

Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 25th June 2018

at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendance. In attendance were Cllrs Tyrrell (Chairman), Simpson (Vice-Chairman), Elliott, and Hook.

District Cllrs A.Casson and A.Woolf. LCC Cllr N.Pepper. 5 members of public.

1. Chairman welcomed everyone.

Public Forum.

- Everyone was brought up to date regarding the access road along Drain Bank North. Having restricted access to this area may stop any flytipping. Thanks were given to both District Cllrs, County Cllr and Carl Vine from IDB for finally getting this done.
- Dog walkers both on the field and around the village and not picking up the poo, as there is now a new dog warden, he will be asked to investigate and monitor the situation.
- Dun Cow Walk will have the Pride Team to have a good tidy up.
- Complaints had been received regarding how high off the ground the new development is. SHDC had inspected and reported that all was in order according to the plans.
- Speeding. The newly installed speed camera is working and anyone caught will automatically receive a fine and no opportunity of attending the 'speed awareness' course.

2. Apologies.

- a. Apologies received from Cllr Sharman, reason given and accepted by all.

3. Declarations of interest.

- a. None received.

4. Notes from the meeting on 14th May 2018 were read and accepted as a true copy of the minutes of the meeting. All AGREED.

5. Police matters.

- a. The following report was for **May**. ASB=0, criminal damage=0, theft=2, violence=2, burglary=0, RTC=0

6. Highways matters.

- a. Nothing to report.
- b. The mirror on the corner of Backgate and Mill Drove is still waiting to be erected. Andy Gaylor to be asked to fit this.

7. Finance report.

- a. Payments of £3757.53. Income of £1562.67. Current account as of 30th June 2018 is £10115.35 and Reserve account is £24711.61
Proposed by Cllr Hook and seconded by Cllr Simpson these are accepted.

8. Planning report. H01-0560-18 Parkin Rd. H01-0521-18 Backgate. H01-0207-18 Capes Entry and H01-1017-17 Clarkson Ave. All the above planning applications had been commented on by the Parish Council

9. Village Hall report.

a. Fun on the Field date has changed to 1st September.

10. Playing field report.

a. Cllr Elliott reported that a claim has now been entered into regarding the water damage to the Pavillion. The ceiling has now been replaced completely and all electrical works have been completed. The floor will be covered with a heavy duty covering. Quotes are being obtained for the replacement of soffits and fascias and also redecoration inside and out. The Internal Drainage Board has fenced off an area in the playing field to allow works to take place and once completed, a post and rail fence will be erected as a permanent boundary. Handmade heavy duty picnic tables have been ordered and due to be installed very soon. The Football Club was no longer using the pitch facilities and after discussions, it was decided to turn this area back into a playing field and install a 5 a side football pitch. Carl Vine from the IDB had met with the Chairman to ask if the two trees could be removed giving clear access to the dyke for maintenance. After some discussion, it was agreed that the extra land for this was to be take off the Ashley King development side, which means the two trees will remain. The ROSPA play equipment inspection will take place during August.

b. Residents in the past had been asking if a ‘dog walking’ area could be within the playing field, at the time this had been refused. The question was raised yet again, asking for a designated area within the playing field.

- Dog walking area be no more than 10 mtrs from the boundary fence.
- Dog poo isn’t a high risk of toxins etc due to the soil conditions.
- Policing this area would prove a problem.
- Residents have argued that The Wash is an ideal play for dog exercise.
- A trial period will send out the wrong messages.

Reasonable discussions had taken place with the for’s and against’. It was resolved NOT to allow a dog walking/exercise area with the Playing Field.

11. Correspondence.

a. Correspondence received had been included in the agenda.

12. Councillors reports & items for the next agenda.

a. None received.

13. Date of the next meeting.

a. It was agreed by all that the next general meeting be held on **23rd July 2018 at 7.30pm**

14. . To resolve whether to move into closed session and exclude public, police and press (who will be required to leave the meeting at this stage), in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972), due to the confidential nature of business to be discussed in relation to the following matters:

None.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm