

# Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – at 7.30pm

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

**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of Interest** None

**3. Minutes of last meeting.**

Minutes of virtual meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were agreed and signed.

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

Cllr Metcalf advised he would be stepping down in the near future as a Birdlip Councillor. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution to the Parish Council and wished him all the best for the future.

Chairman had received correspondence from a concerned resident regarding planning restrictions in place at Old Kellands site. Planning Enforcement will investigate and advise.

Cllr Judd advised that it was important that all residents were registered with a GP to ensure they are invited to receive a vaccination.

Cllr Judd praised the ongoing work of Gloucestershire Constabulary for their handling of lockdown restrictions in the area.

**5. A417 Missing Link** An invitation for Councillors to attend a virtual meeting with Highways England in March had been circulated.

**6. Planning:**

**Ref. No: 20/04429/FUL** | Removal of Condition 13 of planning permission 19/04489/FUL: to allow the use of the building independently of the dwellings currently known as The Walled Garden. The Malt House and Hunters Hill Churnside Estate Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ

The Parish Council Objects to this planning application. An additional separate unit of accommodation should not be permitted in this location because the site is in an unsustainable location without access to services and facilities without reliance upon the private car in accordance with Cotswold District local plan policy DS4

**Ref. No: 20/03548/LBC** | Removal of modern ceiling and breezeblock wall, insertion of timber beam. Grey Walls Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH  
Supported

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

**8. Finance:**

**i) Budget & Precept 2021/22** Agreed with the addition of £450 for purchase of two dog waste bins.

**ii) To note Clerks salary has been issued** December £156.32 and £16.00

**iii) Clerks Salary** Cllr Vogel put forward that the Clerks Salary be raised in line with national guide lines. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Vogel also thanked the Clerk for her ongoing work.

**iv) Bank reconciliation** Cllr Mckay to check and authorise

**v) Agree GAPTC as independent auditor for 20/21** Agreed

**vi) Room Hire** Cllr Lavington suggested that although all meetings had been held virtually over the last 12 months the Parish Council Should pay the venues the normal rental amount as they would rely on the payments generated from the hire of the facilities. Unanimously agreed.

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

A Donation of £579 towards the purchase of a Shed for Cowley Church yard was agreed

A Donation of £250 towards the Maintenance of Birdlip and Brimpsfield Church Yard was agreed.

**10. Dates of Meetings 2021** Agreed

**11. To take any questions from the public.** None

**12. Items for the next agenda**

**13. Date of next meeting** 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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