



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

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice Chairman) & P. Draper.

In attendance: Clerk – Kate Brazier
County Councillor Anthony Hopkins

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.

17.138. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Bennett, Cllr Churchill, Cllr Davis & Cllr Gupta

17.139. Declarations of interest

- a) Register of Interests. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Sumner declared an interest in item 17.142. ii) a. & item 17.144. d)
- c) Other Disclosable Interests
- d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

17.140. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sumner & seconded by Cllr Pinfield.

17.141. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports –

- *Contact from Police* – The clerk wrote to Police & Crime Commissioner John Campion after the last meeting regarding contact between the police and the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch representative. This will be followed up at the next meeting.
- *Neighbourhood Watch* – Update requested for January meeting
- *Community Speed Watch* – Update requested for January meeting

17.142. 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/17/02246/HP** 29 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, B49 5LH
Proposal: Erection of a double brick wall, to a height of 1.9 metres, plus one set of gates, to the boundary of the property.
Consultation ended: 1st December 2017, the Parish Council recommended REFUSAL
- b. **APP/H1840/W/17/3183049** 7 The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LS
Proposal: Subdivision of garden to No.7 The Ridgeway and a new detached zero carbon dwelling with associated landscaping. APPEAL.
- c. **Pre Application Enquiry for the proposed telecommunications radio base station installation at Oaks Barn Farm, Knowle Fields, of A422, B49 5LS** – Not received via Wychavon Planning.
The Council recommended contact with the Planning Department before making comment.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- a. **W/17/00964/HP** 6-8 Church Lane, Cookhill
Proposal: Retrospective application for 2 storey rear extension to create lounge extension and extra bedroom at No.6 & No.8 Church Lane
Decision: APPROVED 23rd November 2017

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning: None reported

17.143 VAS on Edgioake Lane – A quote for a solar powered VAS has been received from Unipart Dorman. A post has already been installed by Highways on Edgioake Lane but is not of a sufficient size for the required sign. Cllr Hopkins said that he would investigate a possible grant to fund a larger post as the Highways Department are unable to fund this. He also agreed to speak to Highways about locating a contractor to install the new post. It was agreed unanimously that the VAS would be purchased, as per the agreed 2017/18 budget, and it will be installed in the New Year. Payment will be raised at the January meeting.

17.144. Finance

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for November 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) **Mobile Phone Upgrade** – The Chairman asked the Council for their thoughts on upgrading the clerk’s mobile to enable her to access emails and the internet from her phone when out and about. This was proposed by Cllr Sumner and seconded by Cllr Draper. This was agreed unanimously.
- c) **BT Broadband price increase** – The clerk reported that the Broadband service with BT had been upgraded to a faster speed and had been secured at just a £2.50 increase. The amount of £31.99 will be taken from the bank account automatically by direct debit. This increase was agreed unanimously by the Parish Council.
- d) **Village Hall Mulled Wine Evening** – The £250 grant towards the free Mulled Wine & Mince Pie evening proposed by Cllr Pinfield and seconded by Cllr Draper.
- e) **Budget & Precept** – The amended figures were approved and will be set at January’s meeting.

17.145. 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.

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

- a. **Parish Land Meeting** – Tuesday 9th January 2018 – 7pm
- b. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 9th January 2018 – 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 20:51

Signed Chairman

Dated