

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at Birdlip Village at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Diane Ballinger, Stuart Bradley, Dr. Nick Reed, Liz Workman

1. **Apologies** – had been received from Dr S Drysdale.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – there were none.
3. **The minutes of the meeting** held on 20th January 2016 were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** – there were none.
5. **Resignation of Parish Councillor** – the resignation of David Parkinson was accepted, and the Clerk would notify Cotswold District Council about the vacancy.
6. **Bus Shelters & defibrillators:** It was confirmed that the 3 bus shelters and kiosk (Cowley) and both defibrillators have been inspected since the last meeting
7. **Birdlip former phone kiosk:** The Clerk had received 2 quotes for the refurbishment of the kiosk in Birdlip. It was agreed to accept the lower of the 2 quotes of £380. The Clerk & Chairman were delegated to authorise the electrical work needed up to a maximum of £200.
8. **A417 Missing Link** – The Chairman gave an update from recent press articles which indicated that work would start in 2020.
9. **Website & transparency code** – the development of the website was progressing but photographs of the area were needed. Councillors undertook to supply some photographs.
10. **Planning (extra agenda item)**
 - **16/00343/FUL 2 storey extension at Welcome Cottage, Birdlip**
 - **16/00509/FUL single storey extension at 3 Ridgeway Close**

These applications were received by the Parish Council just before the meeting so had not been included on the agenda. However, Members of the Council were not aware of any public concerns about these applications and therefore agreed to support the proposals
11. **The Clerk's pay & expenses** of £180.35 were agreed and a cheque signed.
12. **To take any questions from the public**
 - Both the County and District Councillors had attended. Both asked about the Gigaclear installation of better broadband and asked for any issues to be referred to the Councillors as they may be able to help
 - Gloucestershire – the budget and Council tax had increased by 1.99% plus an extra 2% for adult social care.

- Cotswold District – the Council tax had been frozen, along with other charges such as car parks and optional bins.

13. The next meeting would be held on March 23rd 2016 at Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed

Date