



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 12th September 2017
Cookhill Village Hall.**

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

In attendance: Clerk – Kate Brazier
County Councillor Anthony Hopkins
District Councillors Audrey Steel and David Wilkinson.

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.

17.105. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Davis & Cllr Draper.

17.106. 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

17.107. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th August 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sumner & seconded by Cllr Churchill.

17.108. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports –

- *Community Monitoring Service* – Cllr Bennett reported that he has registered for the community monitoring service. The service allows you to see reported crimes in the surrounding area. The crime reported last month involving a van in Church Lane has been registered on the site.
- *Neighbourhood Watch Leaflet* – Some responses have been received to the leaflet.
- *Fly-tipping in the Parish* – Reports of items of rubbish being dumped around the lanes in the village. A fridge/freezer has been dumped at the top of Church Lane. This is a spot favoured by someone also dumping scrap metal. Whilst the metal is usually collected by a scrap merchant they will not take fridges or freezers. The clerk reported this for collection and was advised that the collection and disposal of goods in this way costs approximately £75. A cost that is then reflected in the Council Tax fee. The Parish Council asked that anyone witnessing someone dumping rubbish in the Parish should report it to the Parish or District Council immediately. It was advised that members of the public not touch bags of rubbish as this may affect the likelihood of it being collected as it will have been tampered with.

17.109. 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/17/01513/RM** Clerk Croft, 10 Church Lane, Cookhill, B49 5JS – Plots 1 & 2 (Front)
Proposal: Application for reserved matters associated to outline planning permission 16/02918/OU for the assessment of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.
Consultation ended 31/08/17 – Parish Council recommended **REFUSAL/DEFERRAL**
 - b. **W/17/01667/FUL** Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6BG
Proposal: Proposed workshop (use class B1c/B2) with access and associated works.
Comment: The Parish Council recommended **APPROVAL**. They asked that it be noted that Mr Paul Davis is a Parish Councillor, but that he was not present at the meeting or during the site visit undertaken by two Parish Councillors.
- ii) **Reports from Wychavon Planning:**
 - a. **W/17/00421/RM** 23A The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank
Proposal: Application following grant of outline permission for 2 storey detached single dwelling & alteration to access.
Decision: REFUSED 8/08/17

- b. **W/17/01453/RM** Clerk Croft, 10 Church Lane, Cookhill, B49 5JS – Plot 3 (Back)
Proposal: Reserved matters application for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 1 no dwelling (part implementation of outline approval granted under 15/00512/OUT)
Decision: PC recommended APPROVAL on 08/08/17 – application deferred by Wychavon due to access concerns.
- c. **W/17/01297/HP** Clerk Croft, 10 Church Lane, Cookhill, B49 5JS
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and conservatory, external alterations to rear of property and erection of single storey side extension and garage.
Decision: APPROVED 30/08/17

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

17.110. Progress Reports

a) County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:

- *Clerkscroft* – Cllr Hopkins thanked the Council for providing details regarding the planning applications at Clerkscroft. He confirmed that he had spoken to Highways and the Planning Department to ensure that they had visited the site.
- *VAS on Edgioake Lane* – Cllr Hopkins has made contact with Gerry Brienza, from the Highways department, to confirm that he is aware of Cookhill Parish Council's pledge to fund the installation of a new VAS on Edgioake Lane from their own funds. This will require permission from Highways.

b) District Councillor Steel:

- *New Homes Bonus* – Cllr Steel reminded the Council that there is still money available via the New Homes Bonus Scheme but that the committee will be looking to allocate money for larger projects that will benefit the community.

c) District Councillor David Wilkinson:

- *Wychavon Magazine* – This District focussed magazine is distributed around Wychavon and contains interesting information on local amenities and events.

d) Chairman Cllr Pinfield:

- *Computer Club* – The Cookhill Computer Club and Internet Café is now back up and running after the summer break. There have been a few new members alongside the regular attendees. The Club is free of charge for Cookhill residents and is a great place to meet up with others for an informal chat and refreshments with the opportunity to learn some new computer skills or just practice using a laptop or tablet. Further advertising needed.
- *Daffodils* - The Chairman asked the Council for permission to purchase some daffodil bulbs to be planted around the Parish in readiness for spring. This was agreed unanimously and Cllr Sumner agreed to purchase these.

e) The Clerk provided an update on the following:

- *Community Speed Watch* – It is not possible to utilise the equipment currently on loan to Inkberrow but Cookhill is advancing up the waiting list.
- *Standing Orders* – Following the new law regarding the filming of meetings it was confirmed that Cookhill's Standing Orders are up to date online.

f) Parish Paths Warden:

- *New finger posts* – Following reports from the Parish Paths Warden several new finger posts and road signs have now been installed around the Parish. Any light brambles and undergrowth are removed by Mr Mitchell but he requested that the Lengthsman be asked to complete larger tasks. He commented on some overgrown hedges but pointed out that these are the responsibility of the homeowner and not the paths warden.
- *Gates & Stiles* – County will be looking to upgrade a number of stiles and gates over the coming months providing the land owners are in agreement.

g) Cookhill Village Hall:

- *Skittles Evening* – The next Skittles evening will be held on 30th September. 6.30 for 7pm start. £6.50 to include a light supper.
- *Quiz with a bang!* – Quiz and fireworks to be held on Saturday 4th November. Chilli to be served. Teams needed by 3rd October.

h) Lengthsman Scheme: Lengthsman on Annual Leave from 9th to 17th September.

- *Dog Mess* – The Lengthsman has reported a dog mess problem on the footpaths by the Why Not. The Chairman agreed to put some Poo Fairy signs up on this section of footpath.

i) Playing Fields: Continues to be well used by the community.

- *New Swing – On order*
- *Table Tennis Table Cover* – The Chairman reported that the cover was damaged in the storms earlier this year and is beyond repair. Cllr Sumner proposed that a replacement cover be made, this was seconded by Cllr Gupta and agreed unanimously. Cllr Pinfield to arrange.

- *Parking* – Access and parking continue to be an issue on the approach to the Playing Fields. The entrance should be kept clear at all times to enable people to easily access the site. This should also be kept clear in case emergency vehicles need to gain access to the site.

j) Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:

- *Final Payment* – Due in February 2018.

17.111. Weed-killing in the Parish – To be discussed at October’s meeting.

17.112. Flagpole at the Village Hall – To be discussed at October’s meeting.

17.113. Parking – There have been reports of people parking on pavements around the parish. Unfortunately, where cars are parked blocking the pavement pedestrians are forced to walk in the road. Residents are asked to park appropriately.

17.114. Finance

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

17.115. 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.

- Weed-killing around the Parish
- Flagpole at the Village Hall
- Potholes on Brandheath Lane

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

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – October 10th 2017 at 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 21:25

Signed Chairman

Dated