

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Eileen McKay, Peter Ritchie, Dawn Collings, Tim Knox, Paul Vogel
And County Cllr Joe Harris and 3 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies** received from Linda Dawson, District Councillor Julia Judd.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting** Signed
- 3. Declarations of Interest** None
- 4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item**

Clerk had been invited to join the working group to find possible solutions to the antisocial behavior and accessibility at Barrow Wake view point. Cllr Collings volunteered to attend the site visit once date had been arranged.
- 5. Bus Shelters & defibrillators:** To note that the 3 bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. Noted.
- 6. Defibrillator Cabinet Public Access** Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Responder Team at Gloucestershire Ambulance and they are happy for either the code to be distributed or the box to remain unlocked. It is however important that users also call 999 to arrange for an ambulance to attend. A Resident of Cowley had kindly made contact with Community Heartbeat Trust and they had confirmed similar. CHT had also given details on Community Responder Volunteer Schemes which residents may wish to set up. Cllr Ritchie and Cllr Knox to investigate the procedure for leaving the units unlocked.
- 7. Winter Maintenance Planning**

Following the departure of Cllr Metcalf, there is currently a vacancy for a Birdlip Snow Warden. Due to the retirement, both Cowley and Birdlip are in need of a snow plough operator. Cllr Collings to ask local residents re possibility of becoming the snow plough operator and Snow Warden.
- 8. A417 Update** Cllr Lavington confirmed the DCO submission had been accepted. Cllr Lavington and Cllr Dawson will be attending a virtual meeting with a representative of the National Trust regarding the detailed design and designated funds.
- 9. Planning** Update for planning application no 21/01427/FUL Erection of side and rear extension and enlargement of existing side extension The Cottage Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ
Cllr Knox suggested that the Parish Council consider making further comments on these amendments. Cllr Vogel, commented that the applicant had gone some way to addressing the Parish Councils concerns on the original application. Cllr Ritchie put forward a motion to make no change to original comments. This was agreed by a vote 4 – 1
- 10. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Lavington had distributed copies of Neighborhood plans that had been produced by other local communities. He asked for Cllrs to study and report back their thoughts at the next meeting. If the Parish Council were to pursue this plan then a group of resident volunteers would be needed to move this forward.

11. Birdlip Verge and Fingerpost Sign

The Clerk had contacted the Deputy Highways Manger regarding the removal of the signs and installation of new Heritage Sign on the verge near the bus shelter in Birdlip. She also had asked questions regarding some of the historical text. Cllr Harris offered to speak with Gloucestershire Highways and would also consider providing some funding toward the cost of the sign. Clerk to email details to Cllr Harris.

12. Finance

I) To agree the Clerk’s pay and expenses and issue cheques (inc Books of condolence & ICO renewal
£200.80 and £103.98

II) To authorise payment and issue cheque: Mark Taylor - Phonebox Painting and Bench Installation. £454.98

III) To authorise payment and issue cheque: Purchase of Community Speedwatch gun and batteries £206.21

IV) To authorise payment and issue cheque: Deer Park Room Hire £26.00

V) Bank reconciliation Clerk to liaise with Cllr McKay to inspect

13. To take any questions from the public

Cllr Harris advised that he has a small budget to spend on local issues, Cllr Knox to contact regarding an historical ongoing pot-hole problem in Cowley.

Questions were asked regarding the DCO submitted regarding the A417 missing link. The Chairman explained that Support for Option 30 had been unanimously voted by the Parish Council and National Highways had received nearly 2000 responses to the consultation which had also seen overwhelming support for Option 30.

It was explained that any further concerns that residents have can now only be made through the Government Planning inspectorate for the DCO Application.

14. Items for the next agenda

15. Date of meeting Wednesday 20th October 2021 St Marys Church Birdlip

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

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