

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday September 13th at Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Dr. Stuart Drysdale, Eileen McKay, Liz Workman

Absent: David Metcalf

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Stuart Bradley, District Councillor Nicholas Parsons
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 2nd August 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item.** Winter Maintenance
 - A) Fastershire**

Clerk to write to Fastershire to ascertain if there are any current plans to install fibre broadband in the Shab hill area of Birdlip.
 - B) Royal George Deliveries**

Further to emails received from a concerned resident regarding the hazardous parking outside the Royal George hotel in Birdlip, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Andrea Shutt to see if this matter had been resolved.
- 5. Co-option of member onto Parish Council**

No applications have been received and posters for co option have now been displayed. Closing date for co option applications 28th September 2017.
- 6. A417 Missing Link**

Cllr Lavington has suggested a joint public meeting with Brimpsfield Parish Council to deliver an update on the current situation and give residents from both parishes the opportunity to comment on any issues they may have. Cllr Lavington will liaise with Brimpsfield Parish Council and advise once a date has been agreed for the meeting.
- 7. Winter Maintenance**

The Clerk confirmed that bags of Salt had now been ordered for both Birdlip and Cowley. Clerk to contact AMEY regarding the maintenance of salt bins.
- 8. Dog Waste Bins Cowley**

District Councillor Nicholas Parsons has confirmed that there is no funding available for the provision of dog waste bins. Clerk to order and oversee the installation of the two bins in Cowley.
- 9. Village Signs**

The Clerk reported that she had met with Richard Gray from Gloucestershire Highways regarding the new Village signs. Whilst Mr Gray is initially happy for the Parish Council to proceed with the design and installation of new signs for Birdlip, he is currently unable to support the installation in Cowley. Richard Gray has also provided details of a possible 50/50 grant initiative. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

10. Anti Social Behaviour at Barrow Wake View Point

The Clerk had received a telephone call from a concerned resident regarding the continuing problem of anti-social behavior in and around the View Point. It was agreed that signs advising visitors to report any sightings of anti-social behavior to the Police may act as a deterrent. The Clerk will contact Andrea Shutt regarding this.

11. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators: The 3 bus shelters, defibrillators & kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. Cllr Lavington reported that a new light was needed at Birdlip, the purchase of this was agreed at the cost of £35 along with new defibrillator pads. Cllr Drysdale to check who is currently responsible for the inspection and online reporting of the Cowley defibrillator and report back at the next meeting.

12. Planning: 17/03159/FUL | & 17/03160/LBC Insertion of 2 dormer windows to side | Hill Barn Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ

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17/03334/LBC | New glazed doors with stone arches through to proposed new wine room | Hill Barn Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ

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13. Review of Grant/Charity Donation Policy

Cllr Lavington agreed to update the current policy and circulate to Councillors for comment and approval at the next meeting.

14. Finance

A) Financial update - The Clerk reported on Expenditure v budget

B) Approve Bank Reconciliations - In the absence of Cllr Bradley this will now be carried forward to the next meeting.

C) Salaries - the Clerk's pay was authorised and a cheque issued.

D) Updated Bank Mandates – Agreed and Signed

15. To take any questions from the public – None

16. Items for the next agenda

Agree new Grant/donation policy

Publish Criteria and requests for Grants/Donations for 2018/19 Applications to received by 31st December 2017

To Review Grant Applications and set budget for 2018/19 at **January 2018** meeting.

17. Date of next meeting October 18th 2017 at Birdlip Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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