

COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MEETING/ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON 11TH MAY 2026

Cowley Adventure

COMMENCING AT 7.45pm

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- 1. Welcome from Chair of Parish Council**
- 2. Attendance to be recorded (anticipated as Parish Councillors, Linda Dawson, James Hamilton, Laura Li, Stuart Drysdale, District Councillor Julia Judd, County Councillor Mark Harris and members of the public**
- 3. Apologies for absence to be received and recorded from Parish Councillors**
- 4. Report to be received from the Parish Council on its activities over the last year (taken from the distributed newsletter)**
- 5. Verbal report to be received from District Councillor Judd**
- 6. Verbal Report to be received from County Councillor Harris**
- 7. Discussion from members of the parish to be invited. Noting that the Council are unable to make decisions at this meeting, but comments received from members of the public may be taken forward to a future meeting of the Parish Council**
- 8. Report from representatives from other organisations to be invited.**

- 9. Meeting to be closed**

IN ST MARY'S CHURCH COWLEY

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- 10. Welcome from Chair of Parish Council**
- 11. Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors Beverly Ayling Smith, Linda Dawson, Richard Hamilton, Tim Knox (chair), Laura Li, District Councillor Julia Judd, and 10 members of the public**
- 12. No Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors
County Councillor Joe Harris did not attend**
- 13. Report received from the Parish Council on its activities over the last year**
 - **PC Councillors replacement**
 - **Support from District Councillor**
 - **Thanks given for support from Stuart and Trudy regarding Defibrillator volunteering**
 - **Thanks were given to Avril on heroic work on the lane**
 - **Resilience Plan suggested by member of the Public- See Community Emergency Plan update**
 - **Parking issues at hotel noted**
 - **Liaison with CDC on bus stop improvements has taken place but financially was not viable to take forward**
 - **A417 liaison continues**
 - **Cowley Manor, Highway agency and Stockwell Farm liaison regarding flooding has taken place**
 - **Liaison with road markings on junction**
 - **Emergency clearance of debris from flooding last year**
 - **Thanks to Councillors and Clerk for all the efforts made during the year**
- 14. Verbal report received from District Councillor Judd**
 - **Elections taking place on May 1st for County Council**
 - **Devolution programme in near future noted**
 - **Potential Parish Council role in the future**
- 15. Report not available from County Councillor Harris**
- 16. Feedback on the Community Emergency Plan from Councillor Li**
 - **Rationale for Community Emergency Plans**
 - **Working group including 2 members of the public and 2 members of the Council**

- Whole village input would be positive, and emails/communication requested
- GRCC has been contacted and will support the PC on a draft plan

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- Parking issues relating to the Hotel and the lanes being used for parking by guests/tradesmen/staff- cfwd to AGM
- Compliance with building conditions not being done
- Creation of additional car parking in the lawn area against planning permission -cfwd to AGM
- Request for pressure from PC and parishioners, for CDC to enforce planning permission
- PC has requested enforcement on the parking as detailed in the planning permission – feedback from hotel links to the septic tank leakage
- PC requests that parishioners make their comments to CDC as the more residents add to the comments the better
- PC also has registered an enforcement issue on air source units
- Laundry van causing issues was discussed - cfwd to AGM
- PC white line update given (see January 2025 Minutes)
- Rural crime team highlighted -cfwd by DC Judd
- Declining appearance of the village over many years including signs and barriers being left in the village – cfwd by PC to Highways
- Ownership of cones questioned and do parishioners want them?
- Update from Parishioners on latest parking received
- Do the parishioners want a poll on parking/cones?
- “Peaceful Sunday” proposal between 1st May- 30th September raised and not supported by residents at the meeting
- Role of honour attached to the organ in the Church relating to WW1 is badly damaged and a cost of approximately £700 has been sourced. Parishioners may be asked to donate including the PC. The Clerk requested a formal email request. The village fete and other sources of funding will be explored.

10. Report from representatives from other organisations invited. Village Hall fund trustee committee representative gave an update on discussions with Cowley Manor on a 30-year lease for access to rebuild cricket pavilion as a village venue. This lease may be linked to certain future planning applications. It was suggested that the Hotel call a public meeting (or the VHTC) to outline their plans.

18. Meeting closed at 20.13