

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), Cllr M. Churchill, Cllr A. Sumner, Cllr P. Davis, Cllr P. Stephens,

In attendance: District Councillor Steel
County Councillor Holt
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.

15.137 Apologies received and accepted from Cllr T Bennett, Cllr V Gupta, District Cllr Wilkinson, Police Representative

15.138 Declarations of interest

- a) Register of Interests. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. Cllr Sumner declared an interest in 15.148 as a member of the village hall management committee and took no part in the discussion or decision.
- c) Other Disclosable Interests: Cllr Davis declared an interest in 15.144 as a resident of Edgioake Lane.

15.139 To consider co-option nominations following the interviews with 2 applicants. Councillors voted and approved both applicants for co-option on to Cookhill Parish Council. Paul Davis and Patricia Stephens signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took their seats on the Parish Council.

15.140. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 11/8/15 were approved.

15.141. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports: There have been reports in Astwood Bank of speed incidents, obstructions in the road, and an incident of public decency was dealt with by police.

15.142 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: none

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning (including 3 decisions that have been made since the agenda was published):

- a) 14/01646/OU **Location:** Field SP0461, The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank
Proposal: Appeal against decision to refuse outline permission, with all matters reserved, for the demolition of existing buildings & provision of 12 dwellings, including 3 affordable dwellings. **Appeal Decision: the appeal was dismissed 11/8/15.**
- b) **GPDR/15/01811/GPDR Location: Cladswell Hall Farm, Cookhill, B49 5JT.**
Proposal: Proposed change of use of agricultural building to business use (B1).
Decision: Approved 8/9/15.
- c) W/14/01162/PN **Location:** Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6BG **Proposal:** Change of use and extension of existing building to

proposed display building and combined demonstration workshop, classroom and associated facilities for a rural vintage machinery museum and visitor centre at Sandhills Farm. **Decision: Approved 11/9/15.**

- d) W/W/15/01537/PP **Location:** Land west of Ridgeway Barn, Cookhill, B49 5LJ.
Proposal: Construction of a conservation pond. **Decision: Approved 15/9/15.**

iii) **Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning** – none.

15.143 Progress Reports:

a) **County Cllr Holt** – gave an update on Worcestershire County Council news, including the capital of £33m received for the sale of property, and associated running cost savings of £2.5m. Cllr Holt will consult with Highways about cutting back the hedge and installing yellow box markings at the staggered junction between the southern end of Edgioake Lane, B4090 (The Saltway) and B4092 Holberrow Green to Inkberrow.

b) **District Councillor Steel** gave an update on Wychavon District Council news including her nomination for Ridgeway Meadows to be highlighted in the upcoming District Council's 'tour of the district'. The District Council has not set a timetable or made any decisions about devolution of more powers to local authorities.

c) **District Councillor Wilkinson** no report.

d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield** the Minister for Cookhill Baptist Church has invited all Councillors to the Remembrance Service on 8 November 2015 at 10.30am. Cllr Pinfield will be laying a wreath.

e) **The Clerk** gave an update on ongoing tasks including the new dates for the computer course. A total of 10 people have signed up; most will be attending are set to join the course during the first 5 week block commencing 6th October 2015.

f) **Parish Path Warden report on behalf of Barry Menheneott:** PPW to inspect Footpath CK-533 in wet weather as it is regularly flooded by the pipe from the nearby pond. Someone has been putting bricks down to help improve the surface but it is becoming hazardous.

g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:** A total of £730 was raised at the fete. The next project is to raise money to new lighting along the edge of the car park to improve visibility. A skittles evening and race night will be held.

h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** the work of the lengthsman was discussed, including the need for the grass strimming on the boundary of Riddgeway Meadows.

i) **Playing Fields:** No updates

j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows** There is a lot of interest from people in the 3 shared ownership houses at Ridgeway Meadows. The area has widened to people outside of the Wychavon District area, which means people from other Worcestershire can now apply.

15.144 **To discuss** progress on speed management plans on Edgioake Lane and VAS update. Councillors resolved to submit an alternative location for the VAS to Highways to consider. This has been prepared in comparison to a similar layout and VAS installation in Kempsey to illustrate that Edgioake Lane is a suitable place for a VAS and is needed to manage ongoing speed issues.

15.145 **To consider** quotes for new equipment at the playing field. Cllr Paul Davis will review all the quotes and compare product specifications to assess the best quality and value for

money. He will report his assessment at the next meeting. **It was resolved** to purchase 2 basic football goals to replace the existing small goals. Costs to be in the region of £100 each.

- 15.146 To consider** purchasing and installing a defibrillator at The Nevill Arms pub. Quoted cost for the defibrillator, wall cabinet, insurance and wall sign is £2,030.10 (including £338.35 VAT). **It was resolved** to accept the quote, but to defer purchase until the owners of The Nevill Arms have given a final confirmation that the defibrillator can be installed.
- 15.147 To consider** the quote for trimming the hedge on the north and west side of the playing field where it has come through the fence onto the playing field. The quoted cost is £90.00 (£70.00 hedge trim and £20.00 for the removal and disposal of the brush). **It was resolved** to accept the quote.
- 15.148 To consider** making a donation to the cost of the Village Fete. £100 has been allocated in the 2015/16 budget. **It was resolved** to approve the donation of £100.
- 15.149 To consider** a grant request from Mr Alan Farnsworth, Lengthsman for £350 for a 3kw double pin Honda generator for use in his business as a Lengthsman in Cookhill and other parishes. Councillors requested further details about the purchase before making a decision. **Councillors resolved** to change the date the grants will next be approved to February, so that payments can be made from the 2015/16 budget in March.
- 15.150 To consider** the revised Financial Regulations and an update on the revised Standing Orders. **It was resolved** to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.
- 15.151 To discuss** investing the capital funds raised from the lease of the land at Ridgeway Meadows. This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- 15.152 To receive** the statement of financial affairs and authorise payments. .
- The monthly statement and bank reconciliation showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.
 - Cheques for payment were reported, authorised and approved by the Council
- 15.153 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 –new equipment for the playing field, investing capital funds, update on the replacement dog waste bin.
- 15.154 The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed:**
- Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 7.30pm
- 15.155 To consider** excluding the public and press from the meeting under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Administration of Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely the details of a contract of employment. **It was resolved** to exclude the public and press from the meeting and the item was discussed.

This meeting closed at 21.30hrs

Signed Chairman

Dated