

## COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Cookhill Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), P. Davis, M. Churchill & V. Gupta.

**In attendance:** 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.

**16.122. Apologies received and accepted from:** Cllr Anne Sumner, Cllr Terry Bennett, County Cllr Clive Holt & District Cllrs Audrey Steel & D. Wilkinson, Mr T. Mitchell – Parish Paths Warden

**16.123 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. – Cllr Pinfield declared an interest in item 16.126 i) c).

**16.124. Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 13/09/16 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Davis & seconded by Cllr Chairman and agreed unanimously.

**16.125. Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports:**

- **Community Speed Watch** – West Mercia Police are once again looking for volunteers to take part in the Community Speed Watch initiative to try encourage local people to take an active role in road safety and to help make their community safer. The Council agreed to pursue enlisting on the scheme and are seeking volunteers to take part.

**16.126. 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) AB/16/02142/AB – Little Mearse Farm, Mearse Lane, Inkberrow, WR7 4HS  
**Proposal:** Proposed agricultural storage building for the storage of hay and straw following the loss of a previous building due to fire.  
**Comment:** *Application approved. See Item 16.126 ii) b)*
- b) W/16/02198/PN – Villa Silvanus, 53 The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch  
**Proposal:** Replacement dwelling (amendments to approval ref. W/16/00666/PN)  
**Comment:** Recommend approval
- c) W/16/02140/CU – Cladswell Hall Farm, Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JT  
**Proposal:** Part conversion of barn, part change of use from residential to children's nursery not in accordance with Condition 2 (ref: W/12/02571/CU) to increase the number of children from 44 to 52.  
**Comment:** Recommend refusal
- d) W/16/02042/CU – Botany Bay Nurseries, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, B96 6BG.  
**Proposal:** Change of use of agricultural land to additional parking for garden centre.  
**Comment:** Recommend approval
- e) W/16/02227/OU – Ridgeway House, 42 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LH  
**Proposal:** Outline application for subdivision of 42 Oak Tree Lane to provide 1 dwelling utilizing existing garage and access, new vehicular access to No.42 and new detached garage.  
**Comment:** Recommend approval, subject to recommendations.
- f) W/16/02229/PP – 31 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LH.  
**Proposal:** Single storey gable extension and rear flat roof extension to existing permitted development extension.  
**Comment:** Recommend approval.

**ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:**

- a) AB/16/02043/AB – Land North of A422, Worcester Rd., Knowle Fields, Cookhill  
**Proposal:** General purpose agricultural building  
**Decision:** Refused
- b) AB/16/02142/AB – Little Mearse Farm, Mearse Lane, Inkberrow, WR7 4HS  
**Proposal:** Proposed agricultural storage building for the storage of hay and straw following the loss of a previous building due to fire.  
**Decision:** Approved 5/10/16
- c) W/16/01898/CU – Land adjacent to Knowle Fields Cottage, Worcester Rd., Knowle Fields, Cookhill  
**Proposal:** Proposed stables with new stone drive, hardstanding, alterations to existing access.  
**Decision:** Approved 07/10/16

iii) **Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning:**

Several reports of building work outside of the planning regulations have been reported to the Enforcement Team at Wychavon. The Parish Council await the relevant updates.

**16.127. Progress Reports**

- a) **County Cllr Holt:** None
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** None
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:**
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:**
  - Some complaints have been received from walkers that people hiring the Village Hall have been walking their dogs but not using the facilities provided. The Village Hall will be contacted to ask that hall hirers are advised to clean up after their dogs.
  - The vacancy for a new Parish Councillor has now been advertised and applications will be received up to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Applicants will be interviewed at 6:30pm prior to the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
  - Verges – Parishioners have been reminded via the What's On that placing any obstructions on verges that cause an obstruction are not permitted.
  - Grit Bins – The grit bins are to be located, listed and checked before the winter months.
- f) **Parish Path Warden:** None
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:**
  - The next Skittles evening is booked for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
  - 'Quiz Night with a bang!' to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be £8 and will include fireworks and a light supper. The event will start at 6:30pm. Teams of 4 upwards. Contact Eileen or Anne to book as soon as possible.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman has been working on clearing the paths and overgrown hedges around the Parish.
- i) **Playing Fields:**
  - The new equipment at Cookhill Playing Fields is due to be installed at the end of October. The clerk has met with Wicksteed to discuss the scheduled work and also the installation of the swing set at the Village Hall. They have requested that they site a skip at the Village Hall for the removal of waste from the site.
  - A new table tennis table has been purchased and will be delivered to the Playing Fields to replace the broken one.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** The hedge will be replanted at the end of October and Mr Claydon has kindly offered to be available to give the workers access to the site.

**16.128. Dog Waste Bag Dispensers** – The Councillors reviewed three different types of waste bag dispenser and it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would purchase two dispensers to be situated by the noticeboard and dog bin at the bottom of Church Lane and also by the Neville Arms. Their use will be reviewed in a few months time.

**16.129. To receive** the statement of financial affairs and authorise payments.

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

**16.130. 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.

**16.131. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meetings**

- a) **Parish Council Meeting** – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016

This meeting closed at 21:35

Signed Chairman

Dated