

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 19th August 2020 7.30pm

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

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of last meeting.**

Minutes of virtual meetings held on 20th May 2020 were agreed and signed.

- 4. Matters Arising not included as an agenda item.**

Clerk to chase Gloucestershire Highways re bus stop in Cowley.

Due to concerns from residents, Clerk to speak to planning and Gloucestershire Highways regarding wall at Skyfall.

- 5. A417 Update**

Chairman explained that due to objections from stakeholders, specifically the National Trust, the A417 missing link will now undergo another series of public consultations regarding the green bridge and access to Cowley Village from the Cowley Roundabout etc. in the Autumn.

The Parish Council will be asked to attend a virtual meeting in September with Highways England regarding bus shelters, bus routes etc. Date to be confirmed.

- 6. Update work Birdlip**

Birdlip Bench has now been installed.

- 7. Parish Council Website compliance.**

The Clerk would do as much work as possible to make the website compliant by the deadline date. It was agreed that any further work would need to be updated by the website maintenance company circa £400

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

- 9. Planning:**

Ref 20/00367/FUL Willow House Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ

Demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling along with associated detached garage and erection of replacement two story dwelling with integral garage. It was unanimously agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:

- The design is at odds with the simple vernacular design of the majority of the properties in the village in this AONB.
- The site is in a very prominent position within the street scene, and will not be screened from the road, or from neighbouring properties.
- The design is not sympathetic to local character and the distinctive appearance of the locality and is entirely out of keeping with this small Cotswold village of stone houses, many with traditional wooden framed windows.
- Light pollution from the overuse of glass, completely different from the cottage character of the other buildings in the village, polluting an otherwise dark environment.

10. FINANCE:

a) To agree the Clerk's pay and record that cheques had been issued for May £156.32 and £16.00, and June £156.32 and £16.00.

b) To note the following cheques had been issued to

Pata Payroll services £23.25

Curtis Web Design – Website Maintenance £155.00

11. To take any questions from the public

12. Items for the next agenda

13. Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th September 2020

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

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