

## Cowfold Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 August 2022 in the Allmond Centre

**Present:** Mr S Reading (SR) (Chairman)                      Mrs C Towle (CT)  
Mrs D Everest (DE)    Mr P Everest (PE)  
Ms K Kingshott (KK)    Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 10  
Press: 0

Nat King-Smith from M H Architects accompanied by a representative from Saxon Weald presented a proposal to redevelop an area in Fairfield Cottages at the site where the Oak tree, which had been recently felled, had caused damage to the existing properties.

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hooper, Mr Clark, Mr Chowen, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Payne.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 July 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.

The quotation from Externiture to replace the panels and clean the bus shelter had been accepted.

The faulty traffic lights in the Street had been reported to WSCC and an engineer had attended but it was reported that the timings were still not correct. Mrs Wright said that she would contact WSCC again.

(JW)

#### 5. Public

Several residents, including the owners of the property in Acorn Avenue who look after the two protected Oak trees that are in danger of being felled under Planning Application DC/22/0971, were in attendance to request the support of the Parish Council to assist in the preservation of trees on the basis that there are alternative solutions to the problems allegedly caused by the trees to a property in Oakfield Road.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application on the grounds that the environmental and ecological loss to the immediate area cannot be underestimated nor the potential for collateral damage and heave. The Parish Council would also express its strong support for the alternative

tree preserving solution.

There were also residents in attendance who expressed concerns with regard to the WSCC Community Road Verge Scheme (CRVS). There was some confusion with regard to the verges involved in the scheme and those that had not been cut by whoever was responsible for them.

Considerable discussion took place on this subject. In conclusion, the Parish Council expressed its desire to engage fully with residents by listening to views and ideas on how the scheme could be taken forward effectively for the benefit of the environment and requesting the use of the 'Contact Us' form on the Parish Council website [www.cowfold-pc.gov.uk](http://www.cowfold-pc.gov.uk).

## **6. District Councillor Report**

Nothing to report.

## **7. County Councillor Report**

Nothing to report.

## **8. Correspondence**

*Cowfold Resident* – Concerns from a resident who will be affected by the Rampion 2 project by a 50 metre open trench being cut across his property and a request for the support of the Parish Council.

Annie Hirst (Twineham PC) and Nicky Hanley (Bolney PC) had offered to attend the Council meeting to relate the potential issues that should be addressed such as:

- Construction hours
- Overtime including weekend working
- Cable route corridor construction time (6 years)
- Diesel generator noise
- Filtering of surface water drainage
- Lighting
- Construction traffic plan
- Reversing beepers
- Landscaping
- Compensation for residents
- Ecological issues
- Siting of substation equipment

Mrs Everest who has been attending the on-line Project Liaison Group meetings, will be attending the next one to be held in September.

## **9. Speed Signs**

Mr Everest reported that the speed sign had been delivered and he and Dave Wilkins would be installing it shortly.

(PE)

## **10. Outdoor Gym**

The content of the Survey Monkey had been agreed and Mrs Towle would be

carrying out a house to house to determine the type of equipment the village favoured. The survey had also been posted on Facebook.

### **11. Lower Beeding and Cowfold Parish Magazine**

It was agreed to trial the magazine by arranging for an additional 750 copies to be printed, to be delivered to every property at a cost of £395. Residents would then have the opportunity to subscribe to future copies if they wish.

### **12. Neighbourhood Planning Update**

A referendum date was awaited.

### **13. The Allmond Centre**

It was agreed to accept the quotation received to clean the windows, doors and shutters of the Allmond Centre twice a year at a cost of £100.

### **14. 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**

Nothing to report.

#### **Streetlights**

Nothing to report.

#### **Greening Cowfold**

A copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2022 had been circulated containing an update of the activities currently being undertaken.

#### **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 12 September 2022.**

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.