



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 13th February 2018
Cookhill Village Hall.**

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

In attendance: Clerk – Kate Brazier
Mr Tony Mitchell – Parish Paths Warden
Mr R. Fullee – Rural Highways, Worcestershire
3 members of the public

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.

18.011. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr P Davis, County Cllr Anthony Hopkins and District Cllrs Audrey Steel & David Wilkinson

18.012. 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 Sumner disclosed an interest in item 18.016. i) c)
- d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

18.013. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the Council Tuesday 9th January 2018 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Sumner.

18.014. Presentation from Mr Roy Fullee – Rural Highways, Worcestershire

The Chairman welcomed Mr Fullee to the meeting. As a former member of Worcester County Council Mr Fullee worked as a liaison officer dealing with Highways issues. Rural Highways, Worcestershire is a consultancy service offering professional and impartial highways and transport advice and minor highway works to rural Parish Councils. Mr Fullee can act as an independent liaison between Parish Councils and the County Council when larger works are required.

18.015. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – A meeting of the current committee will be held to agree the passing over of funds.
- **Community Speed Watch** – Training will take place on Tuesday 6th March at 10:00am in Cookhill Village Hall.
- **Vehicle Activated Sign** – The post for the new VAS is due for installation on the 26th March and the sign is due to be installed on Tuesday 6th March. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Hopkins for his help in getting the new post.

18.016. 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/17/02608/FUL** Plot 2 Rear of 18 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill
Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling (amendment to Plot 2 approved under planning permission W/09/01310/PN)
Application response required by 5th February – Parish Council recommended REFUSAL.
- b) **W/1702587/FUL** Cookhill Priory, 66 Evesham Road, Cookhill, B49 5LN
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling (amendment to approved scheme ref. W/06/01042/CU to include basement and conservatory)
Application response required by 9th February – Parish Council recommended REFUSAL
Following the receipt of clarifying documents prior to the meeting the Parish Council agreed to amend their comments to recommend APPROVAL.
- c) **W/18/00161/FUL** Clerkcroft, 10 Church Lane, Cookhill, B49 5JS
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with garage and associated access, landscaping and parking.
Planning application received after publication of the Agenda. The Councillors points were recorded for planning purposes.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- a) **W/17/01667/FUL** Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6BG
Proposal: Proposed workshop with access and associated works.
Decision: Approved 12/01/17
- b) **W/17/02158/FUL** Cladswell Hall Farm, Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JT
Proposal: Change of use of land for erection of block of 6 stables and use of land for siting of 3 containers for storage of feed, bedding, tack and equine requisites (RETROSPECTIVE)

Decision: Approved

- c) **APP/H1840/W17/3183049** 7, The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, B96 6LS
Proposal: Subdivision of garden of No.7 The Ridgeway and new detached zero carbon dwelling with associated landscaping.
Decision: Dismissed 12/02/18

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

18.017. Progress Reports

- a) **County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:** Apologies
b) **District Councillor Steel:** Apologies
c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** Apologies
d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:** *Items for discussion below.*
e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:** *Items for discussion below.*
f) **Parish Paths Warden:**
- Mr Mitchell reported that he had been out and about in the village over the past month when the weather has allowed. He noted that there were some fences and hedges encroaching onto the footpaths in some area but advised that major works need to be reported to the County Council to be carried out. Missing posts have been installed in Lower Cladswell Lane and also on Dogbut Lane. He will continue to work with the Lengthsman to ensure the footpaths are clear and ready to use as the weather improves.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall:**
- The popular Skittles evening is returning to the Village Hall on Saturday 17th February. There will be a light supper provided.
 - The Spring Fair is scheduled to take place on March 10th. The Village Hall would like to give local businesses and members of the public the chance to come along and have a stall at the event. Contact the Village Hall for more details.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman continues to carry out essential work around the parish and he has also worked on some minor repairs, as requested by the Parish Council.
- i) **Playing Fields:** The chairman reported that the yellow lines outside the playing field had been washed away during the bad weather and he proposed reinstating them along with some crosshatching. This was agreed. The playing field continues to be well used by all age groups in the village.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** Nothing to report

18.018. Finance

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for January 2018 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) **Pension increases**
- c) **Grant Requests**
- **Cookhill Cricket Club** – The Cricket Club had submitted a brief summary of how they will use any monies granted to them in 2018. They intend to focus on getting more young people interested in joining the club and will arrange sports events and open days alongside visiting local schools. Cllr Sumner proposed a grant of £250 and this was agreed unanimously.
 - **St Paul's Church, Cookhill** – The Council have been approached by the Church following some extensive work to maintain the church. They are currently looking to purchase a new boiler. It was proposed that they be granted £250 towards the intended works. This was agreed unanimously.
- d) **Field Rental Reviews** – April 2019. The Parish Council agreed to review the rents for all the fields at the March meeting.

18.019. 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.

- Field Rent Reviews
- Mearse Lane - Resurfacing

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

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 13th March 2018

This meeting closed at 21:12

Signed Chairman

Dated