

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 in the Allmond Centre

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) – (Chairman) Mr D Wilkins (DW)
Mr J Hooper (JH) Mrs J Knowles (JK)
Mrs D Everest (DE) Mrs J Foley (AF)
Mr S Clark (SC) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

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Mrs S Payne – West Sussex County Councillor

Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

Visitors: Steve Douglas, WSCC & Adrian Berandht, 20's Plenty

Adrian presented to the Members the work that 20's Plenty had been doing to try to reduce speed limits through villages to 20mph. Steve presented the view of WSCC on the subject.

1. Apologies

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 July 2021 were agreed by all as a true and correct record:

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Steve Douglas and Adrian Berandht had been invited to attend the August Council meeting.

The meeting with Bryan Martin regarding the Village Clean-Up day had been delayed until Friday 13 August.

Confirmation had been received from Cowfold Football Club that they would be prepared to pay the current rates to use the Allmond Centre facilities.

A new resident of Potters Green who had joined the Greening Cowfold group, had offered to speak to the other residents with regard to recycling bins being sited in the Bowling Green area.

5. The Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- HDC Local Plan Update.

7. County Councillor

Mrs Payne had circulated a report covering the following issues:

- Children's Services.
- Impact of COVID on the West Sussex economy.
- 'Safe against Scams' Webinars
- Summer Holiday Activities and School meals programme.
- Advice after Exam results.
- WSCC Climate Change Strategy.
- The future of Transport in West Sussex.

8. Correspondence

Kent Street Resident – Rampion II. Mrs Everest agreed to be the point of contact on this subject. Mrs Lambert asked that Mrs Everest contact her to ensure that current data was being shared appropriately. It was also agreed to contact the Kent Street resident to inform him that he would be contacted following consultation with Horsham District Council and subsequent discussion at the September Council meeting.

(DE/JW)

9. 20 mph Speed Limit

It was agreed to gain the opinion of the public by producing a questionnaire to be put on the Community website page and the website. The subject is to be discussed in more detail at the September Council meeting.

10. Annual Accounts 2020/21

Copies of the details of the accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions with regard to the figures and therefore, the 2020/21 accounts were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

11. Greening Cowfold

Mr Hooper reported that to create a butterfly haven on the Kicking Field would cost around £1,000. Mrs Payne's company had agreed to donate the sum of £500 to the project. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the remainder from the Community Infrastructure Levy funds. However, it was also agreed that initially, the residents of Oak Apple Close should be consulted.

(JH)

12. Future Community Projects

Mrs Neville had sent a message to say that she was still waiting for feedback from Mr Hooper and Mr Clark regarding her email to the four residents who had come up with ideas for the playing field.

(JH/SC)

13. High Speed Broadband

Implementation was still thought to be by the end of the year.

14. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

Mr Wilkins said that more volunteers were required to undertake regular speed

watch sessions.

Mr Wilkins had received two quotations with regard to the speed sign installation in Bolney Road and was awaiting a third.

15. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Nothing to report.

16. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright reminded Members that Dr Williams would be stepping down from managing the Allmond Centre at the end of the week commencing 16 August 2021 and the recruitment of someone to take over was now extremely urgent. Mr Clark said that he would produce an advertisement from the job description that had been circulated before the July meeting. However, in the absence of recruiting a replacement before the 20 August, provision will need to be made to cover the duties.

(SC/ALL)

17. Village Clean-Up Day

Nothing further to report.

18. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Mrs Neville had been told that the public footpath that tends to flood at Littlebrook, has had some bridges installed, however, the feedback was that it is thought that it is not enough to solve the problem. Mrs Neville said that she would speak to the WSCC Ranger.

(DN)

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

The draft Minutes of the recent meeting had been circulated to all Members.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 September 2021.**

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.