

**Cowfold Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 June 2020 via Video Link**

**Present:** Mr S Reading (SR) – (Chairman)                      Mr D Wilkins (DW)  
                 Mr J Hooper (JH)    Mrs J Wright (Clerk)  
                 Mrs D Everest (DE)

Public: 2  
Press: 0

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

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Clark, Ms K Kingshott and Mrs D Neville.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 May 2020 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 Neville had received photographs of the broken stile to send to WSCC.

**5. The Public**

Nothing to report.

**6. District Councillor Report**

Mrs Lambert and Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Reintroduction of Parking Charges
- Completion of Local Plan Consultation
- Parks & Countryside Questionnaire
- Plans to reopen Capitol Theatre

## **7. County Councillor Report**

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Latest West Sussex Coronavirus case figures
- Virtual Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee Meetings
- A24 Improvement Group

## **8. Correspondence**

*Cowfold Resident* – Concerns regarding cyclists riding on public footpaths and damage done to the countryside by BMX bikes. It was agreed that no action could be taken by the Parish Council with regard to BMX bikes damaging woodland which was privately owned. This would be a matter for the landowner. With regard to cycling on public footpaths, it was agreed that some lenience should be afforded at this time as more people had taken to bike riding and in Cowfold without using the main roads, thought to be dangerous, there was no other safe route to reach bridleways without using the footpaths.

*Dave Ward* – Request for permission to visit Cowfold every other Friday from 4.30pm until 8.00pm with a Mexican street food van. No objections were raised to this request.

*Cowfold FC* – Request to install a water butt on the oil storage building on the playing field. There were some issues raised to this request. Before making a decision, it was agreed to ask what size the butt is expected to be, confirmation of how it was to be fitted and by whom. It was also suggested that there could be environmental issues. Mrs Wright agreed to respond to the Football Club and to contact HDC from a Health & Safety point of view.

(JW)

## **9. Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Nothing to report.

## **10. WSCC/HDC Strategy on Electric Cars**

Nothing to report.

## **11. Speed Watch**

Mr Wilkins said that the Police were resuming training sessions at the beginning of July.

## **12. Neighbourhood Planning Update**

Mr Hooper reported that the consultation period had now finished and HDC were currently sourcing an external examiner.

## **13. The Allmond Centre**

Nothing to report.

## **14. Representatives' Reports**

### **Planning**

Nothing to report.

### **Finance**

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Countrymans to cut the hedge along the side of the playing field.

### **Open Spaces**

It was reported that the Acorn Avenue play area had been completed.

### **Allotments**

Nothing to report.

### **Roads & Transport**

Nothing to report.

### **Streetlights**

Nothing to report.

### **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 13 July 2020**.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.