



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm  
Cookhill Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice Chairman), M. Churchill and V. Gupta.

**In attendance:** Clerk – Kate Brazier  
District Councillor Audrey Steel  
Mr T. Mitchell – Parish Paths Warden

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.

**17.030. Apologies received and accepted from:** Cllr Terry Bennett, Cllr T. Draper, Cllr P. Davis & County Cllr Clive Holt.

**17.031. Declarations of interest**

- a) Register of Interests. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllrs A. Sumner & M. Churchill disclosed an interest in item 17.027.d.i)
- c) Other Disclosable Interests

**17.032. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 14/02/17 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Sumner.

**17.033. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports –**

- **Dogbut Lane** – Report of livestock worrying. Sheep were chased by a dog. The owners of the dog were suitably advised as per request of caller.
- **Oak Tree Lane** – Offender(s) gained access to a shed/outbuilding and mountain bike stolen.

**17.034. 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/17/00263/HP** – Villa Farm, Salt Way, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LH

**Proposal:** Proposed single storey extension to lounge

Councillors visited the site and were happy with the proposed plans and **recommended approval** of the application. All in favour.

**ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:**

- a. W/16/03013/PP** – Gables End, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6BG

**Proposal:** Construction of new single-storey extension to house and indoor pool as replacement to the existing outdoor pool, which is to be filled in. **Decision:** Approved 22/02/17

- b. W/16/02710/PN** – 118 The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6NA

**Proposal:** Proposed new vehicular access. **Decision:** Approved 06/03/17

- c. W/17/00006/PN** – Land North of A422, Worcester Road, Knowle Fields, Cookhill

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building with parking and manoeuvring area and access. **Decision:** Approved 06/03/17

- d. W/16/02794/PN** – 7 The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LA

**Proposal:** Subdivision of garden to No.7 The Ridgeway and a new detached zero carbon dwelling with associated landscaping. **Decision:** Refused 08/03/17

**iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning: None**

**17.035. Progress Reports**

- a) **County Cllr Holt:** Apologies
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** Cllr Steel advised of a 2% Council Tax rise for a Band D property, the lowest in the County. The New Homes Bonus scheme system is changing in April and the committee are looking for applications that truly benefit the community.
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** None
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:** The new dog waste bag dispensers are being well used, particularly on Church Lane.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
  - **Parish Games** – The clerk has been contacted about the Parish taking part in the Parish Games. It was suggested that the Cricket Club be contacted.
  - **Handmade Fair, Ragley Hall, May** – Organisers do not expect traffic to cause any extra problems during the event.
- f) **Parish Paths Warden:** Mr Mitchell reported that he has been working his way round the footpaths and replacing waymarkers. 7 sign posts have been reported for replacement by Highways. A bridge near Lower Cladswell Hall needs to be replaced. A visit will be arranged by a team from County to carry out the work that the Paths Warden is not permitted to.

g) **Cookhill Village Hall Report:**

- **Quotes for Main Hall** – The main hall will need some extensive work to the floor. Quotes received to carry out the work and could be upwards of £10,000.
- **Skittles Evening** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The popular Skittles evening returns.
- **Race Night** with Fish & Chip supper – 8<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets £7.50 per head
- **Aber Valley Male Voice Choir** – 8<sup>th</sup> July. £12.50 per head. Contact Eileen Payne on 01527 892225 for tickets.
- **Summer Fete** – 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman scheme has been approved to continue for 2017/18. The Parish Lengthsman continues to carry out essential maintenance around the Parish.

i) **Playing Fields:** The new equipment is being used well. RoSPA will be carrying out their inspection in late March. New signage is being produced.

j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** A local Cookhill resident has now moved in to the vacant property.

**17.036. Skip Hire** – Due to events at the Village Hall over Easter the annual skip hire for Cookhill residents will be postponed to the weekend of **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June** and then again on **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September**.

**17.037. Replacement Barn on Parish Council land** – The tenant has contacted the Council to report that a dilapidated barn on Parish Council land requires replacement. The temporary structure will be 5 x 5 x 5m. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek information from Wychavon regarding planning permission. The tenant will be paying for the structure.

**17.038. Greenhouse on Allotments** – The Parish Council approved the erection of a small greenhouse on plot 8D by a new tenant.

**17.039 Asbestolux Shelter** – A wartime asbestolux shelter on Parish Council land, previously used for pigs, has been damaged during the recent storms and will require controlled removal. The Chairman has made contact with Avoncroft Museum in Bromsgrove to see if they are interested in taking the shelter as it has some historic value as it is believed to be a Nissan hut. The clerk has sought a quote to safely remove the shelter - £2,300 plus VAT. The removal of the old building was proposed by Cllr Gupta and seconded by Cllr Sumner.

**17.040. Finance**

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for February 2017 showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.  
Cheques for payment were presented, approved and authorised for payment.  
Grants were signed for Cookhill Baptist Church and Cookhill Cricket Club, as agreed at the last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Minute ref. 17.027 d. ii) Cookhill Village Hall grant deferred to April meeting.  
The Council agreed a grant of £250 to St. Paul's Church for the maintenance of the church yard.
- b) **Parish Council Bank Account** – The clerk advised that paperwork to raise the creaming and funding figure for the PC bank accounts would need to be signed. Raising the figure to £3,000 was agreed.
- c) **Allotment Car Park** – Due to some allotment tenants retiring the Allotment Association would like permission to use some land from vacant plot 7a. The Parish Council did not have any objections. This will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting to be officially approved with costings for the work.

**17.041. 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.

- a) Planning application received for Inkberrow on Cookhill boundary

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

- a. **Annual Parish Meeting** is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:00pm
- b. **Parish Council Meeting** is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm

This meeting closed at 21:06

Signed Chairman

Dated