

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 11 July 2011.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Rivers, Wakely, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Hallett, Lewis, Mr B Walker (District Councillor).

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Highways Following concerns that drains are now to be cleaned out every two years, the Highway Authority replied that this will make more time available for problem areas.

Cowleaze Meadow The Licence has now been obtained to drive the mower on the highway.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

DC REPORT

Mr Thompon spoke of a review of polling districts which is taking place.

CC REPORT

Mrs Larpent has resigned from the County Council as she is moving to Australia for five years and the Clerk will thank her for all she has done for the village.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

AON – Insurance for Cowleaze Launch	£55.00
D Clarke – Clerk's expenses	153.10

£72 was received from the sale of surplus Royal Wedding Mugs and there are two remaining, which Cllr Wakely will purchase.

Cllr Cripps asked if the Cowleaze funds held by the Parish Council could be transferred to the Cowleaze Bank Account and this will be arranged when all the grants are finalised. The funds held at present should be sufficient for maintenance for the next five years.

PLANNING

There were no objections to an application for the conversion and extension of outbuilding to be used as guest annexe and erection of new workshop and store at Stephens, Church Street. The Councillors did not object to an application to erect a two storey extension comprising replacement garage with additional bedroom accommodation over at Pound House, Pound Lane, but would prefer to see more use of natural materials.

Permission has been granted for the following:

Erection of replacement front porch, reinstatement of external doorway and internal alterations at Salisbury House, Church Street.

Erection of bungalow and double garage (Reserved Matters) on land to rear of Highfield, Lambrook Road.

Cllr Rowsell had contacted Charlotte Jones of the District Council in respect of the Housing and Employment Survey carried out in 2009 and felt there may be a need for affordable housing. A further survey will be required and Charlotte will be in touch.

PARISH PLAN

The Events Committee held a very successful Tea Party at Buttle Close.

There had been a delay with the work on the children's play area at the Recreation Field and there is concern that the work will be going on in the school holidays so a picnic day at Cowleaze was suggested.

LENGTHSMAN

The Councillors are very pleased with the work carried out by the Lengthsman and his day in the village has been changed from Wednesdays to Fridays.

HIGHWAYS

It was noted that a pothole in Love Lane had not been repaired and the churchyard wall appears to be collapsing at the same point.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps has carried out some strimming of footpaths and it is expected that the County Council will do some also.

Following Blue Walshe's provision of a dispenser for dog bags, Cllr Cripps suggested the Parish Council might consider purchasing some replacement bags and this was agreed.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Rules were reviewed and amended and it was decided to increase the rent and to charge future allotment holders a £25 deposit.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.