

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10 July 2023 in the Allmond Centre

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) (Chairman) Mr P Harsum (PH)
Mr J Hooper (JH) Mrs J Newman (JN)
Mrs D Everest (DE) Mrs M French (MF)
Ms K Kingshott (KK) Mrs J Wright (JW) (Clerk)
Mrs C Towle (CT)

Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor
Ms J Knowles – Horsham District Councillor

Public: 4
Press: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Payne.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12 June 2023 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Co-option

Mrs Maria French had applied to become a Member of the Parish Council. Mrs French was proposed by Mrs Towle, seconded by Mrs Everest and agreed by all. Mrs French was invited to join the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

RoSPA were contacted with regard to pond safety precautions who had responded to say that they could test the water, but no other advice was forthcoming.

Mr Harsum had found some suitable replacement goalposts, however, they were quite expensive and, therefore, he was asked to select the best value for money and the subject would be revisited at the next meeting.

(PH)

6. Public

Mr Clark expressed concerns with regard to WSCC Highways issues.

7. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert and Ms Knowles reported on the following:

- Water Neutrality
- Policing
- Buses

- Over 65's
- Brook Hill Development visit
- 20's Plenty

8. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

9. Correspondence

Mr A Trower: Request for an item to be put on the Agenda to discuss arrangements for this year's Christmas Tree. It was agreed to make this an Agenda item for the August Parish Council meeting.

Mr R Holden: Suggestion that a Christmas Tree item should be added to the Agenda; the date to be decided by the Parish Council.

Dr M Smethurst: Request for a response to an email sent to Mrs Everest on 14 June 2023.

10. Outdoor Gym

A new quotation had been received from Proludic containing equipment that had received the most votes from those who completed the recent questionnaire. It was agreed to ask Tim Bird to present the plan at a Parish Council meeting.

(CT/JW)

11. Village Gate

It appeared that the gate had been moved by WSCC but still needed to be confirmed.

(JW)

12. Rampion 2 Update

Dr Smethurst had made a complaint to the Information Commissioner Office (ICO) as she was unhappy with the response she was given with regard to the list of questions that she had asked to be answered. A timeline had been produced containing all correspondence received and sent to and by the Parish Council on the subject from 2020 up to the date that it was emailed to Dr Smethurst. This was apparently not acceptable to Dr Smethurst as she was convinced that the Parish Council were holding information that had not been released. Since that time, Dr Smethurst had sent another email requesting that further questions be answered.

It was suggested that before any further responses were made, the Parish Council should wait until it had been contacted by the Information Commissioner Office (ICO).

13. Environment

Nothing to report.

14. Neighbourhood Planning Upddate

Nothing to report.

15. The Allmond Centre

Ms Kingshott said that there had been increase in bookings. She also said that

due to the increased bookings she had taken over the cleaning of the centre which enabled her to ensure that the facility was ready for the next hirer, on a regular basis. Ms Kingshott had also refined procedures to ensure that she arranged for maintenance, servicing etc. to be carried out on time.

16. Representatives Reports

Planning

Nothing to report

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Allotments

There was currently one allotment available to rent which would be offered to the resident who is first on the waiting list.

Roads & Transport

Mrs Newman was currently pursuing the possibility of recruiting volunteers to restart the speed watch activity.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report

HALC

The meeting that was to be held on 18 July had been cancelled. A new date was awaited.

Website

Nothing to report.

Youth Activities

Mrs Towle was in the process of submitting an application for a grant to assist with the cost of reinstating the Youth Club which was thought to be in the region of £7,000 per year. She had also been visiting schools to determine the needs of all ages of children.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 14 August 2023**.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.