

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 16th August 2016. Cookhill Village Hall.

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

In attendance: District Councillors A. Steel & D. Wilkinson
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.

16.103. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllrs P Davis, P Stephens, County Cllr Clive Holt & Tony Carter, Police Representative

16.104. 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.

16.105. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 12/07/16 were approved by the Council as a true representation of events and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sumner & agreed unanimously.

16.106. Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports: Local crime incidents in the area were reported including an outbuilding that was broken into and alcohol and a quad bike stolen. Cllr Bennet advised that he is working on a system for residents to report crimes. It was agreed that contact details to report different types of crime will be advertised in the What's On each month.

Smart Water – The Council expressed an interest in purchasing some packs for use in the Parish. This will be advertised in the What's On.

16.107. 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/16/01710/PN – White House, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6BG

Proposal: Resubmission of approval W/13/01291/PN. Demolition of existing property and construction of replacement three bedroom dwelling.

Comment: The Council recommended approval providing recommendations from original proposal be adhered to.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- W/16/00666/PN – Villa Silvanus, 53, The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LU
Proposal: Replacement dwelling and new detached garage.
Decision: Approved 16/08/16

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning: None

16.108. Progress Reports

- a) **County Cllr Holt:** None
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** Some alterations to the Executive Board have been announced.
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** Cllr Wilkinson was welcomed as the new Vice Chairman of Planning on the Executive Board.
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:** The Game Fair was reported to have run very smoothly with no related traffic problems.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:** Severn Trent Water have been contacted regarding the frequency of lorries along Cladswell Lane. They advised that they are unable to say when lorries will be using the road as this is down to "workloads, staffing & logistical needs". Rooftop Housing will be contacted regarding the planting of a hedge to the rear of the Ridgeway Meadows development.
- f) **Parish Path Warden:** The post is still open and will be advertised on the website.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:** Cllr Sumner advised that the Skittles Night had been a great success. This popular event will be a regular booking.

- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman continues to carry out necessary and important maintenance work around the Parish as requested. It was reported that he had encountered an unacceptable amount of dog mess on one of his trips to the village. The footpath between Chamberlain Lane and Oak Tree Lane will be monitored and signs will be erected to try to stop the problem. The Parish Council will consider the use of CCTV along this stretch to try to manage the issue.
- i) **Playing Fields:** The funding for the proposed refurbishment of the children's play equipment has been agreed and the equipment will be ordered for installation as soon as possible. The Council agreed that as soon as it is complete and ready for use the Parish Council will hold an official opening event.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** It was advised that the Rooftop Housing would be contacted regarding the planting of a new hedge at Ridgeway Meadows, as stipulated in their original plans.

16.109. The updating and review of the Field Tenants agreements was discussed. Two agreements are now due for renewal and the Council asked the clerk to contact their solicitor for new contracts to be drawn up. An up to date Market Valuation for both the fields was also requested.

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

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

16.111 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.

- Official Opening of the new equipment at Cookhill Playing Fields.
- Tenancy Agreements for review at the next Land Meeting on 13th September.

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

- a) **Parish Land Meeting** – 13th September 2016 at 7:00pm
- b) **Parish Council Meeting** – 13th September 2016 at 7:30pm

This meeting closed at 20:58

Signed Chairman

Dated