Mrs Lambert tabled copies of HDC's Year of Culture publication. Mrs Everest was keen to discuss the possibility of organising events in the village. It was agreed to discuss this further as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following:

- Star Awards
- Budget savings.

8. Correspondence

Lloyd Hatton - Request to install a banner on the playing field fence to promote the Junior Football Club from mid-December 2018 to mid- January 2019. No objections were raised to the request.

9. St Peter's School Swimming Pool

Giles Kolter, Head Teacher from St Peter's and Julie De Jager were in attendance to talk about the future of the school swimming pool which had become a financial strain. Julie was of the opinion that there were a number of opportunities for raising money including extending the opening hours in the summer and from interest received from swim schools that would use the pool for lessons but is not possible at present as the pool is not covered.

The current priority is the replacement of the boiler and a quotation from Fowlers to do this work was awaited. It was suggested that Fowlers should be asked to quote to cover the pool and the total costs of running and maintaining the pool should be calculated.

Giles and Julie were encouraged to return to the Council when this information was available. However, in the meantime, it was agreed to assist by compiling a list of possible sources of funding.

(ALL)

10. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Mr Hooper reported that after much debate and taking into consideration the latest advice from Horsham District Council, National Government and with insight via Dowsett Mayhew, the housing numbers have been finalised. A closed meeting would take place following the main Council meeting with a view to agreeing this figure. A public meeting will take place in February 2019 to present the preferred sites.

11. The Allmond Centre – Football Club Requests

Clive Newman and Peter Beaney were in attendance representing Cowfold Football Club. The list of requests contained in the email dated 1 November from Clive Newman was discussed and agreement was made as follows:

- No objection was raised to shelving being installed in the external storeroom
- It was suggested that to acquire additional storage, planning authorisation could be sought to extend the remaining concrete base over by the Scout Hut to accommodate an additional container.
- No objection was raised to installing door bells
- No objection was raised to the stretcher being fixed to the wall of the home changing room
- To enable spectators to use the changing room toilet facilities, the Parish Council agreed to look at putting locks on the benches to allow valuables to be stored during the match
- To solve the problem of instances where there may be a male and female referee needing changing space, it was suggested that a screen could be used to separate areas in the Officials Room or simply to take turns.

All other requests/comments were rejected.

12. Minute Books

As Mrs Cutbush was not in attendance, it was agreed to discuss this item at the January 2019 meeting.

13 . Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

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Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Mr Collins asked for any suggestions for expenditure to be sent to Mrs Wright to be considered by the Finance Committee for inclusion in the 2019/20 budget.

(ALL)

Open Spaces

It was agreed to accept the quotation for playground repairs to include the reinstatement of hopscotch markings at a total cost of £1.420.00.

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 14 January 2019**.

The meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.