

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at St Marys Birdlip 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Paul Vogel, Eileen McKay, David Metcalf, Peter Ritchie, Cllrs Linda Dawson, and District Cllr Judd.

1. Apologies

Cllr Knox and Clerk Elaine Lavington. The Councillors would like to extend their condolences to the Clerk on the loss of her mother

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Minutes of meetings held 20th November and 18th December agreed and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item

None

5. A417 Missing Link Update

No further update at present.

6. Planning

Ref. No: 19/04671/FUL | The Cottage Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ. Erection of side and rear extensions, and the enlargement of existing side extension including raising the roof line
Supported

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

Pads have been replaced in Cowley, Cllr Lavington to replace Birdlip.

8. Cowley Bus Shelter

Gloucestershire Highways have confirmed that a new base will be fitted once the weather improves. Clerk to chase as currently a safety issue.

9. Discuss and Agree Charity Donations in accordance with the Policy

The following applications for a donation were discussed and supported

Brimpsfield and Birdlip PCC – Graveyard Maintenance - £250

Cowley Graveyard Maintenance - £500

Birdlip Cricket Club Youth Coaching Courses - £320

Birdlip Guides/Brownies New Storage Shed - £1180 it was agreed to provide a 50% match funding subject to the applicant raising the other 50%. Maximum grant from PC £590. Cllr Judd advised that a possible 25% may be available from the Community Project Fund via CDC. PC to advise the applicant.

10. Finance

I. Budget & Precept 2020/2021

£5069 Agreed – During discussions Cllr Lavington explained that the 5% increase to the precept by Councillors last year based on a long term plan to enable the PC to contribute to the villages improvements and allow for grants.

II. **Pata Payroll Payment issue cheque** - Cheque issued - £23.25

III. **Agree Clerks pay and issue cheques** – Cheques issued - £156.32 & £16.00

11. To take any questions from the public.

Cllr Judd advised the new recycling scheme and bins to be issues in Spring 2020.

Western Power Distribution are able to help vulnerable residents with provision of generators in the event of a power cut if notice is given.

Cotswold Conservation Board are able to provide volunteers and tools for clearing of hedgerows and footpaths.

Cllr Ritchie asked if the blocked storm drains are regularly cleared. Cllr Lavington advised this is performed twice yearly.

Cllr Ritchie also asked if the Fire Hydrants are regularly inspected and by whom. Clerk to check.

Cllr Vogel advised of a block storm drain in Cowley. Cllr Lavington advise that the location would need to be identified on a map and reported to Highways.

12. Items for the next agenda

13. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th February 7.30pm Deer Park Guide HQ - Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

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