

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday January 14th 2014 at Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R Rinfield (Chairman), A Field (Vice-Chairman), M Churchill, T Bennett, E Payne and J Roberts.

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr Clive Holt and District Cllrs Audrey Steel and David Lee.
Ten members of the public were present.

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.** Members of the public expressed their views on a delegated planning application for 40 Wood Lane.

14.001 Apologies received and accepted. None

14.002 Declarations of interest

- a. Register of Interests. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None disclosed
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests: Cllr Field, Cllr Churchill and Cllr Payne all expressed an interest in item 14.008 and left the room.
- Cllr Pinfield expressed an interest in item 14.012(a) and the Vice Chairman took over the chair for this item.

14.003 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2013 were approved with an amendment to item 13.152.

14.004 Police and Neighbourhood Watch reports:

Reports were received from CSO Fellows and Cllr Bennett.

14.005 Planning Matters:-

Delegated decisions since the last meeting:-

- i) W/13/02431/PP – Warren View, 31A The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank B96 6LS – Proposed single storey front and rear extensions (and Juliette balcony to rear). (Cllr Pinfield and Cllr Field)

Approval recommended

- ii) AB/13/02578/AB – Cookhill Priory, 66 Evesham Road, Cookhill B49 5LN – Improvement to existing farm track to provide connecting link to existing (farm tracks) Resubmission of AB/13/02300/AB. (Cllr Pinfield) **Approval recommended**

Reports from Wychavon Planning Services: -

- iii) W/13/02208/PP – 6 Evesham Road Cookhill B49 5JR – Retrospective alterations and extensions to the existing property and extension approved under ref W/07/01007/PP. **Permission granted**
- iv) W/13/01895/CU – Land adj to Edgioake Lane Astwood Bank – Conversion of a barn/store building to a single dwelling. **Permission granted**
- v) W/13/02278/LUE – Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank B96 6BG – Certificate of lawful development (existing) for use of land for storage of and associated uses of vintage machinery. **Application approved**

14.006 Progress reports

a) County Cllr Holt: Cllr Holt gave an update from Worcestershire County Council.

With regard to flooding issues on the A441, the necessary work will be carried out later this month.

b) District Cllr Steele: Cllr Steel gave an update from Wychavon District Council.

c) District Cllr Lee: Nothing to report

d) Chairman Cllr Pinfield: Nothing to report

e) Clerk

i) It was decided that the £20 donation received for the old notice boards should be passed onto the Baptist Church youth club.

f) Parish Paths Warden – Barry Menheneott

Report sent to Councillors

g) Cookhill Village Hall – Cllr Payne: An update on future events.

h) Lengthsman Scheme: The lengthsman's ongoing schedule was discussed.

i) Affordable Housing Group:- The Chairman and Clerk had met with the PC solicitor to go through the first draft of the contract. Compensation for the field tenant who will lose the income from part of his field during the build was discussed.

j) Parish Council owned playing fields:- The Chairman closed the meeting for 10 minutes to allow public discussion. Adverts will go in the newsletter and notice boards asking for volunteers to join a working group to take this forward.

14.007 To consider hiring a skip for the use of residents. It was decided to hire a skip for the Weekend of 8th and 9th February.

14.008 To consider a request from Cookhill Village Hall for funding towards improving the Village Hall car park. The Village Hall committee was asked to provide some firm current quotations for this work before any decision was taken. This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

14.009 To consider using the funding available from the New Homes Bonus.

It was decided to place this item on the February agenda for discussion.

14.010 To consider money held in special reserves. It was decided to transfer the special reserve money for Parish Plans and the Rural Payments Agency back into the general reserve. The Affordable Housing money will remain in special reserves.

14.011 To consider housing for the salt spreader. No charges will be incurred for storing the spreader at a local farm.

14.012 To consider increases to the following:-

The Chairman expressed an interest and the Vice Chairman took over the chair for item 14.012 (a)

- a) It was decided to increase the Chairman's annual expenses by one hundred pounds
- b) It was decided to increase the annual payment to the Clerk for use of office at home by one hundred pounds.

14.013 To consider a request from Cookhill Village Hall for the Parish Council to work in partnership to promote the 2014 Cookhill Open Gardens event.

This request was agreed.

14.014 Budget and precept for 2014-2015

Council considered the budget and precept proposals for the 2014-2015 financial year. It was unanimously agreed that the proposed precept of £22,501 should be accepted. The Clerk will levy the precept on the District Council by the due date.

14.015 Councillors reports and items for next agenda

- i) To consider using the funding available from the New Homes Bonus
- ii) To consider a request from the Village Hall for funding towards improving the Village Hall car park.

14.016 Statement of financial affairs and authorisation of payments.

The monthly statement of financial affairs and the presented payments were authorized and approved by the Council.

14.017 Date of next meeting.

The next Parish council meeting will take place on February 11th 2014 at 7.30 at Cookhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.50

Signed Chairman

Dated