

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at St Marys Church, Birdlip 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Liz Workman, David Metcalf, Tim Knox, Eileen McKay, Paul Vogel and Cllr Linda Dawson.

1. Apologies None
2. **Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th October 2018 were agreed and signed.
3. **Declarations of Interest** None
4. **Matters arising not included as an agenda item**
5. **A417 Missing Link** The Chairman met with the Area Chairman of the Gloucestershire Ramblers Association, who had ask to meet for an update on the current situation with the A417. The Chairman also reported that Highways England had been carry out investigative Boreholes in the Birdlip area.

Cllr Metcalf has had discussions with Highways England regarding the possibility of funding grants being made available the Birdlip School and Village under the Legacy Fund. Contact details were passed to Cllr Dawson to follow up for Cowley Village.

6. **Village Signs** The signs have now been installed in Birdlip – The Clerk is currently waiting to hear from Gloucestershire Highways regarding the insurance of the signs.
7. **Parking Issues Cowley** The Clerk had received correspondence from local Highways manager. Double Yellow Lines would require a Traffic Regulation Order which at present costs between 10 -15k to implement. Mainly for that reason they try to avoid them except in the most needed circumstances or if there is a package of work to effectively spread the cost.

Regarding white lines – Cllr Knox to send Clerk details and Map

8. **Replacement of Lime Trees Cowley** The Clerk had been advised that Amey will not be in a position to instigate replacing and replanting of the felled trees during this financial year. However, they will be doing some research into suitable species in the near future. If possible they would like to replant with Lime but as they are susceptible to Kretzschmaria they would not want to replant only to find they are losing trees shortly after.
9. **Disposal of building waste Birdlip** The Clerk continued to receive correspondence from Cllr Parsons. Another site visit was conducted on 3rd December, and an additional final warning letter was then sent to the land owner requiring him to clear the land of all waste and building paraphernalia within a week or an Enforcement Notice would be issued.

Since this correspondence was sent, the CD council received an email from the land owner claiming the land was sold in July 2018 and that it is no longer his responsibility (this is contrary to the information they've gained from the land registry search). A name and an address for the new land owner has been provided which they are currently chasing.

The CD Council has also been discussing the case with the Environment Agency to consider action under their legislation to see whether action can be taken by them which would speed up the process of gaining a successful result.

10. **Public Bench Birdlip** The Parish Council had been offered a new bench by a resident who wished to dedicate it to his late wife. The Council gratefully received this donation and the Chairman would contact him to arrange for the replacement. It was agreed to use the donations offered to renovate the existing bench and place in another suitable position. The Parish Council will need to insure both benches for PLI. The Clerk will investigate any additional insurance costs.

11. **Planning**

Ref. No: 18/04686/FUL | Installation of garden pod | Hill Barn Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ Supported

Update Ref. No: 18/01936/FUL Planning Application Former Kellands Agricultural Ltd Site Brimpsfield Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH. Construction of five dwellings. The Council noted that the new layout and design of houses had allowed for additional parking for visitors but still believed the site was overdeveloped for the village.

Ref. No:18/04877/FUL | Single storey rear extension | The Laurels Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ Supported

12. **Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:** To note that the three bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since last meeting. Birdlip battery is now down to one bar, Cllr Lavington to contact Heartbeat Trust to find out if this is covered under the maintenance agreement.

13. **Finance**

Budget & Precept 2018/19 Agreed

Agree Clerks pay/expenses and issue cheques (November £147.04 & £16) & (December £147.04 & £16)

Issue Cheque to PATA Payroll £22.50

14. **Discuss and Agree Charity Donations in accordance with the Policy** No applications had been received. It was agreed that if any applications were received after the cut off date the Parish Council may consider.

15. **Dates of Meetings 2019** Agreed

16. **To take any questions from the public.** None

17. **Items for the next agenda** None

18. **Date of next meeting** Wednesday 20th February 2019 – Deer Park Guide HQ - Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

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