

# Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at St Marys Church Birdlip

**Present:** Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Liz Workman, Paul Vogel, David Metcalf, Eileen McKay

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Stuart Bradley & Tim Knox
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 10<sup>th</sup> January were agreed as a true record and signed.
- 3. To Accept Resignation of Parish Councillor Stuart Bradley.** The Councillors wished to pass on their sincere thanks to Stuart Bradley for his help during his time on the Parish Council, he will be missed.

The Clerk confirmed that she would advise CDC and the vacancy will be advertised in due course.

Eileen McKay was appointed as the new Head of Finance and Governance and Paul Vogel as the new Head of Staffing.

- 4. Declarations of Interest**

None

- 5. Matters arising not included as an agenda item.**

Clerks Report - Residents at Shab Hill had contacted the Council regarding problems the current snow storms had caused. The Clerk had arranged for snow ploughs to visit the area on two occasions due to large quantities of snow blocking the road.

The Council wished to pass on their sincere thanks to the volunteers who helped with the clearing of snow in the villages. A special thanks to be passed to Mark and Michael Hannis for taking the time to clear the road onto the A417.

The ongoing problems with salt bins, and snow issues in the area, has prompted the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the new local Highways Manager to discuss further.

A Litter picking session was carried out by the residents of Birdlip, a second session has been scheduled for Easter Saturday at 2pm at Barrow Wake – the Clerk will collect the litter picking supplies from CDC.

The Clerk had not added the email details for Councillors to the website as she was waiting for further guidance regarding the GDPR. Cllr McKay has some good resource material which she would pass to the Clerk for distribution to Councillors. The Clerk would arrange for a Privacy Statement to be added to the PC Website.

The Dog Waste bins have now been installed in Cowley.

- 6. Presentation by Simon Ruskin from the Crickley Flyers – A417 Legacy of a Cotswold Cycling Centre**  
Simon Ruskin explained his proposal to the Council regarding the possible redundant stretch of road from the existing Birdlip junction to the Stockwell turn off. He proposes the Council ask for this to be left as a road to be used as a recreational and training facility for cycling. This would also be used by walkers, runners and with the possibility of a bridal way. With the carpark being the existing car park at Barrow Wake, the view is

that with families using this facility on a regular basis, this facility should also put a stop to the anti social behaviour at the View Point.

The Councillors thanked Simon and voted unanimously to add this possible option to their response to Highways England. The Clerk would seek to organise a meeting with Highways England to discuss further.

**7. A417 Missing Link**

Cllr Lavington had prepared a response to Highways England regarding route 30. This was discussed and would be amended and redistributed to Councillors for approval before submitting to Highways England before the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 deadline. Response to include the possible Legacy of a Cotswold Cycling Centre. A slip road to allow access to the Golden Heart Inn and Stockwell/Cowley turn off. The use of all possible noise reduction means where the new roads runs near residential properties. AONB.

**8. Village Signs**

The Clerk has applied for the 50/50 match funding from Gloucestershire Highways.

**9. Speeding Issues Cowley**

This would be carried over to the next meeting to discuss with Cllr Knox

**10. Anti Social Behaviour at Barrow Wake View Point**

The Clerk has sent the sign dimensions for agreement from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust , currently awaiting a response.

**11. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:**

The 3 bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. The Council would ask Cllr Knox at the next meeting if he had received a response from Amey regarding the surface water outside the Bus Shelter in Cowley was not draining appropriately.

**12. Emergency Plan**

This would now be discussed at the next meeting.

**13. Finance**

- A) Clerk's salary, agreed and cheque issued
- B) GAPTC Annual Subscription cheque issued
- C) Dog Waste Bins issue cheque issued

**14. To take any questions from the public.** None

**15. Items for the next agenda Emergency Plan, GDPR**

**16. Date of next meeting** as last years meeting was held at Deer Park Guides HQ Cowley it was agreed that this years Public meeting should be held in Birdlip. Clerk to rearrange venue.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - St Mary Church Birdlip.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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