Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday 19th June 2019 at Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley at 7.30pm.**

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

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Ritchie

2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2019 were agreed and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item including Clerks report

Clerks Report

I. New Noticeboards have been installed on Birdlip Bus shelter and have received good resident feedback. Zurich Insurance had confirmed they had been added to the policy at no additional cost.
II. The Clerk had been advised of a home burial in Cowley.
III. The Parish Council Facebook page is now active.
IV. A Resident had found the old Birdlip Village Pump in their garden and would like to gift it to the Parish Council. It was agreed that if a suitable place could be found to position it then the Parish Council would accept this kind offer.
V. The Clerk had received numerous reports of incidents and accidents regarding overweight vehicles and speeding traffic through Birdlip village and Birdlip Hill. She had met with the Great Witcombe Parish Clerk who had been experiencing similar problems. The Council agreed that the Clerk contact Gloucestershire Highways and the Police again as a matter of urgency.

5. Parking Issues Cowley

Resolved.

6. Dog Waste Bins Cowley and Birdlip

The Birdlip bin had been ordered and will be positioned by the entrance of the Royal George Hotel in Birdlip. No Suitable location had been found in Cowley.

7. Grass Verge and Bench Birdlip

Gloucestershire Highways had confirmed ownership of the Verge and has given permission for a slab to be laid for the bench. Cllr Lavington and Cllr Mckay to organise.
Grass Verge - Cllr Metcalf confirmed a reply would be sent by the pupils.

8. Councillors Contact Details

Email contacts will be added to the Parish Council website and Telephone numbers distributed to Councillors.

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9. **Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:** To note that the three bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since last meeting.

This was noted. Cllr Lavington to contact Community Heartbeat regarding the replacement batteries for both Cowley and Birdlip Defibrillators.

10. A417 Update

Cllr Lavington Thanked Councillors for the extra time they had given to attend a series of recent meetings.

Cllr Knox asked if the Clerk could ask for an update form Highways England regarding the Noise Receptor request for Cowley.

Cllr Lavington reported Highways England had attended the Birdlip School Fete at the invitation of the Headmaster. Their mobile exhibition unit was very popular and many local residents were asking questions of the HE project team.

The chairman and the clerk attended a meeting with HE, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Cycling Club and Fly-Up A417 regarding cycle access to the new scheme particularly the route up Crickley Hill.

All Councillors from the PC were invited to the HE project progress update on 13 June at Gloucester Rugby Club. This was very informative with further detail on the next phase of the consultation:

Public Consultation on detailed design: Sep/Oct 2019

RIS2 (funding) Decision: Autumn 2019

Completion of Public Consultation: Spring 2020

Completion of DCO process: Autumn 2021

Commencement of construction: Autumn 2021

Completion of build: Summer 2024

Several Councillors attended a meeting requested by the Chairman of Camgagne for Rural England (CPRE) (South Cotswolds) on 18 June 2019. This was to hear a proposal by CPRE to HE which would route traffic from the new A417 away from Birdlip high street through to Stroud. The proposal consisted of a new road that appeared to split the village of Birdlip in half. Councillors considered that as the finer details of the proposal were unavailable to them they were unable to comment. It was agreed to write to HE to obtain a copy of the proposal as submitted by CPRE.

11. A417 Legacy

A Meeting of the Birdlip Legacy sub committee was held on 17th June and attend by Cllrs Lavington and Metcalf along with representatives from Birdlip Village Hall Trustees and Birdlip and Brimspfield Cricket Club. Discussions took place about the possible part funded grants that may be available. It was suggested that a playground, Womens Changing rooms at the Cricket ground and possible new Village Hall. It was agreed that both the Womens changing rooms and a playground would benefit the community. Cllr Metcalf explained that any submissions for grants to the A417 Legacy fund would be submitted with those from other groups in the area.

12. Planning:

19/01678/FUL Construction of two storey dwelling with garage at Land Between Perryway Cottage and Larkfield Cowley Gloucestershire.

The Parish Council noted there had been numerous objections from residents.
The Parish Council Objects for the following reasons :

I. The Parish Council believes this is contrary to the Local Development Plan period.

II. The application will have a significant detrimental impact on the natural and historic landscape (including the tranquillity of the countryside) of Cowley.
III. The application does not maintain or enhance sustainable patterns of development
IV. The application does not complement the form and character of Cowley
V. The application is not a quality design, nor does it respect the character and distinctive appearance of the locality.

19/02074/TCONR | Woodland works – Cowley Supported

19/01448/FUL Erection of single storey side extension at Bath Place Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH To Minute the Parish Councils Decision to Support this Application.

13. Finance

a) **GAPTC Independent Internal Audit** – receive update – Cllr McKay reported that the Internal audit had taken place on 17th May 2019 and had received an excellent report.
b) **Add and remove Councillor bank signatories -** application signed
c) **To agree the Clerk's pay and issue cheque to include payment for Birdlip Notice Boards** £183.80 and £190.22
d) Clerk reported the first precept payment had been received.
e) **Review Clerks Wages – Cllr Vogel asked for approval to increase the Clerks wage to** £9.74/hour agreed. Cllr Vogel thanked the Clerk for her work commitment to the Council.
f) **To authorise payment and issue cheque:** GAPTC Internal Audit £166.30 issued

14. To take any questions from the public.

Cllr Judd Advised availability of two community grants, Community Projects fund and Community Activity Support Grant. Cllr Judd also reported on the possibility of Electric Car Fast Charge points being available to local villages.

15. Items for the next agenda

16. Date of meeting Wednesday 21st August 2019 – St Mary's Church Birdlip

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed…… Date……

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