

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 at Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Diane Ballinger, Stuart Bradley, Dr. Stuart Drysdale, David Metcalf, Dr. Nick Reed,

1. **Apologies** had been received from Liz Workman.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – there were none.
3. **The minutes of the last meeting** held on 14th September 2016 were agreed and signed.
4. **Prohibition of Driving and No Entry - 50853 Shab Hill Lane, Cowley (62261)** –it was agreed to support this proposal.
5. **Planning Applications**
 - a) 16/03879/CLOPUD. Erection of a single storey rear extension to the existing building using matching materials at barn adjacent to Royal George Hotel, Birdlip. (*CLOPUD: to determine whether a use of buildings or land, or some operational development proposed to be carried out would be lawful*). **It was agreed to support this proposal.**
 - b) 16/03819/FUL. Two storey side extension to existing dwelling barn adjacent to Royal George Hotel, Birdlip - **It was agreed to support this proposal.**
6. **Payphone Removal** – to discuss the response of the Parish Council to the proposal by BT to remove the payphone near Air Balloon roundabout (approx. 100m South West on A417 towards Cirencester). **The Parish Council agreed that it would be good to retain this phone kiosk in case of accidents & emergencies, but the economic decision for not retaining it with so few calls is understood.**
7. **Village Signs** - The concept of a sign for each village was welcomed. Rough estimates had been received and it was agreed that a formal decision would be made (& whether local contributions would be sought) when the budget for 2017/18 was set in January 2017.
8. **Dog waste bins, Cowley** – a local resident provided suggestions for 2 locations for dog waste bins in Cowley. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact CDC about the locations, and receive an estimate of costs.
9. **Bus Shelters & defibrillators:**
 - a) The 3 bus shelters, defibrillators & and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting.
10. **Dates of Meetings 2017** – dates were circulated and agreed.
11. **External Audit report 2015/16** –the report of the external auditor was received and noted.

12. **Budget & Precept 2017/18** – the Clerk reminded Councillors that the budget and precept will be set at the next meeting of the Parish Council on January 11th at Birdlip Village Hall.
13. **Payment was authorised and cheques issued:** Expenses (including Office 365 subscription) £117.15, GAPTC Independent Internal Audit £177.00
14. **Clerk's pay –payment was** authorised and a cheque issued.
15. **Questions** - A general question was asked about planning and appeals and Parish Council comments. The Parish Council can only comment on formal proposals submitted.
16. The budget and precept would be set at the next meeting to be held on 11th January 2017 at Birdlip Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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

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Dates of meetings 2017

All meetings start at 7.30pm

Check website beforehand to make sure that the meeting is being held. If there is no urgent business, there may not be a meeting

Month	Date	Location
January	11 th	Birdlip Village Hall – set budget & precept 2017/18
February	22 nd	Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley
March	29 th	Birdlip Village Hall
April	26 th	Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley (Annual Parish Meeting -informal meeting) Short ordinary meeting of Parish Council beforehand
May	31 st	Birdlip Village Hall (Annual Meeting – policy reviews, election of Chair etc.)
June	28 th	Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley
July	No meeting	No meeting
August	2 nd	Birdlip Village Hall
September	13 th	Deer Park Gloucestershire Guides HQ, Cowley
October	18 th	Birdlip Village Hall
November	29 th	Deer Park Gloucestershire Guides HQ, Cowley
December	No meeting	Will arrange at short notice if urgent business.