

Cowley (& Birdlip) Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council on Wednesday 18th January 2023 – St Mary's Birdlip at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Julian Lavington, Eileen McKay, Peter Ritchie, Dawn Collings, and District Cllr Judd

- 1. Apologies** Cllr Knox, Cllr Dawson and Cllr Pearce
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** Minutes of meeting held on 16th November 2022 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** none
- 4. Matters Arising not included as an agenda item.** Planning Application for the conversion of two additional agricultural barns at Blacklaines farm Birdlip. It was agreed that although the application falls within the parish of Brimpsfield, the Parish Council would like to comment. An extraordinary meeting will be held to discuss.

An application has been submitted for the change of use at Brewery in Birdlip to a Gate and Fence Merchant. It was agreed that Councillors and residents could make their own representation on this application.

Chairman reported that designated funds had been approved for the resurfacing and soft landscaping of the car park at St Mary's Church, Birdlip and works would start this month.

- 5. Bus Shelters & defibrillators:** To note that the 3 bus shelters, defibrillators & kiosks have been inspected since the last meeting. Noted.
- 6. Planning**
Ref. No: 22/04455/FUL Full Application for Conversion of rough ground into hard standing for car parking area at Acorn House Shab Hill Birdlip Gloucestershire. **SUPPORTED**
- 7. Barrow Wake Parking and Access working Group**
Cllr Judd confirmed that there were now 12 stakeholders engaged in the new working group to specifically tackle the ongoing situation at Barrow Wake. Measures are to be put in place which include signs and further Police presence. The new group will be discussing long-term plans for the site.
- 8. New Cowley and Birdlip Parish Councils Update including dates of meetings 2023**
Cllrs signed the application for the new Birdlip Parish Council bank account.
The Clerk reported that two new website domain names had been registered and would look to be completed and ready to launch for 1st April 2023.
Birdlip Councillors agreed that the new Birdlip Parish Council would look to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and to hold 10 meetings per year.
Cowley Parish Council meetings would be agreed at the February meeting.
- 9. Agree GAPTC as Independent auditor for 22/23**
Agreed
- 10. Finance**
 - i) Budget & Precept 2023/24** (see Clerks report and suggestions distributed) Precepts for both Parish Councils were agreed and signed.
Cowley £5794.00
Birdlip £6752.00

ii) To note Clerks salary and expenses have been issued for November (£364.20) (26.00) and December (£224.20) (26.00) 2022 Agreed

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

v) Bank reconciliation provided to Cllr Mckay for inspection Noted

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

12. Items for the next agenda Protocol for Elections. Cowley Parish Council Meeting dates.

13. Date of meeting Wednesday 15th February 2023 – Deer Park Guide HQ Cowley

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

Signed.....

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