



**The Minutes of Cookhill ANNUAL PARISH Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7pm
Cookhill Village Hall.**

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

In attendance: Clerk – Kate Brazier
District Councillor Audrey Steel
District Councillor David Wilkinson

A18.001 Apologies received and accepted from Mr Tony Mitchell, Parish Paths Warden

Chairman's Report for 2017-2018

A18.002 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and Community Speed Watch

Speeding has been a concern in the Parish again this year. Incidents on the Ridgeway have dropped following the installation of a fully funded vehicle activated sign, located just after The Nevill Arms, in 2017.

The Parish Council and a group of volunteers, in conjunction with the Safer Roads Partnership, have recently undergone the necessary training to enable them to carry out Community Speed Watch sessions along the 30mph stretch of Edgioake Lane. We hope to be able to roll this out to other problem areas on the Saltway in the future, and possibly outside the flats providing safe locations are agreed with West Mercia Police.

The Parish Council now have a Speed Camera with a current certificate, but have not had the weather to use it. This equipment is providing on loan.

A18.003 Planning Applications

The Parish Council continue to receive planning applications. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Parish Council can only advise and pass on their recommendations. The results of planning applications are ultimately decided by a delegated team of salaried planning officers. Details of how the Parish Council deals with planning can be found on the Parish Council website.

The Councillors generally go out and visit the sites when time allows and report back to Wychavon with views and recommendations. The Parish Council are local and generally know the area better than the Planning Officers.

A18.004 Computer Club

The Computer Club / Internet Café is held every Wednesday morning from 10am till 12noon in the Village Hall Meeting Room, during term time. The club continues to be very popular and well received and gives local people an informal chance to come along and ask questions and use their laptops or tablets in the company of others. The clerk runs the club and it is free to Cookhill residents. Refreshments are served. Please contact the clerk if you would like more information.

A18.005 Allotments

The Parish Council wished to thank Mr David Claydon and the Allotment Association for their splendid work at the site and for keeping things running so smoothly, they have their own committee of volunteers who do this.

A new rotavator, funded by the Parish Council, is now available for tenants to use on their plots – there is also a larger rotavator available, plus a tractor, used to prepare a plot if it requires a complete revamp. There are currently no vacant plots at the site, but you can be added to the waiting list.

A18.006 Affordable Housing

The Parish Council have provided a new noticeboard and a litter bin on the verge in front of Ridgeway Meadows, on the A441. Dog poo can be put in waste bins also.

A18.007 Cookhill Playing Fields

The Playing Fields continue to be very popular and well used. The adult exercise equipment and children's play equipment has been very successful along with people using the table tennis table and playing football. One of the swings was replaced, due to wear and tear, with a flat, child's swing and a table tennis table cover was purchased, which survived the recent storms!

A18.008 Snow

The Parish Council gritter has been out on our roads more times this year than ever and the Parish Council thanked Cllr Davis for carrying out this task. The County Council only grit main roads so it is down to the Parish Council to grit all the side roads and car parks in the village.

We saw several incidents of extreme snow during the winter but Cookhill was kept functional thanks to the sterling efforts of the team at SE Davis who came out with the snow plough and cleared the main and side roads so that no one was cut off for long.

Special mention should be made of the local farmers who also offered their help, and vehicles, to make sure that most people were able to get to work.

A18.009 Grants for 2017-18 totals £3,000

a) Cookhill Village Hall	£1,500
b) St. Paul's Church	£1,250
c) Cookhill Cricket Club	£250

The Budget for Grants for 2018-19 is **£5,000**, if you would like to apply for a Grant from the Parish Council please contact the Clerk

A18.010 CONCLUSION

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors for their support and attendance to meetings throughout the year. Special thanks to the clerk for all the work she carries out on behalf of the Council.

This meeting closed at 19:12hr

Signed Chairman

Dated