

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice Chairman), T. Bennett, and P. Davis.

In attendance: County Councillor Clive Holt
District Councillor Audrey Steel
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Mr John Campion
9 Members of the public
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.

16.132. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Gupta, Cllr Churchill, District Cllr David Wilkinson and Mr T. Mitchell – Parish Paths Warden

16.133. 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.

16.138. Co-option of new Councillor – The Parish Council had one parishioner apply for the vacant position of Parish Councillor and following an interview Ms Patricia Draper was co-opted onto the Council to fill the casual vacancy. This was proposed by Cllr A. Sumner and seconded by Cllr P. Davis.

16.134. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 11/10/16 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

16.135. Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports:

- **The meeting was closed whilst members of the public put questions to Mr Campion.** Speeding is a major concern to people in the Parish and needs to be addressed.
- **Community Speed Watch –** The Parish Council have made contact with the Safer Roads Partnership and a representative will visit the village to locate suitable locations for volunteers to take part in the scheme. It was noted that the community speed watch can only take place in 30mph zones and on hardstanding (not grass) and the two areas for assessment will be the Salt Way and Edgioake Lane. Several parishioners were keen to be involved in the training. Mr Campion advised the meeting that the Safer Roads Partnership team will assess and prioritise other areas of concern when they visit, eg. Speeding and road traffic accidents in the 50mph zones.

16.136. 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) Pre-application enquiry – Oaks Barn Farm, Knowle Fields, Off A422, B49 5LS
Proposal: Proposed telecommunications radio base station installation submitted on behalf of Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd. (CIL).
Comment: As no formal application has yet been received from Wychavon District Council, Councillors were unable to comment.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- a) W/16/02008/PP – Dogbut Farm, Dogbut Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LD.
Proposal: Proposed two storey rear and side extensions
Decision: Approved 27/10/16

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning: None

16.137. Progress Reports

- a) **County Cllr Holt:** The Driving Home Scheme, a scheme where money is allocated to the maintenance of unclassified roads across the county, is well underway with several roads in the Parish having been improved greatly by resurfacing. The potholes on Oak Tree Lane were reported again.
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** Red phone boxes not owned by Parish Councils are due to be removed over the coming months. The Council advised that they own the phone box at the Arrow crossroads.
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** None
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:**
 - **Dog Waste Bag Dispensers –** These have been purchased but are yet to be erected. The locations are opposite the Nevill Arms on the footpath post and at the bottom of Church Lane.

- **Tree Preservation Order** – The Parish Council has received an order marking several trees for preservation along the Ridgeway, opposite the entrance to the allotments. Cllr Davis commented that he thought some trees had already been removed from this area and agreed to visit the site.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
- **Severn Waste Services (Recycling)** – A representative from Severn Waste Services will be attending the Parish Council Meeting on 14th February 2017 to advise Parishioners on what can be recycled. This will be followed up by a trip to the waste plant in the spring.
- f) **Parish Paths Warden:** Nothing to report, induction planned for December 2016.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:**
- **Quiz Night with a Bang** – Due to poor numbers the event was changed to a skittles evening, with fireworks and the committee were pleased to report that they had made a profit at the event.
 - **Mulled Wine Evening** – This free evening, open to Cookhill residents, will now take place on **18th December 2016** and will start at **6:30pm** and run until **9:30pm**.
A donation of £250 towards the event was agreed unanimously.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman has been taking on work as requested and keeping the footpaths clear. Parishioners and Councillors are reminded that they can contact the clerk if there is anything they would like the Lengthsman to attend to.
- i) **Playing Fields:**
- The new equipment at Cookhill Playing Fields has been completed and looks great. The clerk will email an invitation round to everyone, including the team at Wychavon involved in the funding, to invite them to the opening. A date to suit everyone will be requested.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** The replacement hedge will be replanted next week with Mr Claydon kindly offering to let the workmen into the field to carry out the work.

16.138. **Co-option of new Councillor** – *Item moved up the Agenda (see above).*

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

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

16.140. **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.

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

- a) **Land Meeting** is Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.00pm.
- b) **Parish Council Meeting** is Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

*The annual Budget and Precept meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th December** at 7:30pm.*

This meeting closed at 21:10

Signed Chairman

Dated