

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at St Marys Church Birdlip

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Liz Workman, Stuart Bradley, Tim Knox, Paul Vogel, David Metcalf.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Eileen McKay
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 29th November 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Metcalf declared a possible interest in one of the Grant Applications, as the organisation is based within the School.
4. **Matters arising not included as an agenda item.**
Residents had contacted the Council regarding the amount of litter in and around the verges throughout Birdlip. The Clerk will contact Ubico regarding the removal or possible supply of litter picker/grabbers for volunteers to arrange litter collection.

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident regarding the lack of salt bins and salt bags at the Parson Pitch/Hawcote Hill end of Birdlip Village. The Clerk will contact Amey to ascertain if any further bins can be provided or if the one in the School Car Park can be relocated.
5. **A417 Missing Link**
Cllr Lavington reported that the information regarding Issues, Concerns and Suggestions gathered at the residents meeting has been sent to Highways England.
6. **Dog Waste Bins Cowley**
The Clerk has placed the order for delivery and installation in January/February.
7. **Village Signs**
The Clerk will send the completed application for a grant towards the Birdlip Signs. Cowley signs remain ongoing. Cllr Knox has will forward a photograph of a smaller more appropriate sign to the Clerk to forward to Gloucestershire Highways for comment.
8. **Speeding Issues Cowley**
Councillors expressed concerns regarding speeding vehicles travelling through Cowley Village with delivery vans being a constant issue. The Clerk will contact Gloucestershire Highways to seek advice on this matter. Councillors have been advised to contact Andrea Shutt regarding speed monitoring and data gathering.
9. **Anti Social Behaviour at Barrow Wake View Point**
The Clerk has now heard back from Andrea Shutt who has given her approval, for signs to highlight Anti Social behavior of a Sexual Nature to be placed at Barrow wake view point. The Clerk has also received agreement from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who are also in support of these signs. Clerk will liaise with the Trust regarding the size and siting of the signs.
10. **Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:**
The 3 bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. It was noted that the surface water outside the Bus Shelter in Cowley was not draining appropriately. Cllr Knox agreed to contact Gloucestershire Highways (Amey) through their website.

11. Finance - Budget and Precepts 2018/19

A draft had been circulated. It was agreed that the budget would be £9597 and that the Precept (Council Tax) would be £4605 for 2018/19. The surplus amount would be taken from Parish Council reserves.

12. Discuss and Agree Charity Donations in accordance with the Policy

Three applications for grants had been receive by the Clerk.

It was agreed that as the Parish Council was in the unusual position of having built up a reserve over a number of previous financial years, that all applications on this occasion would be met in full. This will be subject to the full 2018/19 Precepts being awarded.

Grants to:

Cowley PPC £649.00

Birdlip PPC £400.00

Birdlip Playgroup £1914.00

13. Dates of Meetings 2018

Dates of meetings for 2018 confirmed.

14. To take any questions from the public

None

15. Items for the next agenda

Emergency Plan

16. Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st February 2018 – at Deer Park Guides HQ Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed..... Date.....