

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th November 2021 at Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Eileen McKay, Peter Ritchie, Dawn Collings, Tim Knox, Paul Vogel, Linda Dawson and District Councillor Julia Judd and 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of last meeting Signed

3. Declarations of Interest None

4. Matters arising not included as an agenda item None

5. Discussion With Charlie Morriss - Gloucestershire Local Access Forum (GLAF)

Mr Morriss gave information on the GLAF and asked the Cllrs to consider ways that could help with the anti social behaviour at Barrow Wake and access for the proposed Air Balloon Way.

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

7. Winter Maintenance Planning

Discussions are ongoing with local residents regarding local Snow ploughing for both Cowley and Birdlip villages. Residents Jean Tippet and Elaine Lavington would jointly perform the role of Snow Warden for Birdlip. Cllr Knox reported that the grit in the Cowley bins was now solid. **Cllr Knox to advise clerk of locations so Gloucestershire Highways could be asked to stir these bins to loosen the grit.**

8. Planning

Ref. No: 21/03992/TPO Fell ash tree due to dieback Highcroft Ridgeway Close Birdlip Gloucestershire
The Parish Councils decision was to make No Comment.

Ref: 21/03617/FUL Full Application for Erection of four dwellings, with associated access and landscaping at High Green Farm Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH
This application would now be discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting to be arranged.

9. A417 and Designated Funds Update

The Chairman reported that sadly there had been a further fatal accident in the past month.

An update on the forthcoming examination of the A417 DCO by the planning inspectorate. The Rule 8 letter has been issued.

A letter had been received from National Highways asking the Parish Council to Consider not agreeing a statement of Common Ground (SOCG) as the PC could still make a written representation.

Councillors voted and **Agreed 4 votes For and 2 abstained.**

Cllr Knox stated that as some opinions on Missing Link Options had recently changed that a vote for support on both Option 30 and Option 12 should be taken.

Option 30 Supported 4 votes to 3

Option 12 Not Supported 4 votes to 3

The Parish Council has been asked by the Planning Inspectorate to answer a question on page 63 of the Rule 8 letter regarding Rat Running through local villages. **It was agreed to form two working parties (Cowley and Birdlip) to obtain relevant information and forward to the Clerk by 1st December ready to collate by the 14th December deadline.**

The Parish Council has until 14th December 2021 (deadline 1) to issue a Written Representation to the Planning Inspectorate. **All Councillors to Study documentation and reply to the clerk with questions with substantive evidence to be included by 1st December 2021.**

Chairman confirmed Arcadis has now received current applications for designated funds. This is an ongoing project and he encouraged other groups to contact their Councillors with any further projects that may benefit from an application for funding.

10. Defibrillator Cabinet Public Access

It was noted that both Cowley and Birdlip villagers have now been issued with their cabinet access code.

11. VETS scheme

The Clerk had received a letter from Cowley Village VETS scheme asking for an emergency donation to fund the set up costs of £345.00 Clerk confirmed if agreed the payment would come from reserve funds. Grant agreed by **Councillor Vote 5-1 Clerk to issue payment.**

Any ongoing charges would need to be submitted to the Parish Council to be considered as a grant annually.

12. Donation Policy

Agreed No change to Donation Policy - Applications to be received for 2022-2023 funding by 31st December 2021.

13. Finance

I) Budget Update 6 month expenditure review and 2022/23 draft budget Noted and signed

II) To Agree payment for Room Hire Guiding HQ Cowley Agreed cheque issued £26.00

III) To agree the Clerk's pay and expenses and issue cheques Agreed cheques issued £208.00 & £26.00

IV) To add Cllr Vogel to Bank Signatories Signed by Cllr Vogel, Cllr Knox and Cllr Lavington

14. To take any questions from the public. There were three questions from the public.

15. Suggested meeting dates for 2022 Noted

16. Items for the next agenda Consideration of donation applications. 2022/23 Budget and Precept. Appoint Internal Auditor

17. Date of meeting Wednesday 19th January 2022 St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

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