

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 July 2022 in the Allmond Centre

Present: Mr J Hooper (JH) (Vice Chairman) Mrs C Towle (CT)
Mrs D Everest (DE) Mr P Everest (PE)
Ms K Kingshott (KK) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

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

Public: 1
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Reading and Mr Clark.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Information on how the PC's TRO application scored was still awaited. (SP)

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Externiture to replace the panels and clean the bus shelter at the end of St Peter's Close for the sum of £1,927.34 exclusive of VAT. (JW)

It was decided not to pursue an adoption application with regard to the unauthorised footpath.

5. Public

Nothing to report.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen and Mrs Lambert reported on the following issues:

- Water Neutrality
- Neighbourhood Plan Referendum arrangements.

7. County Councillor Report

Mrs Payne had sent an update which had been circulated and included the following:

- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- Avian Flu Case on West Sussex

- Electric Vehicle Charging Network in West Sussex.
- Resident and Community Climate Action Hub.

8. Correspondence

Cowfold Football Club – Request for a meeting with a few Parish Councillors to discuss various issues and requests. It was agreed that a meeting with the Football Club would require all available Councillors to be present and, therefore, it would be preferable if it was an Agenda item to be considered at a Parish Council Meeting. Alternatively, a separate meeting could be held to include all available Councillors, however, any decisions would have to be voted on at a Parish Council meeting.

9. Speed Signs

Mr Everest reported that the pole for the speed sign would be installed on Tuesday 12 July 2022 and be in place for at least a week before the speed sign itself could be attached. Mr Everest agreed to contact the supplier to ask if the sign could be delivered to the installer.

(PE)

10. Outdoor Gym

Mrs Towle and Mrs Wright had met with Tim Bird from Preludic with the intention of exploring the possibility of installing an outdoor gym at a reduced price to accommodate the age range from teenagers to senior citizens. Tim suggested that he produce a SurveyMonkey containing different options to present to residents, especially senior citizens, to determine how popular the gym would be to them, which would narrow down the type of appropriate equipment required. An updated SurveyMonkey was awaited.

(CT/JW)

11. Neighbourhood Planning Update

A referendum date was awaited.

12. The Allmond Centre

Mrs Wright said that the Allmond Centre costs had risen considerably mainly due to the increased oil, electricity and water costs which are expected to rise further in the autumn. Therefore, it was agreed that the hire charges should be increased from September 2022. The Community Area and Changing Room hourly rates will increase from £10.00 to £13.00 for residents and from £15.00 to £20.00 for non residents.

13. 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

It was reported that the traffic lights in the Street were still not working properly. Mrs Wright said that she would report the issue to WSCC again.

(JW)

Mr Hooper was in the final stages of producing the report on Cowfold Road and Traffic Issues. Following its completion, it will be put on the website and a copy will be sent to Sarah Payne.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Greening Cowfold

Mr Hooper updated the Members on the progress of the Greening Cowfold Committee including the recycling activities at the Co-op.

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 August 2022.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.