

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2021 via Video Link

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) – (Chairman) Mr S Clark (SC)
Mr J Hooper (JH) Mr D Wilkins (DW)
Mrs D Everest (DE) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)
Mrs D Neville (DN)

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Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Kingshott.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 December 2020 were agreed by all as a true and correct record:

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Mr Wilkins was awaiting approval from West Sussex County Council for the positioning of the sign that has been requested for installation eastbound from Bolney on the A272.

Mr Wilkins was planning to visit Rogate where an outdoor gym had recently been installed.

A further meeting had been requested to discuss the shed that had been installed on the Kicking Field.

5. The Public

Nothing to report.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following issue:

- HDC Local Plan

7. County Councillor

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Election Postponement
- WSCC 2021/22 Budget

8. Correspondence

None.

9. 2021/22 Annual Budget

Following the Finance Committee meeting that took place on Tuesday 5 January 2021, the proposed 2021/22 budget had been circulated to all Members. All voted in favour of requesting a 2% increase in the annual Precept.

It was agreed to grant a sum of £360 to the newly formed Cowfold Community Pool Charity to pay for the first year's on-line booking system.

It was also agreed to allow for a sum of £1,200 for a 'Making Cowfold more Nature Friendly' project.

10. Future Community Projects

The subject of future community projects including the requested skateboard park upgrade was discussed. It was agreed to produce a questionnaire to be delivered to all residents (when safe to do so) asking for suggestions which would benefit the whole community. Mrs Neville volunteered to draft the questionnaire and Mr Hooper said that he would send her a copy of the questionnaire that had been used to gather information for the Neighbourhood Plan.

(DN/JH)

11. High Speed Broadband

The Department of Culture Media and Sport had sent out voucher emails to all those who had pledged their vouchers and the project was progressing with implementation expected to be around September/October 2021.

12. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

Nothing more to report.

13. Neighbourhood Planning Update

The limited re-run of the Regulation 16 consultation period ends on 11 February 2021.

14. The Allmond Centre

Nothing to report.

15. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Mrs Wright reported on correspondence received from an insurance company requesting permission to fell an Oak tree next to an Acorn Avenue property which was thought to be causing damage to the property. It was agreed that no objections would be raised provided Horsham District Council authorised the felling of the tree following consideration of a planning application requesting to do so.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

It was agreed not to submit a separate response to the Gatwick night flights consultation.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 8 February 2021**.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.