

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10 January 2022 in the Allmond Centre

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

Ms K Kingshott (KK)
Mr S Clark (SC)
Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District County Councillor
Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District County Councillor

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Wilkins (COVID related) and Ms J Knowles.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 December 2021 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Nothing had been heard from Mrs Payne with regard to chasing up the decision on the pedestrian crossing application. However, Mrs Wright had spoken to Steve Douglas from WSCC Highways and the application had been misinterpreted. A final decision is still awaited.

Mr Clark had drafted a response to residents who had completed questionnaires to explain the current status of the Community Projects programme which will be posted on the Community Facebook page and the website. (JW)

Mr Wilkins had looked at the tree reportedly obscuring the view on Bolney Road. It did not appear to be a problem currently, but may need revisiting in the Spring when the tree is in leaf.

Mrs Wright had requested permission from HDC to site two wheelie bins in the Coach park for collection of single use waste items. No response had been received to date. Mr Chowen said that he would progress the matter. (JC)

The Allmond Centre Caretaker had not responded to a request for a meeting which was now a matter of urgency and needed to be held in the next couple of weeks. (JW)

Ms Knowles was still to make contact with regard to purchasing two benches for the Bowling Green at Potters Green.

(JK)

5. The Public

A Potters Green resident was given answers to questions regarding speed signs, Bowling Green benches, and the proposed housing development.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen and Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- Current water issues affecting all future housing.
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee (To be discussed as an Agenda Item)

7. County Councillor

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. 2022/23 Budget

Following the annual Finance Committee meeting which was held on Friday 7 January 2022, the suggested budget for the financial year 2022/23 was tabled. All voted in favour of requesting a Precept of £69,980 which includes the Public Works Loan annual repayment of £18,318.

10. 20mph Speed Limit

Following the agreement to ensure that requesting a 20mph speed limit (to include a 40mph buffer) complied with WSCC's Speed Limit Policy (2010), Mr Hooper agreed to complete the application form for a TRO on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. Greening Cowfold

The licence required from WSCC to install a herb garden had been applied for.

It was agreed that Greening Cowfold should become a separate Committee. Costs are to be accounted for separately.

(JH)

Mrs Everest was still awaiting a response to the application to participate in the WSCC Community Road Verge project.

12. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

No interest had been received with regard to volunteers to continue with the speed watch project. A quotation was still awaited for installation on the speed sign for Bolney Road.

13. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Nothing to report.

14. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright reported on a few problems concerning the Allmond Centre. It was agreed that a meeting with the Caretaker needs to be arranged

(JW)

15. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

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 14 February 2022.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.