

Cowfold Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Palling (JP) – Chairman
Mr J Hooper (JH)
Ms K Kingshott (KK)
Mrs D Everest (DE)

Mr S Clark (SC)
Mr P Wilson (PW)
Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 12
Press: 0

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Clary, Mrs M Cutbush, Mr S Reading, Mr C Collins, Mr J Bailey and Mr J Chowen.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 March 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

Mrs Wright had spoken to Ray Jones from R J Playgrounds and was arranging to meet him after the Easter break to discuss the installation of a basketball hoop on the Playing Field.

No further contact had been made by Jason Frost who had requested the potential use of the Playing Field to run fitness camps.

5. The Public

Following comments made on the Community Facebook page by a member of Cowfold Football Club with regard to the Allmond Centre costs it had been suggested that representatives of the Football Club attend a Council meeting to air their grievances direct. Following a considerable amount of discussion on the subject, they were asked to write to the Parish Council with their requests which would then be discussed by the Councillors as an agenda item at a future Parish Council meeting.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert said that the District Council were winding down in readiness for the May elections.

7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Records Office Award Ceremony
- High Sheriff's Dinner

With regard to improving the air quality in Cowfold, at the Annual Parish meeting, Mr Barnard had said that he would send a copy of the Highways report regarding the proposal to install signage on the A24, A264 and M23 to alleviate the problem of HGV's driving through the village. It now appears that there is no published report and a draft is currently with Chris Stark for approval or otherwise before it is released.

It was agreed to invite Chris Stark to a Council meeting to hear his views and report on the outcome of the feasibility study.

(JW)

8. Correspondence

Steve Reading – Information received from a resident of the new Alley Groves development who wished to make the Parish Council aware of the very high electricity charges and that all the properties were suffering from a mould problem. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact Saxon Weald to find out if they were taking any action

(JW)

9. Village Fete

As nothing had been heard from the Fete Committee regarding the event this year it is assumed that there will be no village fete.. It was agreed that the Parish Council would get involved in the organisation of a village fete for 2020.

10. Year of Culture 2019

Mrs Everest and Mrs Cutbush were working in conjunction with the Cowfold Village History Society and were producing History and Heritage Trail Walks. One was planned to be within the village and if possible, taking into account any health and safety issues, one covering a wider area.

11. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Mr Hooper had completed a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for comment by the Council. He urged all Councillors to read every word carefully and send their comments to him by the Monday 15 April 2019 deadline.

12. The Allmond Centre

Dr Williams had produced an advertisement for the role of Caretaker which he had been undertaking since the facility opened in March 2018 on a voluntary basis. The poster will now be displayed on the website, noticeboards and the Community Facebook page.

(JW)

13. 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 reported on the HALC meeting he had recently attended.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

Newsletter

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 May 2019**.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.