



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7.30pm
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
County Councillor Anthony Hopkins
District Councillor Audrey Steel
District Councillor David Wilkinson

5 x 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.

18.080. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Davis, Mr Tony Mitchell & Tony Carter.

18.081. 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
- d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

18.082. Minutes: The Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 10th July were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Gupta.

18.083. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

- **Police Report** – The following incidents were recorded during July.
 - **The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank – Theft** – Items reported stolen from an external mailbox.
 - **The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank – Criminal damage** – A hole was cut in a wire boundary fence, large enough to enable access to the property.
 - **Botany Bay Nurseries – Theft & Criminal Damage** – 20 – 25 plants stolen from the open yard with 60 – 70 compost bags also vandalised. The stolen plants were transported from the site using one of the centre's trolleys, this was later discarded in a hedge, alerting staff to the theft.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Following reports of occupants of a white van acting suspiciously in the surrounding area residents were asked to watch out for suspicious activity and to report it on 101.
- **Community Speed Watch** – The team carried out a session on Saturday 11th September at a site on Edgioake Lane. 13 vehicles were reported as speeding during the 90 minute session. The sign will remain in place for 1 month when the data from the Edgioake Lane VAS will be collected. It was agreed that more volunteers are needed, this will be advertised in the What's On.

18.084. 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/18/01360/HP** Honeysuckle Cottage, 13 Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LL
Proposal: Replacement garage with home office above.
Recommendation: The Parish Council recommended refusal, with 1 abstention.

ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

- a) **W/18/00762/HP** Springfields, 32 Wood Lane, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6NW
Proposal: Extension to form enlarged kitchen and bedroom above. Addition of green roof. Removal of terrace to green roof & installation of a Juliette balcony to sliding window.
Decision: APPROVED 20/07/18
- b) **W/17/02587/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.)
Decision: APPROVED 1/08/18

iii) Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning:

- a) **W/18/01455/FUL** The Tudor House, 40 Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LQ
Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural land to extend garden.
Recommendation: The Parish Council recommended approval, with 1 abstention.

18.085. Progress Reports

- a) **County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:** The chevron posts have been installed on the bend by Cookhill Priory on the A422. Cllr Hopkins asked for an update on the Game Fair Traffic and was told that it had been chaotic.
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) boundary is currently under review.
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** Superfast Worcestershire broadband is coming to the area. Funding for vouchers for residents & local businesses has been set aside.

Cllr Draper was excused from the meeting.

- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:** No updates
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
 - A422 Arrow Lane – Road closure for resurfacing from the 27th August 2018, anticipated to take 5 days.
- f) **Parish Paths Warden:** Apologies
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall:**
 - **Race Night** – Saturday 6th October 2018. Race sponsors are offered 2 free tickets.
 - **Lunch Club** – Helpers from the Lunch Club were invited, along with a representative from the Village Hall, to have tea at the Mayor's Office in Redditch. They were presented with a commemorative plaque which will be displayed in the Village Hall.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Council thanked the Lengthsman for his swift response to requests in the past month.
- i) **Playing Fields:** The equipment has now been cleaned by a local window cleaning company. They have done a very thorough job.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:**
 - **Bonfire** – A bonfire, lit during the day, was reported to the Council. The tenant on the field has been contacted.
 - **Parking on the verge** – A car has been reported to the Council as it has been parked in a dangerous place in the cul-de-sac, restricting visibility onto the main road.

18.086. Finance

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

18.087. 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.

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

- a. **Parish Land Meeting** – Tuesday 11th September 2018 – 7pm
- b. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 11th September 2018 – 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 21:06

Signed Chairman

Dated