



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm  
Cookhill Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice Chairman), M. Churchill & T. Bennett

**In attendance:** Clerk – Kate Brazier  
County Councillor Anthony Hopkins  
Mr Tony Mitchell – Parish Paths Warden

Sarah Brooke-Taylor – Rural Housing Enabler, WRCC

3 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. He asked if anyone wished to record the meeting and to make it known to the clerk if they were intending to do so.

**18.089. Apologies received and accepted from:** Cllr Gupta, Cllr Davis and the representative from the police.

**18.090. 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)

**18.091. Minutes:** The Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sumner and seconded by Cllr Churchill, all in favour.

**18.092. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports**

- **Police Report** – No incidents reported in August.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Neighbourhood Watch signs now available from Cllr Bennett. A log of signs in the Parish is currently underway. Gaps will be recorded and signs ordered.
- **Community Speed Watch** – Reports from residents along the 30mph stretch of the Ridgeway of motorcyclists driving dangerously and doing stunts every Wednesday evening between 6 and 8pm. Sometimes returning later in the evening. Reported to West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood and Safer Roads Teams.  
*Also see item 18.095*

**18.093. 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/18/01772/HP** 58 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY  
**Proposal:** Proposed lift to allow disabled access to property  
**Recommendation:** APPROVAL
- b) **W/18/01773/HP** Ferndale, 29 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY  
**Proposal:** Double storey side extension  
**Recommendation:** APPROVAL with a recommendation that all building materials be kept to within the curtilage of the property so as not to block the road.
- c) **W/18/01360/HP** Honeysuckle Cottage, 113 Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LL  
**Amendments received:** Pitched roof to existing garage and extension to rear  
**Revised recommendation:** Following receipt of the amendments the Parish Council revised their recommendation to APPROVAL.

**ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:**

- a) **W/18/00762/HP** Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6BG  
**Proposal:** Proposed open canopy to three sides of existing storage building, and change of use to allow storage of machinery and equipment.  
**Decision:** Refused 15/08/18

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

**18.094. Progress Reports**

- a) **County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:** Rural bus services are facing cuts in funding. Some routes are not well used, with others having a greater volume of users. Worcestershire County Council are trying to maintain current services.
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** Not present
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** Not present
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:**
  - **Elections** – Councillors were reminded that 2019 is an election year. Local Council elections will take place in May. Councils are asked to look at the qualifications required to be a Parish Councillor. The costs involved in an election, including training, will be incorporated in the 2019/20 budget.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
  - **Damaged wall, Oak Tree Lane** – Severn Trent contractors have advised that they were not responsible for the damage to the wall at the bottom of Oak Tree Lane.
  - **Verges** – The piles of earth deposited on the verges during the water main replacement works will be removed and any damage rectified when the team moves to the next location.
- f) **Parish Paths Warden:** Mr Mitchell will continue to make his rounds of the parish paths, concentrating next on the Astwood Bank end of the village. He is currently checking for waymarkers and finger posts.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall:**
  - **Race Night** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Food and bar available. Tickets £8
  - **Halloween Quiz** – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. £8 per team of 4 to 6 players. Food and prizes available.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:**
  - The Lengthsman will carry out training during the autumn to keep his qualifications up to date.
- i) **Playing Fields:** Hedge will need to be cut again before the winter.
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** The parking issue reported last month has been resolved.

**18.095 Community Speed Watch** – Following the recent sessions on Edgioake Lane it was agreed that more volunteers are needed to carry out the essential safety training. 6 volunteers needed to book the training. To be advertised in the What's On.

**18.096 WRCC Housing Needs Survey** - The Parish Council welcomed Ms Sarah Brooke-Taylor, representative from Warwickshire Community Council (WRCC) to answer questions regarding the recently distributed Housing Needs Survey. It was confirmed that a local landowner had initiated the survey, as there had not been a housing survey carried out in Cookhill since 2009. WRCC had not made contact with the Parish Council or Wychavon District Council prior to distribution as they are not required to do so. It was confirmed that anyone can request this service. Results of the survey will be collated by WRCC, anonymised and all information destroyed.

**18.097 Dog Waste Bins** – No further bins are required but extra bag dispensers may be useful. The price of second hand dispensers to be researched.

**18.098. Finance**

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

**18.099. 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.

**18.100. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meetings**

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 20:50

Signed Chairman

Dated