

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at St Marys Birdlip at 7.30pm.

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – Peter Ritchie
2. **Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman** –
 - Cllr Julian Lavington was elected as Chairman having been nominated by Cllr McKay and seconded by Cllr Knox. There were no other nominations.
 - Cllr Knox was elected as Vice-Chairman having been nominated by Cllr Lavington and seconded by Cllr Dawson. There were no other nominations.
3. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Chairman & Vice Chairman)** Cllr Lavington and Knox signed the declarations of office.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – none
5. **Minutes of the last meeting** - the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2019 were agreed with one change to minute 14 and signed.
6. **ANNUAL REVIEWS:**
 - a) To adopt the **Standing Orders** for the year - agreed
 - b) To adopt the **Financial Standing Orders** - agreed
 - c) To adopt the **Code of Conduct** - agreed
 - d) **Register of Members Interests** - notice of disclosure of pecuniary and other interests. Reminder that all previous Members of the Parish Council need to ensure information is up to date, and all members need to complete and return to Clerk. Noted
 - e) To review the **risk assessment & asset register** for the Parish Council – agreed.
7. **Parking Issues Cowley** – Cllr Knox and the Clerk had met with Gloucestershire Highways. It was agreed to continue using cones to combat the parking issues.
8. **Dog waste Bins Cowley and Birdlip.** Cllr Knox, would contact the Guide HQ to ascertain if they would be happy for the bin to be sited near the entrance. Clerk had contacted the Royal George who are happy for the new Dog waste bin to be located near the entrance to the hotel.
9. **A417 Update**
 - I. An Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report had been received for Consultee comment. This will be circulated to Councillors for comment by 31st May. Chairman to respond by deadline date 12th June 2019.
 - II. It was agreed that two A417 Legacy sub groups would be set up to deal with any legacy issues for both Cowley and Birdlip Villages. These groups would report back at each meeting.

10. Bus Shelters & defibrillators: To note that the 3 bus shelters, defibrillators & and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. Noted.

11. Noticeboards, Grass Verge and Bench Birdlip It was agreed to purchase two new public noticeboards for the bus shelter in Birdlip. Cllr Metcalf, was arranging for a reply from the pupils at Birdlip School regarding the cultivation of the Grass Verge. Clerk has asked Highways England for confirmation of ownership of grass verge in Birdlip to site bench.

12. Ref 19/01317/FUL. Churnside Estate Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ
Erection of Ancillary accommodation – **Objection - Not supported**

Concerns are raised that the proposed development is not ancillary (by definition) and as such should be treated as a standalone new build property.

Concerns are raised that the proposed development is outside of the residential curtilage.

Concerns are raised over the disproportionate carbon footprint associated with the large scale excavations and use of mass concrete and the associated unsustainable pattern of development.

Concerns are raised in relation to the over development of the Churnside Housing Estate, and the adverse cumulative impact on Cowley taking into consideration other similar developments that could be permitted during the Local Plan period.

Concerns are raised that a subsequent planning application will be submitted for the change of use to an independent dwelling, which goes against NPPF policy of sustainable patterns of development.

13. Finance

a) GAPTC Independent Internal Audit – The Audit will take place on Friday 17th May 2019.

b) Annual Accounts –

i. To comment on the 2018/19 Parish Council accounts – presented by Cllr Mckay - approved

ii. To complete the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 – completed and signed

c) To agree clerks pay £147.04 and Office/website expenses of £23.29 and issue cheques – agreed and issued

d) Issue Cheque for donation to Birdlip with Brimpsfield Churchyard Maintenance £250.00

e) Issue Cheque Zurich Insurance £310.57

14. To take any questions from the public – none

15. Items for next Agenda

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th June at Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

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