

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022 in the Allmond Centre

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

Mr T Bird – Proludic
Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor
Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Payne.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 October 2022 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Matters Arising

Jo Ball was asked to attend the Clean-up Day to administer first aid if necessary. However, due to the bad weather conditions, the event was cancelled.

5. Public

Mr Rolfe said that he was coming across a number of bottles filled with urine in the playing field area and other parts of the village.

Mr Rolfe also expressed concern regarding parking at the entrance to Barleycroft.

6. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen and Mrs Lambert reported on the following issue:

- Water Neutrality Update
- Local Plan
- Nature Recovery Grant

Mrs Wright asked what the current situation was with regard to the proposal to use the Cisswood House hotel to place juvenile (under 18) male asylum seekers. The District Councillor said that they had no information on the subject.

7. County Councillor Report

Mrs Payne had sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. However, she had sent a message to say that her report would be sent on Tuesday 15 November and that she would ensure that an update on the crossing/20mph schemes would be forwarded within the next week.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Outdoor Gym

Mr Bird presented the results of the Survey Monkey that had been carried out in the village. The survey revealed that the number one preferred piece of equipment was a table tennis table. Mr Bird said that he would produce a plan to include a table tennis table, to be available for the December Council meeting. Mr Bird asked to meet with Mrs Wright and/or Mrs Towle to confirm the positioning of the gym should it be agreed to install one.

10. Greening Cowfold

Mr Hooper reported on the following:

- Facebook Page – to be discussed at the December meeting.
- Butterfly Haven.
- Queen's Canopy Tree planting – Friday 25 November.
- Verge Rewilding.
- Recycling – Permission given to use the PC gazebo.
- Village Clean-up Day – Saturday 18 March 2023.

11. Rampion 2

The Rampion 2 Public meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 23 November 2022 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. It was agreed to purchase two banners as additional advertising to be placed on the Village Hall railings and the Playing Field fence.

12. King Charles III Coronation

Mrs Towle said that she would be happy to organise a village event to celebrate the Coronation in May 2023 and put together some ideas and a budget for consideration at the December meeting.

(CT)

13. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Nothing to report.

14. The Allmond Centre

Ms Kingshott confirmed that she would take over the booking arrangements etc. for the Allmond Centre and it was agreed that she and Mrs Wright would meet to discuss the changeover.

15. Representatives Reports

Planning

Nothing to report

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Mr Everest reported on several problems that required attention.

Mrs Wright said that she would contact R J Playgrounds to ask for a quotation to repair the faulty equipment.

(JW)

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Mrs Wright said that she would write to Andrew Griffiths outlining the problems experienced with West Sussex County Council with regard to the installation of a crossing from Mercers Mead to the Playing Field and the implementation of a 20mph speed limit on both the A281 and A272 through the village.

(JW)

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

Greening Cowfold

See Item 10.

HALC

Mrs Everest will be attending the HALC meeting taking place on Wednesday 30 November 2022.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12 December 2022.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.