

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10 February 2020 in the Village Hall

Present: Mrs D Everest (DE) – (Chair) Mr D Wilkins (DW)
Ms K Kingshott (KK) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 4
Press: 0

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Reading, Mrs D Neville, Mr J Palling, Mr S Clark and Mr J Hooper.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020 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

A quotation had been received for the repair of the skateboard equipment. (See Item 13 Finance.

The cost of installing speed control signs and speedwatch issues were still being progressed by Mr Wilkins. A cheque for £736.08 had been received from The Cowfold Safer Roads Committee being the funds remaining when the Committee disbanded. These funds will be allocated to assisting with the purchase of speed control signs.

An Extraordinary meeting was held on Thursday 30 January 2020 where the issues that had delayed submission were discussed and agreed. The plan was submitted to Horsham District Council on Friday 31 January 2020.

Ms Kingshott was awaiting prices for Hi Vis jackets.

Mr Clark had spoken to the Co-op staff with regard to flooding in the car park. The manager said that he would contact the landowner.

5. The Public

Mr Chamberlin asked if the Planning Committee meeting decision notes could be reinstated on the website. He also asked for clarification of the Allmond Centre finances and if it would be possible for an initiative to be created similar to Watershed but for the repair of footpaths. It was agreed to post the planning application decisions on the website. Mrs Wright explained the Allmond Centre finances and said that she would contact Lionel Barnard with regard to the footpath repair request.

Mr Bailey raised the subject of a possible cycle pump track at the back of the playing field. He was informed that the Parish Council supported this idea but was currently waiting for further information from Lloyed Hatton regarding the project and possible funding sources.

Mr Rolfe was concerned with overgrown vegetation throughout the village. He was asked to make a list of his concerns.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert and Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Next Air Quality Committee Meeting – 25 February 2020.
- Inter Parish Meeting
- Rewilding Project
- HDC Local Plan

7. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

Fay Revell – Youth Club Issues. It was agreed to make this an Agenda item for the next meeting and invite Dean Sweet and Fay to the meeting.

Cowfold Horticultural Society – Request for the annual donation of £300 to fund summer planting and an additional amount of £300 to plant out all the planters around the Allmond Centre and maintain the planters outside the Co-op. This request was agreed by all.

Nikki Ernest – Request to purchase banners/flyers objecting to the Mayfield development as discussed at the recent Inter Parish meeting. It was agreed that Cowfold PC would produce their own.

(JW)

9. WSCC/HDC Strategy on Electric Cars

Nothing to report.

10. Village Fete

An email had been received from Alex Raynos requesting support from the Parish Council regarding the hire of the Allmond Centre for the village fete. It was agreed to accept option 1 of the 3 as follows:

The Parish Council to act as a sponsor by hiring the Allmond Centre at a cost of £130.00. In return, the fete committee will appoint an outsourced company specialising in decorating venues to decorate the Allmond Centre on the day. Also to undertake the work and cost of printing literature to promote the Allmond Centre.

11. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Nothing further to report.

Mrs Everest reported on the meeting she had attended at Horsham District Council on 5 February 2020 regarding the Local Plan.

12. The Allmond Centre

The repairs to the ladies toilets had been completed.

13. Representatives' Reports**Planning**

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Mr Wilkins and Mrs Wright had met with Ray Jones of R J Playground Services Limited to discuss the repair of the skateboard park equipment and the refurbishment of the Acorn Avenue play area. A quotation had subsequently been received for the work and it was agreed to accept the quotation for the total sum of £9,675.00 excl. VAT. Mrs Wright said that she would apply for the £2,500 Section 106 money currently being held by HDC to assist with the funding of this work.

(JW)

Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Mr Wilkins had volunteered to become Speed Watch coordinator once the existing coordinator had been removed from the system. There were currently around half a dozen volunteers who would shortly receive training. It was agreed to try and drum up interest by advertising for volunteers on the website and the Community Facebook page.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Mr Bailey reported that all bookings for the hire of the Village Hall now have to be made on-line. There will be no facility for manual booking available as from Tuesday 11 February 2020.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 9 March 2020**.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.