

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday October 18th 2017 at Birdlip Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington (Chair), Eileen McKay, Stuart Bradley, David Metcalf

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Liz Workman
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 13th September were agreed as a true record and signed.
- 3. To Accept Resignation of Parish Councillor Stuart Drysdale** The Councillors wished to pass on their sincere thanks to Stuart Drysdale for his help during his time on the Parish Council.
The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy has now been advertised.
- 4. Co-option of member onto Parish Council**
Tim Knox a resident of Cowley, had applied for the co-option position, this was proposed by Cllr Bradley, seconded by Councillor Metacalf and supported.
- 5. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 6. Matters arising not included as an agenda item.**
- 7. Fastershire**
The Clerk had researched the current situation of plans to install fibre broadband in the Shab Hill area of Birdlip. Fastershire had confirmed that this was part of the phase 2 rollout program to be delivered by Gigaclear. Gigaclear have stated that the work was currently in progress. The Cabinet had been installed and was due to be commissioned soon, with pots ready to be installed to the boundary of the properties in early spring 2018.
- 8. A417 Missing Link**
Cllr Lavington suggested a date for the joint public meeting with Brimpsfield Parish Council to deliver an update on the current situation to residents for 20th November 2017 at Birdlip Village Hall. This was agreed.
- 9. Winter Maintenance**
The Clerk confirmed that she had received a reply from Amey. They had advised that the salt bins had been stirred and topped up back in June. The Councillors agreed that this did not appear to be the case in either Cowley or Birdlip. Clerk will contact Amey again to resolve.
- 10. Dog Waste Bins Cowley**
Councillors Bradley and Knox agreed to confirm the location maps needed and send to the Clerk to order the dog waste bins for Cowley. Installation would normally take 4-6 weeks.
- 11. Village Signs**
It was decided to continue with the application grant for 50% funding for the Birdlip signs. The Cowley signs would be left on going, with the Clerk contacting Gloucestershire Highways to clarify the situation.
- 12. Anti Social Behaviour at Barrow Wake View Point**
PC Weedon was present and delivered a report on current statistics of crime in the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft some signs for approval by PC Weedon and PCSO Andrea Shutt, to be located in the areas where anti-social behavior is prominent.

13. 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 and pads had been received for Birdlip. Cowley replacement pads had been ordered.

14. Planning:

17/03886/TELEC | Erection of an antenna | Birdlip Shab Hill Birdlip - **Supported**

17/03686/FUL | Change of use from offices and joinery workshop, with ancillary external storage to microbrewery (Use Class B2) for brewing of craft beers and lagers | Ermin Way Works Cirencester Road Birdlip
The Council Supported the application but commented that the Planning Officer should consider the following comments.

**The venting chimney should be located away from the neighbouring property Highclere.
The waste drainage which is currently served by a septic tank, should be replaced with new mains drainage to be served by the current main drainage system.**

17/03861/FUL | Single storey extension to the eastern elevation | 11 Ivy Lodge Barns Stroud Road Birdlip
Supported the Parish Council noted the high level of support of this application from local Birdlip residents

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Not Supported – The Council feel that the change of use from stables to pool and gym, may then result in a further application to change use to a separate residential dwelling in the future.

15. Review and approve Grant/Charity Donation Policy

The new Grant/Charity Donation Policy was agreed, subject to a change stating that there would also be a possible follow up to successful applications to ascertain that the donation had been of benefit to the community. The Clerk will prepare posters inviting applications for grants and modify the policy.

16. Finance

- A) **Approve Bank Reconciliations** Councillor Bradley to review and report back.
- B) **To agree Clerk’s salary, and issue cheque** agreed and issued
- C) **GAPTC Clerk training issue cheque for £35** issued

17. To take any questions from the public

County Councillor Robins advised that there is a future plan to split highway maintenance with Amey being responsible for the larger projects and a new mobile team for smaller repairs.

18. Items for the next agenda

- Receive a report from Councillor Lavington on the A417 residents meeting
- Set dates for next years meeting
- Discuss draft Precepts 2018/19
- To Review Grant Applications and set budget for 2018/19 at **January 2018** meeting.

19. Date of next meeting November 29th 2017 at Deer Park Guides HQ Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

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