

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 March 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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Kingshott, Mr J Chowen and Mrs L Lambert.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 February 2021 were agreed by all as a true and correct record:

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Mr Hooper will be setting up a Sub-Committee to address the subject of Greening Cowfold.

Mrs Neville had organised two Sub-Committee meetings to discuss Future Community Projects and a questionnaire requesting ideas from residents had been put on the website. A good response had been received to date.

The road markings had been replaced following the recent resurfacing.

5. The Public

Nothing to report.

6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

7. County Councillor

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- County Council and Police & Crime Commissioner Elections on 6 May 2021.
- Announcement that Mr Barnard would not be standing for re-election.
- Update on Recycling Centres.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Co-option

Ms Joanne Knowles was proposed by Mr Hooper, seconded by Mr Clark and agreed by all. Ms Knowles was welcomed to the meeting as a new Member of the Parish Council.

10. Greening Cowfold

Mr Hooper and Ms Knowles were to attend a Zoom meeting with Horsham District Council regarding the possibility of obtaining a grant under the Community Climate Fund.

11. Future Community Projects

The questionnaire had been put on the Parish Council website and the response to date had been encouraging.

12. High Speed Broadband

Mr Hooper confirmed that the project was progressing with implementation thought to be around the end of the year.

13. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

The public notices had been put up informing residents that speed signs were to be installed at the junction of Oakfield Road and in The Street on the A272. Providing no objections are received, organisation of the purchase and installation of the signs will proceed.

14. Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Horsham District Council Regulation 16 consultation closed on 11 February 2021 and all responses have been considered by both HDC and the independent Public Examiner. A clarification note has been received from the examiner only raising detail points of understanding or language clarification. Mr Hooper had prepared a draft response and was awaiting feedback from HDC and the CNP steering group. The public referendum was still expected to be held in May 2021.

15. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright reported that bookings for hire of the Allmond Centre were being received, the first being for the elections to be held on 6 May 2021.

It was agreed to discuss the recruitment of a Caretaker and other issues in more detail at the April Council meeting.

16. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Mr Hooper said that the soil which had been dumped at Bridge Garage in Henfield Road had still not been removed. Mrs Wright said that she would

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contact Horsham District Council.

(JW)

Allotments

Mr Hooper said that he thought there were vacant allotment plots at Potters Green and suggested that residents waiting for an Eastlands Lane plot may be interested in contacting the person responsible for the Potters Green site and agreed to send contact details for Mrs Wright to contact residents currently on the waiting list.

(JH/JW)

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Mr Clark said that he would send Mrs Neville the details of the footpath at Picts Lane that the farmer was blocking preventing access to the land enabling her to report the issue to West Sussex County Council.

(SC/DN)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

The next HALC meeting which Mrs Everest will be attending is due to be held on Thursday 29 April 2021.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12 April 2021.**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.