



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 13th December 2022
SE Davis Meeting Room, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane**

Present: Cllr R Pinfield (Chairman), Cllr A Sumner, Cllr T Bennett & Cllr V Gupta

In attendance: Kate Brazier – Clerk

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. He commented that the Parish Council will be recording the meeting. This will be kept for a period of up to 3 months.

22.115. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr P Davis & Cllr M Churchill

22.116. 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 – Cllr Sumner disclosed an interest in 22.119 i) e) and will not comment or vote.
- d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

22.117. Minutes: The Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday 8th November 2022**, were approved as a correct record by the Council, and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Bennett & seconded by Cllr Sumner

22.118. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

- **Police Report** – An RTA was reported on the Ridgeway.
Cllr Bennet has been in contact with the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding the lack of information and communication received by Cookhill Parish Council. The Assistant PCC has agreed to call Cllr Bennett to address these issues. He will be invited to attend a Parish Council Meeting in the New Year.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Updates forwarded as they arrive and the update is posted to the Parish Council website.
- **Community Speed Watch** – A session is to be organised in the New Year when the weather is better.

22.119. 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/22/02194/HP Oldene, 1 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LH**
Proposed: Single storey rear extension to bungalow
Consultation ended 6th December, the Parish Council recommended the application be **REFUSED**.
 - b) **W/22/02090/HP 36 Wood Lane, New End, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6NW**
Proposed: Proposed rear and loft extensions
Consultation ended 8th December, the Parish Council recommended the application be **REFUSED**.
 - c) **W/22/02307/FUL Villa Farm Barns, Astwood Bank**
Proposed: Construction of 4no. new dwellings, upgraded access and associated landscaping works.
Consultation ended 9th December, the Parish Council recommended the application be **REFUSED**.
 - d) **W/22/02396/FUL Ridgeway Nurseries, Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JR**
Proposed: Demolition of existing garden centre buildings and erection of 4 dwellings as approved under planning reference 21/01369/FUL - variation of condition 2.
Decision: The Parish Council recommended that the application be **REFUSED**, with comments.
 - e) **W/22/02429/FUL 7 The Hollies, Annexe At, Wood Lane, New End, Astwood Bank, Worcestershire, B96 6NN**
Proposed: Change of Use of existing Annex to independent dwelling (Revised Application to 22/01394/FUL)
Decision: The Parish Council recommended that the application be **REFUSED**, with comments. All in favour of refusal with one abstention.
- ii) **Pending application updates:**
 - a) **W/20/01350/FUL & W/19/01712/FUL Land Rear of 40 Wood Lane, New End, Astwood Bank**
Proposed: Erection of 2 & 5 affordable bungalows (rural exception site)
Status: Pending decision
 - b) **W/22/01148/HP Tudor Thatch, Brandheath Lane, New End, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6NG**
Proposed: Demolition of existing wooden outbuildings. Single storey extension to rear.
Status: Pending decision
 - c) **W/22/02283/TDC5 Caravan at 47e The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6LS**
Proposed: Application for technical details (part 2) following approval of Permission in Principle Ref 18/02276/PIP for a rural exception development consisting of the erection of 3 no. discount market self-build dwellings (resubmission of application 19/01926/TDS5) - (Variation of Conditions 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10,11,13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 & 21 of 20/00670/TDC5)
- ii) **Wychavon Planning Authority decisions:** None received since last meeting

22.120. Civility and Respect Pledge – It was resolved to sign up to the new Civility and Respect Pledge as recommended by NALC, CALC & the SLCC. All in favour.

22.121. Finance

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for November 2022 showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.
Bank Transfers / Direct Debits were presented, approved and authorised for payment.
- b) **Budget & Precept 2023/2024** – The 2022/24 budget figures were reviewed. An increase to the Precept was proposed and agreed unanimously. The official Budget & Precept will be approved at the January 2023 meeting.

22.122. 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.

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

- a. **Parish Council Annual Finance Meeting** – Tuesday 10th January 2023

This meeting closed at 21:35

Signed Chairman

Dated

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