



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th October 2017
Cookhill Village Hall.**

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

In attendance: Clerk – Kate Brazier
County Councillor Anthony Hopkins
District Councillors Audrey Steel

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.

17.117. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Draper, District Cllr David Wilkinson & Tony Mitchell

17.118. 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 Bennett declared an interest in item 17.121 i) a.
- d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – The clerk received a written dispensation request from Cllr T. Bennett in reference to item 17.121 i) a. enabling him to speak as a member of the public with an interest. The Council voted in favour of granting the dispensation but asked that Cllr Bennett leave the room when the item was discussed and voted on.

17.119. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the Council and the Parish Land Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sumner & seconded by Cllr Bennett.

17.120. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports –

- *No police activity reported.*

17.121. Planning Matters:- members of the public were invited to speak on the applications notified to the Parish Council. *It was minuted that Cllr Bennett was asked, by the Chairman, to leave the meeting whilst the Councillors discussed the following planning application, in which he has declared an interest, and he agreed to do this.*

- i) **The following applications were considered for comment:**
 - a. **W/17/01873/OUT** Field Sp0461, The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, Redditch
Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved for 3 x self-build bungalows
Decision: Following a full discussion regarding the application the Council recommended REFUSAL of the application as the site is within the green belt and outside the designated permitted development boundary.
- ii) **Reports from Wychavon Planning:**
 - a. **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: Approved 22/09/17
 - b. **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.
Decision: Approved 03/10/17
 - c. **W/17/01765/HP** Field House, Church Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JS
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Decision: Approved 05/10/17
- iii) **Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning:** None reported

17.122. Progress Reports

a) County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:

- *VAS on Edgioake Lane* – Cllr Hopkins advised that he is still pursuing the Parish Council's request to fund and install a VAS near the entrance to SE Davis on Edgioake Lane.
- *Community Speed Watch* – The Council were advised that previously teams have not been permitted to share kits but Cllr Hopkins feels that, due to the proximity to Inkberrow, Cookhill may be allowed to share their kit when not in use. Volunteers for the scheme are required as the training takes a little time.

b) District Councillor Steel:

- *Strategy Meeting* – This will take place week commencing 16th October. Any comments from the Parish Council would be most welcome.

c) District Councillor David Wilkinson: Apologies

d) Chairman Cllr Pinfield: None

e) The Clerk provided an update on the following:

- *Potholes on Brandheath Lane* – Cllr Churchill confirmed that these had been addressed following a visit from the Highways inspector to assess the safety issues.
- *Dog Bin on Oak Tree Lane* – Following a meeting with Wychavon it was agreed that the dog waste bin would be moved up Oak Tree Lane to the crossroads to see if it gets used more.

f) Parish Paths Warden: Nothing to report.

g) Cookhill Village Hall:

- *Quiz with a bang!* – Quiz and fireworks to be held on Saturday 4th November. Chilli to be served.

h) Lengthsman Scheme: The Lengthsman continues to carry out essential ground maintenance, footpath clearing and strimming around the Parish, as requested.

- *Daffodils* – Following the last meeting the Chairman purchased enough daffodils to be planted around the Parish in readiness for next Spring. The Lengthsman has now planted these.

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

- *New Swing* – The new swing, complete with new chains, has now been installed at the playing field by Cllr Pinfield.
- *Table Tennis Table Cover* – The Chairman has ordered and installed the new table tennis table cover, as agreed at the last meeting.

j) Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows: The new noticeboard will be installed at Ridgeway Meadows as soon as it is ready. A new waste bin from Wychavon will be situated next to it.

17.123. **Weed-killing & daffodil distribution in the Parish** – The Chairman has purchased several tubs of daffodils and these have now been planted by the Lengthsman at sites around the Parish in readiness for Spring 2018.

17.124. **Flagpole at the Village Hall** – Cllr Davis quoted £120 to make a suitable 30ft flagpole to be sited at the Village Hall. The Councillors voted in favour of this purchase. Agreed unanimously.

17.125. **Grant requests – St. Paul's Church, Cookhill** – The Parish Council received a request for funding from the treasurer at St. Paul's Church asking for a grant towards the work currently underway to replace the ridge tiles on the church roof. It was proposed that the Parish Council offer a grant of £1,000 at this point and ask that the Church update the Parish Council with their progress at Christmas. This was agreed unanimously.

17.126. Finance

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for September 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.
- b) *Noticeboards* – Following the approval of the purchase of the new noticeboard at Ridgeway Meadows and the replacement of the board outside SE Davis further costs for posts and fitting have been quoted. A breakdown of costs had been provided by Miles Banks and the further costs of £220 for the equipment were agreed unanimously.

17.127. 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.

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

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – November 14th 2017 at 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 21:21

Signed Chairman

Dated