

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Mrs M Cutbush (MC) – Vice Chair Mrs D Everest (DE)
Mr J Hooper (JH) Ms K Kingshott (KK)
Mr P Wilson (PW) Mr S Reading (SR)
Mr T Clary (TC) Mrs J Wright (Clerk)
Mr J Bailey (JB)

Public: 4
Press: 0

Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor
Mr L Barnard – West Sussex County Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Palling, Mr C Collins, Mr S Clark and Mr J Chowen.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest with regard to any item on the Agenda.

4. Matters Arising

With regard to the Co-op car park flooding issues, Mrs Wright had circulated an email from Rob Burnham from Green Plan attaching the condition clearance issued by HDC together with the plans they refer to.

With regard to the subject of digitising the Minute Books, Mrs Cutbush had been in touch with West Sussex County Council and was currently awaiting a cost from them to carry out the work.

5. The Public

Following on from Mr Chamberlin's concerns expressed at the last meeting with regard to drainage problems that could result in the pond filling currently being carried out in the village, Mrs Cutbush gave an updated on her contact with Horsham District Council's Planning Enforcement department and the action being taken.

Mr Chamberlin was also concerned with regard to no action being taken to reduce pollution in the village. Mr Barnard said that he had been told that installing signs diverting heavy traffic away from the village was being reconsidered and would find

out what the current status was.

Mr Chamberlin also commented on issues regarding Neighbourhood Plans being overruled.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert reported on the following:

- Year of Culture 2019
- National Apprentice Week
- New BMX Pump Track
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Access to WSCC S106 monies
- Rapid Electric Charge Points.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following:

- Friends of Sussex Hospice event
- Grant Cuts
- 2019/20 Budget.

8. Correspondence

Thornden Residents – Request to install double yellow lines at the A281 end of Thornden. Mr Barnard suggested that further support from residents was required but still it could not be guaranteed that authorisation would be granted and in any case it was difficult to police vehicles being parked on yellow lines. It was also reported that some residents had not cut back hedges which was forcing people to walk into the road. Mrs Wright said that she could write to the owners asking for the hedges to be cut back to alleviate this problem.

Horsham District Council – Information on the installation of digital tourist information screens in HDC owned car parks. It was agreed to express an interest in a screen being installed in Cowfold and to request more detailed information.

(JW)

Edward Jacob & Friends – Request to reinstate a basketball area on the playing field. It was agreed to post a notice on the Community Facebook page to gauge interest following which the subject will be discussed further.

(SR)

9. Youth Club Update

Dean Sweet, Director, 4 The Youth Ltd., who started and is still running the Cowfold Youth Club had produced an update on the status of the Club to date. Previously, it had been agreed to help fund the launch of the initiative up to a value of £1,128. Following some discussion on the subject it was agreed to pay for the cost of using the Allmond Centre for a twelve month period to be reviewed annually.

10. Year of Culture 2019

Following the January Council meeting, Mrs Everest had produced a document entitled Cowfold's Possible Participation in 'Horsham's Year of Culture 2019' Events

which contained several ideas on the subject. Mrs Everest and Mrs Cutbush had arranged to meet up to discuss these ideas further, the outcome of which would be presented at the March Council meeting.

(DE/MC)

11. Neighbourhood Planning Update

A brief closed meeting would be taking place after the Council meeting. There was nothing further to report.

12. The Allmond Centre

This item is to be discussed in detail at the March Council meeting.

13. Minute Books

Nothing further to report.

14. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Mr Wilson offered to attend the next meeting.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

Newsletter

Mrs Cutbush tabled a list of areas for delivery of the magazine. Responsibilities for delivery were agreed as follows:

Acorn Avenue Area – Jan Wright

Fairfield Area – Kate Kingshott

Station Road Area (1) – Steve Reading

Brook Hill – Paul Wilson

Henfield Road West Area – Jason Bailey

Henfield Road East Area – Donna Everest
Bolney Road Area – Jerry Hooper
Station Road Area (2) – Tom Clary

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Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11 March 2019**.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.