

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice-chairman), M. Churchill, T. Bennett, P. Stephens, P. Davis & V. Gupta

In attendance: District Councillors A. Steel & County Councillor Clive Holt
1 member of the public & Mr Tony Wall, Director of The Game Fair.
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.

A member of the public reported to the Council that Severn Trent had turned off the water in Cladswell Lane last week due to a broken pipe. It was questioned whether the fractured pipe could be due to the large numbers of heavy goods vehicles using that route to visit the Reed Bed on Lower Cladswell Lane. The Clerk will make contact with Severn Trent to find out when they should be using the road. The markings on Church Lane were also discussed and Cllr Sumner advised that this is work scheduled to patch the road surface with a view to more extensive works taking place next year.

16.092. Apologies received and accepted from: District Cllr David Wilkinson & the police representative

16.093. 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.

16.094. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 14/06/16 were approved by the Council following an amendment to apologies & a Councillor's disclosed interest. They were then signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Land Meeting held on 14/06/16 were also approved by the Council. Proposed by Cllr Sumner and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

16.095. Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports:

- Cllr Bennett reported an incident of a serious scam phone call to a resident in the Parish. Reports of similar incidents are common at the moment and it was agreed that information on what to do would be displayed on the Parish Noticeboards, the website and in the What's On.
- A report of youths at the kissing-gate by the affordable housing was discussed. Litter was left and mild antisocial behaviour witnessed. Cllr Stephens said she would report back.
- It was reported that a resident selling eggs has had the money stolen. He has been advised to install a letterbox type arrangement to collect monies as he wishes to continue selling eggs.

16.096. 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:

W/16/00650/OU – 25, The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LS

Proposal: Erection of two storey detached single dwelling and alteration to access.

Comment: Change of ownership. Council commented on the application in April.

Cllr Sumner asked that a comment be added to say that the Council approve the application providing the submitted plans are in line with the application originally approved.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- W/16/01151/PP – Nansanjan, 20 The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LT
Proposal: Extension to first floor rear dormer window.
Decision: Approved 28/06/16
- 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.
Decision: Approved 08/07/16

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning: None

16.097. Progress Reports

- a) **County Cllr Holt:** Driving Home Project is currently underway improving C & U classified roads. Some roads in Cookhill are scheduled to be done. Patching in certain areas already underway.
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** The Police Crime Commissioner, Mr Campion, will be visiting Wychavon in the coming months and Cllr Steel asked that any concerns from Parish Councils would be welcomed to put to him. The Clerk advised that he was also booked to visit Cookhill on the 8th November.
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** None
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:** The layby opposite the Village Hall could do with some attention and tidying up. Cllr Pinfield asked the Council for their agreement. The Lengthsman has been asked to trim the area. The proposed work was agreed.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
 - o There have been reports of cars blocking the entrance to the Playing Fields. The land in front of the gate is owned by the Parish Council with agreed access 24 hours a day along the drive. A sign for the gate was suggested.
 - o The Vehicle Activation Sign on the Ridgeway would be moved soon.
 - o Powerline Maintenance due to be carried out in the Parish had now been done.
- f) **Parish Path Warden:** The post is still open and will be advertised on the website.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:** Nothing to report.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman continues to carry out essential work in the Parish. He has made a complaint about the dog mess on the Evesham Road.
- i) **Playing Fields:** The clerk advised that the application for funding for the new play equipment was due for review by the Localism Panel and would report back with their decision.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** *Please see items 16.095 & 16.098*

16.098. Hedges to the rear of the Affordable Housing – *It is noted that Councillor Stephens declared an interest in this item.* The Council discussed the footpath to the rear of the affordable housing where residents have complained about the height of vegetation and weeds in the field. The original plans from Rooftop show that a hedge was to be planted on the boundary and that they would maintain this. But they have said that the maintenance of the field boundary and grass is not their responsibility. It was confirmed that the field belongs to the Parish Council and is leased out. It was agreed that the leaseholder would be contacted to ask if he had any concerns about the residents maintaining the area.

16.099. CLA Game Fair, Ragley Hall – 29th to 31st July 2016

Mr Tony Wall, Director of The Game Fair attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the CLA Game Fair taking place at Ragley Hall. He explained how things would be organised with regards to traffic calming through the Parish and advised that there would be a number of cameras placed at trouble spots on the routes. There will be temporary traffic lights at the Arrow crossroads. Emergency contact numbers will be provided for during the event. There will be 2 motorcyclist first responders on duty and ambulances on site.

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

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for June 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.

16.101 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.

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

- a) **Parish Council meeting** August 16th 2016

This meeting closed at 21:15

Signed Chairman

Dated