

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9 December 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) - Chairman
Mr J Hooper (JH)
Ms K Kingshott (KK)

Mr S Clark (SC)
Mrs D Everest (DE)
Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 2
Press: 0

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Wilkins, Mrs D Neville, Mr J Palling and Mr J Chowen.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 October 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

Mr Clark had drafted an advertisement for the role of Allmond Centre Caretaker.

Mr Clark had contacted Horsham District Council with regard to the positioning of the air pollution monitors.

Several suggestions had been put forward to be considered for inclusion in the 2020/21 budget.

The digital tourist information board was due to be connected on Tuesday 10 December 2019.

5. The Public

Mr Rolfe reported that the rubbish that had been dumped in the coach park had not yet been collected. Overgrown vegetation was obscuring the footpath outside properties in Thornden.

(1627)

Mr Rolfe also suggested that the worn panels in the bus shelter at the top of St Peter's Close could be covered with old Cowfold scenes. Mrs Wright said that she would ask for some appropriate photos from the Cowfold History Society to use and investigate the cost of creating panels.

(JW)

Mr Rolfe also reported a problem with the wood on the skateboard equipment which was lifting. Mrs Wright said that she would ask Mr Wilkins to inspect the equipment and report his findings.

(JW/DW)

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- Christmas refuse collection dates
- HDC Local Plan review
- Strategic housing development consultation

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Reintroduction of weed spraying and gritting
- County Lines
- Select Committee name changes

8. Correspondence

Matt Oliver – Request for speed control signs and a controlled crossing on the A272 from Mercers Mead to the Playing Field. Mr Hooper had already been investigating the cost etc. of installing signs and Mrs Wright agreed to follow this up by speaking to other Parishes who have recently installed signs. It was also agreed to investigate the Community Highways Scheme with regard to the possibility of installing a controlled crossing

(JW)

9. WSCC/HDC Strategy on Electric Cars

Mr Wilkins was awaiting further information from WSCC.

10. Neighbourhood Planning Update

The public consultation period will end at 5.00pm on 24 December 2019. Mr Hooper was currently gathering all documentation together which will be submitted to Horsham District Council at the end of January 2020.

11. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright reported that Fowlers were currently rectifying some issues before the final completion certificate can be issued.

(1628)

It was suggested that West Grinstead may also have a problem with recruiting a Caretaker for their Village Hall. Mrs Wright said that she would speak to the Clerk to find out what the situation was and if we could maybe join forces.

(JW)

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

Mr Wilkins had joined up for the Sussex Police Speedwatch scheme on-line but more volunteers would be required. Mr Clark agreed to design a leaflet to be printed and delivered to properties in Cowfold containing information on how to get involved.

(SC)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 January 2020**.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.