Cowfold Parish Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14 September 2020 via Video Link

Present: Mr S Reading (SR) – (Chairman) Mr S Clark (SC)

Mr J Hooper (JH)

Mrs D Everest (DE)

Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Public: 7 Press: 0

Mr J Chowen – Horsham District Councillor Mrs L Lambert – Horsham District Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Kingshott, Mr D Wilkins, Mrs D Neville and Mr L Barnard.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 August 2020 were agreed by all as a true and correct record:

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest with regard to any item on the Agenda.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5. The Public

Three representatives from Lower Beeding & Handcross Junior Football club were in attendance to ask if they could use the Officials Room at the Allmond Centre on Saturdays and for training on a weekday evening. They were told that there was a meeting later in the week to discuss the possibility of re-opening the Allmond Centre and, therefore, no decisions could be made until then but they would be made aware of the outcome of discussions as soon as possible after the meeting.

David Bentley from Storrington and Sullington Parish Council was in attendance as he was interested in the high-speed broadband and speed watch/speed signs Agenda items. Mr Hooper said that he would speak to Mr Bentley outside of the meeting on the high-speed broadband opportunity.

Mig Cutbush was in attendance to ask for an update on the site identified for development that had been flagged as a medieval pottery site.

Mig also wished to know what was happening at the old Co-op site and was told that a planning application to develop it had been authorised by Horsham District Council. She also expressed concern with regard to the two bins outside the site which contained hazardous waste. Mrs Wright said that she would report this to Horsham District Council.

(JW)

Daniel Corcoran from Devine Homes was present to ask if the Parish Council would support a planning application to develop the land south of Station Road if it was submitted to Horsham District Council for approval. Following a presentation from Daniel, it was agreed to discuss the request as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

6. District Councillor Report

Mrs Lambert and Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- HDC Financial Shortfall
- Coronavirus
- Local Government Changes

7. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

Cowfold Football Club — Further request to use Officials Room for match days and access to lighting poles and electricity for training days. The Football Club had been informed that a meeting was due to take place later in the week to discuss the possibility of re-opening the Allmond Centre.

Resident Oak Apple Close – Response to latest letter sent requesting the removal of the gate that had been installed in the fence to gain access to the Kicking Field. Although confirmation had been received that the gate would not be used, no confirmation had been received on the request to either reinstate the fence panel or secure the gate to prevent use permanently. It was agreed to send a further letter asking for confirmation that this would be done failing which, the Parish Council would have no alternative but to take action to prevent access.

Resident Acorn Avenue – As requested, proof of ownership had been sent to the resident who had installed a shed onto the kicking field. A response had been received containing a request to purchase a strip of Parish Council land in order for the shed to remain. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be willing to sell any of its land and, therefore, the shed will need to be removed.

Alex Raynos – Request to resurrect the previous agreement to use the Allmond Centre for the 2021 Festival in return for it being professionally decorated with balloons, orbs etc. In addition, the creation of marketing literature and promotion of the Centre through the Festival's ever-growing social media page. No objections were raised to the request.

9. High Speed Broadband

The response to the flyer which had been delivered throughout the village had attracted around 300 responses which exceeded the number required to enable the submission of the application. WSCC had received a record number of applicants. Information on the success of the application is awaited.

10. Speed Watch/Speed Signs

Mr Wilkins had sent the following report:

The CSW training is progressing slowly, however, 4 of the 11 volunteers are now trained.

The vehicle activated sign locations have been approved by the Police and will now be reviewed by WSCC Highways.

11. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Awaiting further information from Horsham District Council.

12. The Allmond Centre

Nothing to report.

15. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Nothing to report.

Finance

Approval for payments was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

On behalf of Cowfold Horticultural Society, Mr Hooper asked if some of the funds that may have been spent on the Allmond Centre planting had the plants not been obtained free of charge, could be spent on planting out the Jubilee Garden. It was agreed to donate an amount of £300 for this purpose.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

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Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12 October 2020**.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.