

# Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at St Marys Church Birdlip 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Tim Knox, Eileen McKay, Peter Ritchie, Dawn Collings, Linda Dawson, District Councillor Judd and 2 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies** Cllr Lavington
- 2. Minutes of last meeting** Two sets of minutes signed
- 3. Declarations of Interest** None
- 4. To accept Resignation of Councillor Paul Vogel**
- Vice Chairman thanked Paul Vogel for his work during his time as a Councillor. There has been no contested applications and the Parish Council is now free to co opt. Posters have been displayed, deadline for applications to be made to the Clerk by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- 6. Matters arising not included as an agenda item** None
- 7. A417 Missing Link** All current information is available on the Planning Inspectors website. Chairman and Vice Chairman have been invited to attend a hearing specific with the Planning Inspectors. Vice Chairman not available to attend and will ask someone to attend on his behalf.
- 8. Planning**

Ref. No: 21/04658/FUL Erection of Porch to side. Kestrel House Birdlip Court Birdlip GL4 8JH **Supported (vote 3 support, 2 abstain)**

Ref. No: 21/04496/FUL Proposed agricultural barn to replace existing stables. Land And Stable North West Of Willow House Cowley Gloucestershire. **Objection**

The application in question is far too big for the site, in terms of size and mass. The building would have a significant impact on the area, as it would be visible to walkers and residents, as many properties overlook this field. The barn is much larger than the stables it is to replace and will over dominate the landscape, particularly as the land here is already considerably higher than road level. The choice of cladding material is acceptable, however the addition of powder coated metal rooflights is totally out of keeping with other barns in the area and are unnecessary for storing 'agricultural equipment and hay' and could pose a fire risk in the summer if hay is indeed stored within it. The appearance, bulk and height of the scheme are totally out of proportion to the site. The Parish Council are also concerned about the access to this site if equipment was to be stored there, as it is situated off a single-track road with limited access. This site is overlooked by a large part of the village and is passed regularly by walkers, cyclists, and horse riders, it would be an unsightly addition to a beautiful location that seems unnecessary, out of keeping and ill considered

Having said this, the Parish Council would not object to a replacement barn, that fits within the existing internal footprint of the existing barn and has a roof pitch no higher than the existing

Ref. No: 21/04749/FUL

Replacement dwelling and demolition of existing bungalow. Willow House Cowley Gloucestershire GL53 9NJ **Supported (vote 3 support, 2 abstain)**

## 9. Barrow Wake Parking and Access Group Update

To note that the Clerk attended the Gloucestershire County Council led working group virtual meeting in December 2021 and deliver update.

Discussions with various groups are on going. Suggestions to date include; reducing access times for Parking, installation of CCTV, paid parking.

#### **10. Boundary Review**

After seeking the opinions of Parish Councillors, it has been agreed that Cowley and Birdlip Parish Council request to split into two separate entities as part of the 2022-2023 Boundary review. A request has also been submitted for Properties in the GL4 8JL area to be moved into the Parish.

To discuss possible contingency amount for any costs involved with Boundary review/splitting the Parish.

Parish Council unanimously agreed to contingency budgets. Cllr Judd explained the boundary review was unable to consider any properties that fall outside the Cotswold District. These properties can be considered at the next County wide review. Stockwell Farm to be approached. A meeting to be held with Ms Dalby, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Judd and Cllr Harris to discuss further.

**11. Bus Shelters and Defibrillators:** To note that the three bus shelters, defibrillators and kiosks have been inspected since last meeting. **Noted**

**12. Grit Bins Cowley Update** The Clerk has been advised by the winter maintenance team at Gloucestershire Highways that they are currently in the process of inspecting grit bins in the area.

**13. Appoint HR Councillor Cllr Dawson agreed**

**14. Agree GAPTC as independent auditor for 21/22 Agreed** The Council has assured itself that the auditor is independent and competent.

**15. Storm Damage to Birdlip Noticeboard.** Discuss replacement. It was agreed to purchase replacement from the 22/23 maintenance budget. Cllr Judd suggested an alternative and would email details to the Clerk.

**16. Election Costs** Discuss requirement from CDC to recharge the Parish Council for any contested election costs. **Unanimously agreed**

**17. Queens Platinum Jubilee** To discuss possible events/commemorations/grants within the Parish. Unanimously agreed a donation of £250 to Cowley celebrations (Cllr Dawson agreed to head sub committee) £500 to Birdlip celebrations (Cllr Collins to head sub committee).

**18. Discuss and Agree Charity Donations in accordance with the Policy** (attached) Donations unanimously voted. £250 Birdlip PCC, £120 Cowley VETS Scheme, £150 Cowley PCC.

#### **19. Finance**

**i) Budget & Precept 2022/23** (see Clerks report and suggestions attached) **Unanimously agreed**

**ii) To note Clerks salary and expenses have been issued for November and December 2021** **Noted** £200.80 & £26.00

**iii) To note the Clerk has declined the provision of a Pension.** **Noted**

**iv) To note issue of payment of Grant for VETS scheme set up costs to Community Heartbeat Trust** **Noted**

**v) Bank reconciliation provided to Cllr Mckay for inspection. Cllr Mckay has inspected and all in order.**

**20. To take any questions from the public. A member of the public asked for clarification on the boundary review and Parish Council Split. Cllr Judd advised.**

**21. Items for the next agenda**

**22. Date of next meeting** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Guide HQ Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed..... Date.....