

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice-chairman), M. Churchill and T. Bennett

In attendance: District Councillors A. Steel & County Councillor Clive Holt
Clerk – Kate Brazier

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.

16.081. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllrs Davis, Stephens and Gupta and from District Cllr David Wilkinson.

16.082. 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.

16.083. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 10/05/16 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sumner & seconded by Cllr Churchill.

16.084. Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports: Local crime incidents in the area were reported, including fly tipping of several asbestos sheets outside the village hall and a suspicious vehicle spotted in Dogbut Lane. These incidents were reported to the Police by the Parish Council. A number of crimes involving thefts of number plates from vehicles were reported on the Ridgeway. Cllr Sumner reported a dog stolen and advised people to be on the look-out for suspicious behaviour. Posters will be circulated and information put in the What's On.

16.085. 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/16/01151/PP – Nansanjan, 20 The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LT

Proposal: Extension to first floor rear dormer window.

Comment: Recommend approval

- b) W/16/01073/PP – The Wren's Nest, Salt Way, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6NE

Proposal: Two storey front extension and insertion of roof lights to replace existing dormer window.

Comment: Recommend approval.

- c) W/16/01337/LUP – Cookhill Priory, 66 Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LN

Proposal: Completion of replacement dwelling approved under ref. W/06/01042/PN

Comment: Recommend Refusal. The proposed development is within the Green Belt and not within a recognised development area.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning: None

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning: None

16.086. Progress Reports

- a) **County Cllr Holt:** Following the appointment of Mr Campion as Police Commissioner of West Mercia Police there had been a cabinet reshuffle at the County Council. He reported that unemployment figures in Worcestershire are down again. A list of the cabinet was requested.
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** Following the vandalism of the post box in Inkberrow a new one has been installed. Further information on Inkberrow as Village of Culture to follow over the following months.
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** None
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:** The grass has been cut over the past month by Limebridge Rural Services and also by the County Council. The hedge as your turn out of Edgioake Lane will need to be cut back by the homeowner. The clerk to contact.

- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:** The Parish waymarkers have now been returned the Council and await a new Paths Warden. A new dog waste bin will be installed by the kissing gate on Edgioake Lane by the end of the week. Potholes continue to be reported around the Parish for repair.
- f) **Parish Path Warden:** The post is still open and will be advertised on the website.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:** Cllr Sumner advised the Council that the Village Hall celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday went well despite a slow start and the inclement weather. There are more skittle evenings planned, the next being 9th July. There will also be a quiz night and fireworks on Saturday 5th November.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman continues to do good work around the Parish. He has repaired the noticeboard outside SE Davis and the damaged fence at the playing field. He also continues to keep drains and ditches clear.
- i) **Playing Fields:** Use of the adult exercise equipment continues with Parishioners enjoying the different machinery. Concerns were raised about access to the playing fields and the clerk agreed to look into getting an access sign installed. Emergency vehicles should always be able to get through.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** None

16.087. The following items were discussed;

- a) **Children's Play Equipment at the Playing Fields**
 - **Goal Posts** – The Council agreed that the new goal posts would not be fixed and Cllr Pinfield agreed to forward the information to the clerk.
- b) **Swings for the Village Hall** – The swings for the Village Hall will be ordered at the same time as the equipment for the Playing Fields. Pend update from funding application.
It is noted that Cllr Sumner declared an interest and was absent whilst this item was discussed.
- c) **Maintenance of Power Lines** – Following work due to be carried out where power lines are being breached by tree branches the Council agreed to advertise to Parishioners that they should contact the clerk if they are unsure who to speak to regarding any cable concerns.

16.088. Approval of;

- a) **AUDIT** – Approval of the Annual return for the financial year ending 31/03/2016.
 - i) The **Annual Governance Statement 2015/16** was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Robert Pinfield.
 - ii) The **Annual Accounting Statements 2015/16** were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Robert Pinfield.
- b) A donation of £100 given to the Village Hall Committee towards their free event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations was proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Churchill. Agreed unanimously.
It is noted that Cllr Sumner declared an interest and abstained from this decision.

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

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for May 2016 showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget.
- b) Cheques for payment were reported, authorised and approved by the Council.

16.090 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.

16.091. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meetings

- a. **Parish Council meeting** Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7:30pm

This meeting closed at 21:03

Signed Chairman

Dated