Minutes of a meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on Monday the 11th of March commencing directly after the Annual Parish Meeting in Cowbit Village Hall, Barrier Bank, Cowbit.

Present: P Simpson, J Stamp, E Fragale, J Barnes, T Tyrrell (Chairman)

3 Parishioners

Clerk: Angela Harrison

79. Chairman's welcome and Public Forum.

There were no public speakers.

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80. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

It was resolved to approve apologies from Daniel Sandhu.

District Cllr Andrew Woolf had also sent his apologies.

81. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

There were none.

82. To approve the Draft Minutes of the last PC meeting.

The Minutes were approved and seconded and it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

83. Matters arising from the Minutes, (not covered on this agenda).

JS advised that Design is in progress for the notice board.

84. Community Football – to receive a verbal update from the PC following their meeting with the football representatives.

The PC met with Kyle of Cowbit Community Football last month, and they are holding training sessions and working together.

CCF want to apply for a grant which will help to upgrade the Pavilion.

The PC will get together with him in the near future to see what monies can be applied for and decide where it needs to be spent.

They have been speaking with the school.

U18's will play at Crowland.

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Goal posts need to be secured on the pitch, by agreement, and will be smaller than standard at a cost of £460.

The club will need to find the money for the goalposts as the PC does not have money to fund the football team.

Kyle will need to get in touch with SUFC to ask them how to go about funding. He has already got sponsors for all the kits.

85. Play Equipment – to receive an update on the additional equipment.

The PC is awaiting delivery and installation costs from DS.

The guttering needs replacing around the Pavilion.

EF stated that he will get a price to replace it.

86. Police matters: Online crime report distributed by the Clerk.

The reports from January had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5 x ASB

2 x Violence and Sexual offences

1 x theft

1 x other crime

87. Highways matters and to receive the CSW report.

The Chairman read out the report from the CSW

The worst session was on the 25th of February with a vehicle travelling at 61mph in the 30mph limit outside the school whilst the children were coming out.

Doing a great job.

Ralph is looking for more members.

20:50 JS & Cllr Pepper Left the meeting

88. Financial matters: to receive the Bank Reconciliation and reports from the RFO and to approve outstanding payments.

It was resolved to approve the Bank Reconciliation and the Chairman signed it.

The list of payments totalling £940.83 were proposed, seconded and it was resolved to approve them.

89. Planning matters: to discuss and agree comment on undecided planning applications.

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The following applications were reviewed: -

H01-0157-24 Poultry Farm – No objection

H01-0138-24 Condition Compliant – leave to officers.

H01-0140-24 Land North of 68 Stonegate: Modification of Conditions – leave to officers.

H01-0098-24 Engine Shed, Mill Drove – No objection to conversion, as long as the original building is not demolished.

H01-0076-24 Pumping Station, Mill Drove – Condition Compliant – leave to officers.

H01-0055-24 Barn at Stamford House - Support

H01-0057-24 Former Station Yard – Condition Compliant – leave to officers.

H01-0029-24 Croft House: Conversion to children's home (resubmission) – Object. Main Road into the village from the A16. Already problems with vehicles parking along there. Multiple vehicle movements at set times of the day. Dangerous location for pedestrian movements and vehicles stacking up to the roundabout at busy times.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would compile the PC's response using the wording from PS.

90. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies.

a. To receive an update on Village Hall matters.

Received in the APM.

b. To receive an update on the Playing Field/Pavilion.

Received in the APM.

91. General correspondence for inspection at the meeting not included in the agenda.

An email had been received from the Environment Agency, outlining urgent repair works along the River Welland.

Start date for contractors at Crowland is 25th March, subject to permit.

92. Items to be included on the next meeting's agenda.

There were none.

93. Confirm the date of the Annual Council meeting, provisionally set as 13th May 2024. This date was confirmed.

Meeting ended at 21:17