

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at Birdlip Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Stuart Bradley, Dr. Stuart Drysdale, David Metcalf, Liz Workman and 2 residents of the Parish.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – District Councillor Nicholas Parsons
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 28th June 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed.
- 3. Co-option of member onto Parish Council**
As two applications had been received for this post, a vote was taken in accordance with the Council's Procedure. Mrs Eileen McKay was voted as the new Co opted Councillor by three votes to two.
- 4. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office** (co-opted Member)
- 5. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 6. To accept the resignation of Parish Councillor Nicholas Reed.**
The Councillors wished to pass on their sincere thanks to Nick Reed for his help during his time on the Parish Council.
The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy has now been advertised.
- 7. Matters arising not included as an agenda item.** Winter Maintenance
The Clerk had received a letter from AMEY regarding distribution of salt bags and Volunteer Snow Wardens for the coming winter. It was noted that due to the last two mild winters the current stocks in the salt bins had hardened and was no longer usable. The Clerk will contact AMEY regarding the emptying of these bins before further stocks are delivered. Cllr Metcalf agreed to be the Snow Warden for Birdlip. Snow Warden for Cowley to be confirmed. It was also noted that a stock of salt bags were held at Rushwood Kennels and could be distributed upon request.
- 8. To receive a report from Cllr Julian Lavington & Cllr David Metcalf** regarding the A417 Missing Link Engagement event.

Cllr Lavington and Cllr Metcalf reported on the Missing Link Engagement event they attended. They confirmed that new plans were to be considered and members of the public are invited to submit comments, once the preliminary process has commenced in November 2017. The Parish Council will submit comments in due course.
- 9. Dog Waste Bins Cowley**
It was decided to look into the possible funding of this from District Councillor Nicholas Parsons Environmental Fund.

10. Anti Social Behaviour at Barrow Wake View Point

Andrea Shutt had responded and will contact Cllr Metcalf regarding this matter. She also urged anyone who witnesses any such behavior to report direct using the 101-contact number or 999 if it is believed a crime is being committed. Cllr Lavington asked that we keep a record of known incidents reported to the police.

11. Village Signs

It was agreed that a Village Sign sub committee be formed. The newly appointed Cllr McKay for Birdlip and Cllr Drysdale for Cowley would liaise with the Clerk over this matter. The Clerk will look further into cost and current permitted standards for village signs and report back at each month with target proposal of December.

12. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators: The 3 bus shelters, defibrillators & and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. Cllr Drysdale agreed to take over the inspection of the Defibrillator for Cowley.

13. Planning:

17/02203/FUL Full Application for Replacement dwelling at Willow House Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ

District Councillor Nicholas Parsons has asked for this to be referred to the Planning Committee and will attend and support the Parish Councils objections at the meeting on 9th August 2017.

14. Finance

A) Authorise and issue cheque for Curtis Web Design - £155.00 authorised and issued

B) Donation request – A request for a donation had been received from Cowley Parochial Church Council towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. It was agreed that in this financial year a donation of £100 would be given.

C) Updated Bank Mandates – Agreed and Signed

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

15. To take any questions from the public –

Broadband/Fastershire – Concerns were raised by David Parkinson of Rushwood Kennels that residents and businesses at Shab Hill are still not covered by Fibre Broadband. Having discussed the possibility of a grant from Cotswold District Council with District Councillor Parsons, he has been told that a budget of £300,000 was to be made available to help this situation with remote residences. This will not be available until the completion of the Fastershire project. The Clerk will write to District Councillor Parsons regarding this matter.

16. Items for the next agenda

Review of Grant/donation policy to be discussed at September Meeting

Publish Criteria and requests for Grants/Donations for 2018/19 to be discussed at **October** Meeting 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 September 13th at Deer Park Guide HQ, Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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