



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm  
Cookhill Village Hall.**

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

**In attendance:** Clerk – Kate Brazier

Mr T. Mitchell – Parish Paths Warden

Ms Rachael Oakley – SmartWater & West Mercia Representative  
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. He asked if anyone wished to record the meeting and to make it known to the clerk if they were intending to do so.

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

**19.077. 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)

**19.078. Minutes:** The Minutes from the Parish Council and Parish Land meetings held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019** were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Hamilton.

**19.079. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports**

- **Police Report** – No reports received. Any emails received from the SNT are forwarded to Councillors by Cllr Bennett.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – New stickers have been received to be distributed.
- **Community Speed Watch** – The last session was postponed due to the extreme heat.

**19.080 Presentation from Rachael Oakley from SmartWater**

The Parish Council welcomed Rachael Oakley from the West Mercia and SmartWater combined initiative 'We Don't Buy Crime'. The SmartWater packs would be purchased by the Parish Council, but an 80% sign up by local residents would be required to qualify for funding assistance from the Police & Crime Commissioner. The Parish Council will debate the scheme at their next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

**19.081. 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/19/01417/GPDQ** Land adjacent to Brandheath Cottage, Salt Way, New End, Astwood Bank  
**Proposal:** Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 dwelling houses (Class C3) and for associated operation development  
**Recommendation:** The PC recommended APPROVAL of the proposal, subject to several conditions. All in favour.
- b) **W/19/01361/FUL** 57 The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6LY  
**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural storage building (retrospective)  
**Recommendation:** The PC recommended APPROVAL of the proposal and requested that it be called in for Full Planning by District Cllr David Wilkinson. All in favour.

**ii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:**

- a) **W/19/00660/FUL** Fairview, 57 The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6LY  
**Proposal:** Erection of replacement storage building and small increase in residential curtilage (RETROSPECTIVE).  
**Decision:** Approved 14/06/19
- b) **W/19/01101/HP** The Woodlands, Saltway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 NH  
**Proposal:** Remove existing UPVC conservatory and replace with oak framed garden room.  
**Decision:** Approved 21/06/19

- c) **W/19/01092/HP** Windgather, 27 Wood Lane, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6NN  
**Proposal:** Proposed loft conversion including dormer windows, rooflights & window changes to front and rear.  
**Decision:** Approved 1/07/19

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

**19.082. Progress Reports**

- a) **County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:** Apologies sent. Cllr Hopkins has advised that a meeting is arranged to discuss the replacement of the damaged signage at the bottom of Edgioake Lane as a matter of urgency. He is also monitoring the water flooding at the top of Edgioake Lane.
- b) **District Councillor Steel:** Apologies
- c) **District Councillor David Wilkinson:** Apologies
- d) **Chairman Cllr Pinfield:**
- *Edgioake Lane* – There has been a collision at the bottom of Edgioake Lane resulting in the destruction of the signage warning of a dangerous junction. This has been raised as a service order with the Highways department and reported to Cllr Hopkins and the Highways Liaison Officer, Barry Barnes.
  - *Hedge at top of Arrow* - The Chairman has visited the house to ask about them trimming back the hedge to increase visibility. Ragley to be contacted.
- e) **The Clerk provided an update on the following:**
- *Sandholes* – Harrison Clark Rickerbys are registering ownership with the Land Registry. Photos required of existing gateway.
  - *Signage* - Work to replace the missing signage at the top of the Salt Way will be carried out as soon as Severn Trent have finished in this area.
- f) **Parish Paths Warden:** Tony has been carrying out way-marking around the Parish. He reported a persistent problem with dog mess. Signage warning of fines was suggested. To be monitored.
- g) **Cookhill Village Hall:**
- *Skittles Night* – This event was cancelled.
  - *Race Night 20<sup>th</sup> July* - POSTPONED
  - *Party Evening 15<sup>th</sup> June* – The event was well attended and raised £100 for Village Hall funds.
  - *Cycling Event 11<sup>th</sup> August* – The Village Hall will mark halfway for a large cycling event running from Solihull. There will be up to 400 cyclists on the road on this day, calling at the Village Hall for refreshments before heading back.
  - *Aber Valley Male Voice Choir* – 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Tickets available now.
- h) **Lengthsman Scheme:** The Lengthsman is catching up with the constant work in the Parish. He has trimmed the Playing Field hedge and is keeping footpaths clear. A new can of marker spray has been purchased to mark when dog walkers don't pick up. This will be monitored.
- i) **Playing Fields:**
- *Moles* – Mr Kirk has been working at the Playing Field after several mole hills were reported at the site
- j) **Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows:** Footpath behind Ridgeway Meadows requires strimming. David Claydon has agreed to do this.

**19.083 South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Review** – The Parish Council commented that they are happy with the current development boundary. A recent housing needs survey identified specific needs within the parish, these have mainly been accommodated. It was also concluded that Cookhill is not a sustainable village with no shop, school or regular bus route. Councillors commented that any future developments should include affordable houses and have a Section 106 clause enabling people with a local connection to remain in, or return to, Cookhill. The recent road closures in the parish have proved that the lane infrastructure cannot support large amounts of traffic.

**19.084 Dog Waste Bin at Cookhill Cricket Club** – The waste bin is being kept emptied with no repeat of the overflow reported last month. The Council decided that there is not currently a need to purchase a new dog bin in this location.

**19.085. Finance**

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for June 2019 showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.  
Cheques for payment were presented, approved and authorised for payment.

**19.086. 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.

- SmartWater
- Edgioake Lane junction with the Salt Way

**19.087. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting**

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 21:42

**Signed Chairman**

**Dated**