

# Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of virtual meeting - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at St Mary's Church Birdlip GL4 8JH at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Eileen McKay, Peter Ritchie, Dawn Collings, Tim Knox, Paul Vogel Linda Dawson District Councillor Julia Judd and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies** received from County Councillor Joe Harris.

2. **Minutes of last meeting** Signed

3. **Declarations of Interest** None

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

Cllr Ritchie had written to Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP regarding the use double glazing in Listed Buildings and energy efficiency and saving. He had received a very favorable response.

Clerk had purchased a book of condolence for each village. Clerk to retain for Birdlip and Cllr Dawson for Cowley.

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

6. **Community Speedwatch** Clerk confirmed that after attending speed watch training with the police, no liability would fall on the Parish Council whilst volunteering for speed watch. Cllr Collings informed that 31 driving offenders had been captured in Birdlip in one hour. It was agreed to purchase a speedgun at the cost of £199 to be held by Birdlip resident Neil McTaggart.

7. **Gloucestershire Ambulance Service**

Cllr Knox had been contacted by a concerned resident regarding the current lengthy response times within the ambulance service. He raised concerns that there is no immediate access to the defibrillator without an access code being obtained from the emergency services. Cllr Collings explained that the ambulance service is currently under unprecedented pressure. It was agreed that the Parish Council contact both Community Heartbeat Trust and Gloucestershire Ambulance Service to gain advice on this matter.

8. **A417 Update** Cllr Lavington confirmed he had registered the Parish Councils interest in the DCO and encouraged councillors and residents to do the same. He had also been contacted by the National Trust regarding the detailed design and a meeting had been suggested. Cllr Lavington and Cllr Dawson to attend. Cllr Lavington iterated that regular email updates can be obtained by signing up on the Highways England A417 Missing Link site.

9. **Planning**

**Ref. No: 21/02917/FUL** Demolish existing garage and construct new garage - Madison Cottage Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH **Supported**

**Ref. No: 21/03039/LBC** Erection of residential garage - Hardings Barn Cowley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9PF **Supported**

10. **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk advised that there appeared to be good support from Birdlip Village. The Chairman is looking into the procedure in more detail and will be discussing the pros and cons with other Parishes that have recently produced a plan. Will report back at next meeting.

11. **Finance**

**I)To agree the Clerk's pay and expenses and issue cheques** £160.64 and £26.00 (June) £160.64 and £26.00 (July)

**II)To authorise payment and issue cheque to Curtis web design for annual Hosting and Maintenance £155.00**

**12. To take any questions from the public.** Cllr Judd would send her monthly report.

**13. Items for the next agenda** None

**14. Date of meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021** Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

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