

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 July 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) – Chairman
Mr D Wilkins (DW)
Ms K Kingshott (KK)
Mr J Hooper (JH)

Mr S Clark (SC)
Mrs D Neville (DN)
Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 5
Press: 0

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 and Mr J Chowen.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 June 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

Mrs Wright had handed the Footpath map to Mrs Neville.

5. The Public

Mr Rolfe said that the grass had not been cut on the corner of Barleycroft and that the old Co-op site was in need of attention. Mrs Wright said that she would contact WSCC with regard to grass cutting and the estate agent dealing with the old Co-op site.

(JW)

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- Air Quality Steering Group
- Local Plan Review

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Velo
- Budget Savings

8. Correspondence

Andy Williams – Proposals and requests regarding the hire of the Allmond Centre by Cowfold Football Club. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss this correspondence.

9. LB&HC Junior Football Club Grant Application

The Parish Council had received a grant application from Lower Beeding and Handcross Junior Football Club for £900 to support the cost of hiring the Allmond Centre for its matches and training sessions on Saturday mornings on the Playing Field at Cowfold for the 2019/20 season. The application was reviewed at a special meeting of the Finance Committee when it was considered in detail. The Committee recommended an amount of £450 viewed as seed corn funding be awarded to be used solely for the hire of the Allmond Centre in the hope that over the next few years the Club will be able to increase the number of Cowfold children in the U5s, Under 7s and Under 13s (currently 18 out of 27). It was also hoped that having access to the full Allmond Centre facilities would allow the Club to raise significant funds by selling refreshments to the forty or so spectators. It had also been noted that income raised by subscriptions from the younger age groups playing at Cowfold was used to support the older age groups playing at Lower Beeding/Handcross and it was suggested that the Club should approach both Lower Beeding and Slaugham Parish Councils seeking further funding. All voted in favour of an award of £450.

10. MMT

All recent correspondence relating to actions being taken by LAMBS with regard to the Mayfield proposal had been circulated to all Members before the Council meeting. Within the correspondence, a request had been made for financial support to produce transport study, flooding & drainage and ecology reports which were estimated to cost in the region of £7,500. Cowfold's share of the estimate had been calculated to be £718. All voted in favour of agreeing to contribute a sum up to but not exceeding an amount of £718 solely for the purpose of producing the reports. However, it should be made clear that this does not mean that Cowfold would be prepared to contribute any further funds.

11. Year of Culture 2019

Nothing to report.

12. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Mr Hooper reported that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted for its 'health check' and feedback was currently awaited before a six week public consultation period can commence.

13. The Allmond Centre

Mr Reading suggested that racking should be installed in both the inside and outside store areas to enable more storage and said that he would measure the areas and produce an estimate of the likely costs.

(SR)

Mrs Wright agreed to investigate the cost of locking the benches in the changing rooms to enable personal belongings to be stored safely by users of the facility.

(JW)

Mrs Wright reminded Members that a Caretaker still needed to be found to replace Dr Williams who had been doing the job on a voluntary basis since the facility opened but had always said that he would only continue until September 2019.

14. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

The Football Club had requested permission to display a banner on the playing field railings advertising their car boot sale. No objections were raised to the request.

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 12 August 2019**.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.