

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 16th October 2019 at St Mary's at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Paul Vogel, David Metcalf, Peter Ritchie, and Linda Dawson

1. Apologies

Cllrs Eileen McKay and Tim Knox

2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2019 were agreed and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item

Cllr Lavington advised that applications for Grants and Donations 2020 are now active.

Cllr Lavington confirmed an application had been submitted to Cotswold District Council on behalf of the committee organising the Birdlip Christmas Fair which was supported by Councillors.

Cllr Metcalf asked if any further information was available regarding the disposal of waste in the field by the Royal George in Birdlip. Whilst much of the waste had been removed a significant amount still remained and has now become overgrown. Cllr Judd asked if once the weeds and grass had died back if a photograph could be emailed and she will look into the situation further.

Update on planning application **Ref. No: 19/02982/FUL** | Erection of a link detached garage with annex at first floor. - The Haven Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH. Cllrs acknowledge the updated design for this application but are still unable to support as still not in keeping with existing building and other buildings in village.

5. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:

To note that the three bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since last meeting. Clerk currently obtaining quotes to repaint the kiosk in Birdlip.

6. A417 Update

It was agreed that Cllr Lavington would respond to Highways England on the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllrs were to email their comments to Cllr Lavington by 31st October.

7. Polling District

The Parish Council voted to object to the closure of the Polling Station at Cowley. It was noted that whilst the village of Cowley is far smaller in size to that of Birdlip there are significant disadvantages to the electorate in Cowley as the closure would require travel to the Polling Station in Birdlip. This is due to the distance from Cowley to Birdlip if using the A429/A436 main roads, the hazards in crossing the A417 trunk road if using the shorter single track lane route and also the lack of direct public transport. Overall it was agreed that closing the polling station in Cowley would have a significant detrimental effect on the electorate in the village of Cowley.

8. Grass Verge Birdlip Sub Committee

The Clerk is currently gaining quotations to replace the direction signs with a more suitable Finger Post Sign.

9. Parking Cowley

Cllrs agreed to purchase 12 no parking/waiting cones for Cowley Village – Clerk to order.

10. Commemorative Bench Birdlip

Currently obtaining quotes for concrete slab for the commemorative bench in Birdlip from insured contactors.

11. Planning:

Ref. No: 19/03407/FUL | Two storey rear extension - Jesmond Cottage Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ
Supported

12. Finance

- a) **Budget Update and 2nd Precept Payment** noted and approved
- b) **Invoice Cotswold District Council for Dog waste Bin** cheque issued for £252.00
- c) **To agree the Clerk’s pay and expenses and issue cheque** agreed and cheques issued £156.32 & £16.00
- d) **Invoice PATA Payroll services** cheque issued for £23.52

13. To take any questions from the public.

Cllr Ritchie asked of Cllr Judd if the CDC were planning to review the current legislation regarding the insulating and double glazing of listed buildings. Cllr Judd would make enquiries and report back.

14. Items for the next agenda

15. Date of meeting Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.19pm

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