

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021 in the Allmond Centre

Present: Mr J Hooper (JH) (Acting Chairman) Ms J Knowles (JK)
Mrs D Everest (DE) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)
Mr S Clark (SC)

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Mrs S Payne – West Sussex County Councillor

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor

Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

Visitor: Joe Fowler, Devine Homes

Joe presented a proposal to hand over ownership to the Parish Council of all land south of the proposed Potters Green housing development to include the responsibility of maintaining the new car park and allotments. It was agreed to discuss the proposal at the November Parish Council meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Reading, Ms K Kingshott, Mr D Wilkins and Mrs A Foley.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 were agreed by all as a true and correct record:

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Mrs Everest had contacted the Kent Street resident with regard to the Rampion II project.

The residents of Oak Apple Close and surrounding area had been consulted with regard to the creation of a butterfly haven on the Kicking Field.

A Facilities Manager/Caretaker had been recruited.

Residents of Potters Green had been consulted with regard to the siting of recycling bins in the Bowling Green area.

5. The Public

Mr Langlands Pearse expressed concerns regarding the siting of the proposed Rampion substation and how it would affect Oakendene Estate and surrounding area.

It was agreed to discuss this as an Agenda item at the November Parish Council meeting.

A resident was updated on the status of the installation of speed indicator devices.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen and Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- HDC Local Plan update and how the current water issues will affect all future housing.

7. County Councillor

Mrs Payne had circulated a report covering the following issues:

- Every Mind Matters.
- More children to benefit from mental health support in schools.
- Impact of COVID on the West Sussex economy.
- Advice on Energy Bills.
- Countdown to COP.
- The Race to net Zero for businesses.
- Recycling Centre winter opening hours reminder.
- Ash Dieback Disease.
- Latest Covid-19 Stats for West Sussex.
- Potholes.

Mrs Payne was asked to following up on reports made to WSCC Highways regarding damaged and fallen road signs and the status of the pedestrian crossing application.

(SP)

8. Correspondence

Cowfold Football Club – Request for a response to an email sent on 17 June 2021 and an enquiry as to whether the Parish Council had any objections to the Club applying for a license to sell alcohol from the Allmond Centre on match days. It was agreed to consider these points at the November meeting.

Mick Clarke – Bridge Garage – Notification of revised drawings submitted to HDC. Mrs Everest said that she would contact HDC for a progress update and confirmation of the date by which comments will be accepted.

(DE)

9. 20 mph Speed Limit

The results of the questionnaire put on the Community Facebook page appeared to be positive and, therefore, the subject of introducing 20mph speed limits was thought to be worth pursuing by those Councillors present. Mr Hooper agreed to contact Mrs Payne for a statement confirming support for the project.

(JH)

10. Greening Cowfold

The progress made on Greening Cowfold was presented. Current projects included creation of a Butterfly Haven, siting of recycling bins (complete), bug hotel, bulb planting and proposed additional planting at the Bowling Green.

11. Future Community Projects

Mr Clark said that he would draft a response to the residents who had completed questionnaires explaining the current status.

(SC)

12. High Speed Broadband

Implementation was now thought to be completed by the end February 2022 .

13. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

Volunteers were still required to undertake regular speed watch sessions.

Mr Wilkins had now received three quotations for the installation of speed signs. Councillors present were in favour of purchasing the type detailed in the quotation from ElanCity.

14. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Due to the current water abstraction problem, the Neighbourhood plan Publication and the Referendum which was due to be held on 18 November 2021 were cancelled on 8 October 2021.

15. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright said that the Facilities Manager/Caretaker had commenced duties and there had been no problems reported.

16. Village Clean-Up Day

The Village Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday 19 March 2022.

17. 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

Any footpath problems should be directed to Deb Neville for reporting to WSCC.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

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

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.