

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14 June 2021 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) Chairman
Mr J Hooper (JH)
Mrs D Everest (DE)
Mr D Wilkins (DW)

Mr S Clark (SC)
Mrs J Knowles (JK)
Mrs A Foley (AF)
Mrs J Wright (JW) Clerk

Public: 2
Press: 0

Mrs S Payne – West Sussex County Councillor
Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Kingshott and Mrs D Neville.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 17 May 2021 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests with regard to any item on the Agenda.

4. Matters Arising

It was agreed to request comments from the public on the subject of verge planting by putting the question on the website and the Community Facebook page.

As WSCC were not permitting Officers to attend meetings due to the pandemic, it was agreed to arrange a separate meeting via a Zoom link when convenient to both Steve Douglas and Adrian Berendt. Mr Wilkins and Mrs Knowles to liaise to arrange the date to enable Mrs Wright to set up a meeting.

(DW/JK)

A separate meeting to discuss the future of the Allmond Centre was to be arranged.

(JW)

5. The Public

There were no questions from members of the public..

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen and Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- HDC Local Plan Update

7. County Councillor Report

Mrs Payne reported on the following issues:

- COVID-19 update
- Sussex Day
- West Sussex Transport Plan
- Rampion Consultation

8. Correspondence

None.

9. 20mph Speed Limit

Separate meeting to be arranged.

10. Greening Cowfold

Mr Hooper updated the meeting on the progress being made on the Greening Cowfold project which included working with the Co-op on the installation of additional recycling bins and the creation of a butterfly haven. It was agreed to purchase a Greening Cowfold banner to be displayed at Cowfest and other events at a cost not to exceed £100.

11. Future Community Projects

Mrs Neville was not present at the meeting but had circulated an email update on the subject.

12. High Speed Broadband

Openreach had been seen laying cables throughout the village.

13. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

Mr Wilkins and Mrs Everest reported on the recent speed watch sessions that had taken place. It was agreed to purchase another speed gun once additional volunteers had been sought.

A licence for the installation of a speed sign on the A272 Bolney Road was expected to be received from WSCC shortly. No other sites have currently been agreed.

14. Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Neighbourhood Plan was still awaiting final sign-off.

15. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright updated the meeting on the rat problem at the Allmond Centre and agreed to contact the insurance company to request advice on the way forward.

(JW)

16. Village Clean-Up Day

Mr Clark agreed to speak to Bryan Martin, the organiser of the last Clean Up day to ask if he would be interested in organising another on behalf of the Parish Council.

(SC)

17. 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

Mrs Wright said that she would report the missing traffic signs on the A281.

(JW)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 July 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.