



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm
Cookhill Village Hall.**

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

In attendance: Clerk – Kate Brazier
County Cllr Anthony Hopkins
District Cllr Audrey Steel

2 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.

20.012. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr A. Sumner, Cllr V. Gupta & Mr Tony Mitchell.

20.013. 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)

20.014. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Land Meeting and the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday 14th January 2020**, were approved as a correct record by the Council, and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Hamilton.

20.015. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

- **Police Report** – Two vehicles reported for potentially being driven without MOT or insurance following a crackdown by West Mercia Police.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report
- **Community Speed Watch** – Weather suitability has been limited. Team to organise session when it is safe.

20.016. 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/19/0001/HP 32 Lychgate House, 3 Church Drive, Cookhill, B49 5JH

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

Consultation ended 03/02/2020 – The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL

b) W/19/02707/HP The Willows. The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6LT

Proposal: Proposed rear & front single storey extensions. Conversion of existing garage into a bedroom.

Consultation ends 06/02/2020 – The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

c) W/20/00155/HP 60 Evesham Road, Cookhill, B49 5LL

Proposal: Single storey extension for bedroom and shower room.

Decision: The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

ii) Pending application updates:

a) W/19/01712/FUL Land rear of 40 Wood Lane, New End, Astwood Bank

Proposal: Erection of 2 affordable bungalows

Update: Expected to be on the March Agenda for full Planning

b) W/19/02728/CU 14 Wood Lane, Astwood Bank, B96 6NW

Proposal: Change of use of land for equestrian purposes and formation of a menage.

Update: Redline boundary changed for the menage following Archaeology comments.

iii) Reports from Wychavon Planning:

a) W/19/02676/NMA Field adjacent to 45 The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank

Proposal: Application for non-material amendment following approval of **18/02276/PIP** and withdrawal of **19/01926/TDC5**

Decision: REFUSED

b) W/19/02703/HP 32 The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6LT

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of detached garage and single storey extension

Decision: APPROVED 27/01/2020

iv) **Planning enforcement matters from Wychavon Planning:** None received

20.017. Progress Reports

a) County Cllr Anthony Hopkins:

- *Signage* – The missing signage at the bottom of Edgioake Lane has been replaced. The issue of the missing signage at top of the Salt Way is being chased with some urgency.
- *Flooding* – The water leak at top of Edgioake Lane has been resolved with Severn Trent
- *Potholes* – Potholes on the main road by Dogbut Lane have been reported for repair.
- *Speed Vans* – The speed van has still been active in Cookhill. Cllr
- *Budget* – There will be a 3.99% increase. 2% adult social care. The rest will also go to schools and children's services and highways.

b) District Councillor Steel:

- *New Managing Director for Wychavon* – Interviews being conducted.

c) District Councillor David Wilkinson: Apologies

d) Chairman Cllr Pinfield:

- *Ditches & Flooding on Edgioake Lane* – It was recommended that Wychavon contact any landowners on Edgioake Lane who have not cleared their ditches. There has been a very positive response from landowners clearing their ditches.

e) The Clerk provided an update on the following:

- *Noticeboard at Ridgeway Meadows* – To be repaired

f) Parish Paths Warden: Apologies

g) Cookhill Village Hall: Apologies

h) Lengthsman Scheme: Verge repaired at the top of Alcester Heath where a HGV had gone straight the crossroads. Work is continuing on the siding out of the footpath from the Village Hall to the Nevill Arms.

i) Playing Fields: No update

j) Affordable Housing – Ridgeway Meadows: Storm damage to property. Following contact with the homeowner's insurance company Rooftop Housing have agreed to send an officer out to inspect the damage and organise

k) Cookhill Allotments:

- *3 vacant plots*
- *New mower* – To be delivered in March with the invoice coming to the Parish Council.
- *Containers* – Tenants to paint the containers when the weather improves.
- *Hardcore* – Hardcore will be delivered
- *Posts to be installed* – The damaged posts due for replacement by plot 1 to be chased.
- *Locks & Chains* – New locks under investigation. Update from Cllr Davis.

20.018. Inkberrow Charitable Trust Update – Two new accounts have been opened for the Trust with Triodos Bank, one for Cookhill and one for Inkberrow which will contain the interest from the main funds. Funds will be allocated as soon as the cheque has been paid in. The Charities Commission are still awaiting the audited documents.

20.019. Electric Car Charging Points – The possibility of installing electric car charging points in Cookhill was discussed. Grants are available to install the points. Chris Brookes from Wychavon can provide further information.

20.020. The following purchases were agreed;

- *Bus Shelter for Church Lane* – It was agreed that the current bus shelter be replaced with a 3 bay shelter subject to installation charges. This will be put on the March Agenda for approval.
- *Replacement Defibrillator Unit* – The unit at the Nevill Arms is not working and is now out of guarantee. A different style cabinet was recommended for the replacement. Proposed by Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

20.021. Finance

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for January 2020 showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.
Cheques for payment were presented, approved and authorised for payment.

20.022. 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.

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20.023. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm

This meeting closed at 21:03

Signed Chairman

Dated