

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 19th February 7.30pm Deer Park Guide HQ - Cowley

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Paul Vogel, Eileen McKay, Peter Ritchie, Linda Dawson.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Knox and Metcalf

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Minutes of meetings held on 15th January 2020 were agreed and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item

The Clerk reported on the following:

- a) A commercial advertising board that was placed on the Grass Verge in Birdlip has been removed and the company responsible has been contacted in connection with this.
- b) There has been a serious incident near the old Kellands building site. A resident was hit by a car, which failed to stop after the incident.
- c) The Local Gloucestershire Highway Manager will be moving to a new area in April. The Parish Council would like to pass on their thanks to Danny Taylor for the help and advice he has given to the PC whilst working in this area and wish him all the best for the future.

The Chairman had been contacted by a number of residents regarding the new Bike store/shelter that was due to be erected near the Cricket Club in Birdlip, is this the appropriate position for/is there a need for/will the style be in keeping with the surroundings. Assurances as to the ownership and responsibility for maintenance/Insurance to be confirmed with Highways England.

Cllr Ritchie asked if any information had been gained regarding the inspection of the Fire Hydrants. – Clerk had been advised that this is done by Gloucestershire Fire Service. Clerk to ask as part of the Emergency plan how often they are inspected.

5. A417 Missing Link Update

The next milestone for the A417 will be the submission of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) – the planning permission required to deliver Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) such as this.

Highway England expect to submit this application in spring 2020, which will include a report on the statutory consultation. Once the Planning Inspectorate has accepted their application for examination, it will be available to view along with a range of other documents on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

6. Planning

Ref. No: 19/03758/FUL | Hardings Barn Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9PF. Extension and alterations to an existing dwelling (Grade II Listed); including internal works

Supported

7. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:

To note that the three bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since last meeting. The light in the Birdlip kiosk is currently not working – need to check cause.

8. Cowley Bus Shelter

Gloucestershire Highways have confirmed that a new base will be fitted asap, Cllr Robbins has provided funds for this work from his budget, which should help with the timing of the work.

9. Change of Polling Station Venue in Birdlip

It was agreed that the Polling Station venue for Birdlip be moved to St Marys Church in Birdlip.

10. Finance

- a) Election of GAPTC as Internal Auditor **Agreed**
- b) Agree Clerks pay and expenses & issue cheques £156.32 & £75.99 (includes renewal of Microsoft office

11. To take any questions from the public.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Judd who was unable to attend the meeting but would forward a report to Councillors.

Representatives from JS Equine asked if they could address the Parish Council regarding their revised application for development of the Green Farm site. The Chairman asked Cllrs to examine the revised plans and advise if they believed this changed their original objection.

Residents have become increasingly concerned regarding the colour of the stone being used by the developers of the old Kelland site as it does not appear to be sympathetic to other building material used in the village. Clerk to contact planning.

12. Items for the next agenda

13. Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th March 2020 7.30pm St Marys Birdlip

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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