

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday November 29th 2017 at Deer Park Guides HQ Cowley

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Eileen McKay, Liz Workman, Stuart Bradley, Tim Knox

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Late apologies were received from Cllr David Metcalf
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 18th October 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed.
- 3. Co-option of member onto Parish Council**
Paul Vogel a resident of Cowley, had applied for the co-option position, this was proposed by Cllr Knox, seconded by Cllr Bradley and supported.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 5. Matters arising not included as an agenda item.**
Councillors need to have a contact email address added to website for residents to contact them directly.
Clerk to arrange for emails to be added.

A Notification of appointment to be sent to the Clerk as she has now completed her probationary period.
- 6. A417 Missing Link**
Cllr Lavington reported that residents from Birdlip, Cowley and many surrounding villages attended the meeting held on 20th November 2017 at Birdlip Village Hall. The Clerk is currently collating the Issues, Concerns and Suggestions gathered at the meeting which will be sent to Highways England.
A number of residents commented that all local Parish Councils should work together to show a united front on the new route. It was decided that a meeting be arranged in the early New Year and an invite sent to the Chairman of each parish Council to discuss.
- 7. Dog Waste Bins Cowley**
The Clerk now has the photographs and map of the location for the bins and will order for delivery and installation in the New Year.
- 8. Village Signs**
The Clerk had received an email regarding the proposed site for the Cowley sign. The proposed site is currently not level enough to install the sign. Cllr Bradley and Cllr Knox would look at the site again and report back to the Clerk. It was decided that the Birdlip signs should go ahead and the Clerk will arrange for the grant application for the Birdlip Signs to be sent.
- 9. Anti Social Behaviour at Barrow Wake View Point**
The Clerk will organize signs to be sent to Andrea Shutt for approval, it was agreed that these signs to highlight Anti Social behavior of a Sexual Nature. It was also suggested that flyers be sent to residents asking them to be vigilant and report any such sighting to the Police.
- 10. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:**
The 3 bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. Cllr Lavington reported that a new light for Birdlip was installed. Cowley replacement pads had been received.

11. Planning:

Ref. No: 17/04406/FUL Willow House Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ

Not supported. The Parish Council considers that the overall size (footprint height and volume) is inappropriate for the purposes of agricultural or equestrian storage facilities that would normal be expected for a barn serving the small area of land of approx 4 acres. Furthermore Parish Council considers that the proposed design of a "Dutch Barn" is not in keeping with the traditional definition as it has walls and windows. A Dutch Barn should be "a farm building with a curved roof set over a steel, timber, or concrete frame without walls, used for storing hay"

12. Budget and Precepts

Precepts to be set at January meeting 2018

13. Finance

- A) Approve Bank Reconciliations Approved
- B) To agree Clerk's salary, and issue cheque Agreed and Issued
- C) GAPTC Clerk training issue cheques Issued
- D) Community Heartbeat Defibrillator spares issue cheque Issued
- E) Councillor Knox Bank Mandate Signed

14. Dates of Meetings 2018

Birdlip Village Hall has a regular booking for a bowls team on Wednesday evenings. As some Councillors are unable to make other nights, it was agreed that an alternative venue for Birdlip be found. Birdlip Church had been offered as an alternative venue this was agreed. Clerk to arrange dates and issue to Councillors.

15. To take any questions from the public

None

16. Items for the next agenda

- Speeding Issues Cowley
- Review Grant Applications
- Set Precepts 2018/19
- Emergency Plan

17. Date of next meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018 - Birdlip Church

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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