

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 at 7.30pm Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), M. Churchill, T. Bennett, and V. Gupta

In attendance: District Councillor Steel
County Councillor Holt
Four members of the public
Clerk Kerry Johnson

The Chairman asked the members of the public if there were any items that they were concerned with on the agenda and if they wished to comment before the meeting officially opened.

15.123 Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Bennett, District Cllr Wilkinson, Police Representative

15.124 Declarations of interest

- a) Register of Interests. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- c) Other Disclosable Interests: None disclosed

15.125 Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 14/7/15 were approved.

15.126 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports: Drivers from a van with Highways markings have been seen in Church Lane asking for scrap metal. As this isn't something carried out by Highways, it is likely that the vehicle wasn't an official vehicle. Residents should take care to check the legitimacy of any services offered to them at the door.

15.127 Planning Matters: - members of the public were invited to speak on the applications notified to the Parish Council.

i) The following applications were considered for comment:

- a) W/15/01537/PP **Location:** Land west of Ridgeway Barn, Cookhill, B49 5LJ.
Proposal: Construction of a conservation pond. **Comment:** Recommend Approval.
- b) GPDR/15/01811/GPDR **Location: Cladswell Hall Farm, Cookhill, B49 5JT.**
Proposal: Proposed change of use of agricultural building to business use (B1).
Comment: No comment.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- a) W/15/01481/PP **Location:** 1 Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LB. **Proposal:** Replacement of existing entrance gate with new automatic painted metal gates and brick piers. **Decision:** Approved 16/7/15.

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning – none.

15.128 Progress Reports:

a) County Cllr Holt – nothing to report.

b) District Councillor Steel gave an update on Wychavon District Council news.

c) District Councillor Wilkinson no report.

d) Chairman Cllr Pinfield reported on the Rooftop Housing event to celebrate the completion of the Ridgeway Meadows affordable housing development. The event was an excellent opportunity to meet with all the different people and companies behind the development.

e) The Clerk gave an update on ongoing tasks. Also, only 2 of the attendees for the computer course have confirmed their places. The Computer Course has been postponed until after the main summer holiday period.

f) Parish Path Warden report on behalf of Barry Menheneott: The Parish Council has received an anonymous complaint about the severity of the hedge cutting in previous years on footpaths CK-506 and CK-507. Details passed to the PPW.

g) Cookhill Village Hall Report: The car park improvement work is finished. The Village Hall committee is investigating lighting to run along the car park between the tarmac and the grass. Also, rubber matting will be laid over the grass, which allows the grass to grow through while adding support to the ground when the grass is used as an overflow carpark. The village fete is on 29th August 2015 from 1.30pm.

h) Lengthsman Scheme: The Lengthsman has finished painting the bus shelter and 2 of the older noticeboards. The back panel on one of the noticeboards is rotting and will need replacing next year. This will be considered in the budget for 2016-17. Work for the Lengthsman was discussed.

i) Playing Fields: The path lined with grass safety matting, leading from the main play area to the field gate, has now been finished. There are mats left over to be laid under any new equipment.

i) Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows The water pipe repair is still outstanding, and there is still debris left by the contractors in the field at the rear of the development. Another reminder is to be sent to Rooftop Housing to chase the contractor.

15.129 To discuss progress on speed management plans on Edgioake Lane and VAS update. Worcestershire County Council's (WCC) Highways has confirmed it will not be introducing an additional speed limit of 40mph leading up the 30mph limit on Edgioake Lane, and will not approve a vehicle activated sign outside SE Davis. The Safer Road Partnership will consider the Parish Council's request for a police enforcement assessment at its next meeting in October. WCC is to be asked for a second opinion and the Parish Council will look at options for carrying out an independent risk assessment of the site.

15.130 To discuss updates on reported pot hole repairs. A comprehensive survey of the roads in the parish has been carried out and a report categorising the severity of the pot holes will be prepared for Cllr Holt and reported to Worcestershire County Council Highways.

15.131 To consider co-option plans to fill the 2 vacancies on the Parish Council – the process for assessing the applications after the closing date on 28th August 2015. The interviews of the current 2 applicants has been set for the evening of 28th August 2015. An additional interview date will be arranged for any new applications received on or before the closing date. The decision will be reported at the next meeting.

15.132 To consider quotes for new equipment at the playing field. This item has been deferred so the Clerk can show examples of the equipment to residents at the village fete.

15.133 To consider the revised Financial Regulations and an update on the revised Standing Orders. This has been deferred to the next meeting.

15.134 To receive the statement of financial affairs and authorise payments. .

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.
- b) Cheques for payment were reported, authorised and approved by the Council

15.135 To receive information and items for next agenda

Councillors are requested to use this as an opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the Agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not a time for debate or decision-making.

- Deferred items carried over from last meeting - re-siting of Gilbert-Scott telephone box, flooding map.
- Items for the next Agenda include – Finance Regulations, new equipment for the playing field, pot holes, purchase of a hedge cutter, consider quote for trimming hedges by Ridgeway Meadows.

15.136 The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed:

- a. **Land Meeting** is Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7pm
- b. **Parish Council Meeting** is Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 21.20hrs

Signed Chairman

Dated