

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Cookhill ANNUAL PARISH meeting Held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7pm Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice-chairman), M. Churchill, T. Bennett, T. Whitehead and J. Roberts.

In attendance: County Councillor C. Holt and District Councillor A. Steel
Clerk Kerry Johnson

The Chairman asked the members of the public if there were any items that they were concerned with on the agenda and if they wished to comment before the meeting officially opened.

A15.001 Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Gupta

Chairman's Report for 2014-15

A15.002 Elections 2015

Four nominations have been received for the new elected Parish Council (all from existing Councillors – Pinfield, Sumner, Bennett & Churchill). They will return unopposed to the Parish Council as of the first meeting of the Council on 12th May 2015. Thanks to Cllr John Roberts, who retires from the council from 12th May 2015, for his long service and commitment to the council.

The parish council will seek to fill the remaining vacancies after polling day on 7th May 2015. Cllr Whitehead plans to be co-opted. Please contact any Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

A15.003 Precept for 2015-16 is £22,726

This equates to a 1% increase in the Parish Council budget but is a 0.21% decrease in the amount levied on properties in the Parish. This means residents pay less than last year towards the Parish Council budget. This has been achieved by good financial management and monies from the affordable housing. This is to be further invested in the parish.

A15.004 Grants for 2014-15 totals £13,330.

a) St. Paul's Church	£200.00
b) Hereford & Worcs First Responders (Inkberrow)	£500.00
c) Luncheon Club	£125.00
d) Cookhill Neighbourhood Watch	£250.00
e) Cookhill Allotment Association	£55.87
f) St Paul's Church	£200.00
g) Cookhill Village Hall	£12000.00

A15.005 Grants so far for 2015-16 totals £650.00 out of a budget of £4000

a) Cookhill Baptist Church	£150.00
b) Hereford & Worcester First Responders (Inkberrow)	£500.00

A15.005 Playing Field development budget is £11,000

A lot has been done to the playing field including a wooden swing set. The Parish Council plan to add more equipment to cater for all ages. A flyer will go out in the May What's On Magazine seeking suggestions from residents.

A15.006 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

Speeding is always a concern to residents in the Parish. The Parish Council has invested £5600 for a new VAS sign that can be moved to existing poles in the parish (both 30mph & 50mph) and also record speeding data. A meeting has been arranged with Worcestershire Highways engineer to discuss the siting of a new pole for the VAS on Edgioake Lane.

A15.007 Defibrillators

The Parish Council are delighted to be able to provide 2 further defibrillators in the parish thanks to funding from SE Davis & Son Ltd and Rooftop Housing. The Parish Council extends its thanks to both contributors and thank you to SE Davis & Son Ltd for funding the installation costs of both units. Demonstrations on how to use the defibrillators is being organized for the Village Hall Fete at the end of August.

A15.008 Planning Applications

The Parish Council continue to receive planning applications for their comments and liaise with the enforcement officers when required.

A15.009 Ridgeway Meadows (Affordable Housing)

The work has been complete and looks excellent. Wychavon DC have assured that all 6 rental properties have been let to people with local connections. A summary sheet with specific details will follow. There are 4 shared ownership at Ridgeway Meadows. Plots Plot 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Postal Addresses 8, 6, 4, 2 respectively) Ridgeway Meadows.

A15.010 Strimming

Thank you to Cllr Roberts for doing the strimming. Now that he is retiring from the Parish Council a new person will need to be trained.

A15.011 Computer Club

The Parish will soon have its own computer club at the Village Hall. We have enough interest to start this informal group to help residents get online with greater confidence. The group will run for a block of approx. 5 or 6 weeks, when a new block will start. Register your interest with the Clerk.

A15.012 Conclusion

In April 1985 Cookhill Parish Council had its first meeting after splitting from Inkberrow. Cllrs Pinfield and Churchill attended that meeting and have been on the Parish Council since. They have seen many interesting changes over the years. The Chairman hopes that Councillors enjoy the next four years.

A15.011 Questions from the public – no questions.

This meeting closed at 19:30hrs

Signed Chairman

Dated