

Cowbit parish council minutes 10.10.16

Present: Trevor Tyrell (TT), Peter Simpson (PAS), Keith Kendall (KK), Harold Sharman (HS), Chris Elliott (CE). Dist Cllr Casson, County Councillor Fairman, plus two members of the public.

Apologies; Carrie Mckenzie (clerk) was absent due to holiday arranged prior to her appointment. PAS agreed to take minutes in her absence.

Public forum: Roland asked why the police no longer attended Parish Council meetings , TT replied that he had been told this was because no-one was available on Monday evenings. He was, though, hopeful that this might change in November..

Declarations of interest; None

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th Sept 2016 . It was agreed that these were a true record; Proposed by HS, seconded PAS.

Clerks report.

Clerk reported that a payment from HMRC VAT had been received for the sum of £252.12.

The audit accounts had been received by Grant Thornton and an acknowledgement received.

A meeting has been set up with Crowland Parish Council to discuss a way forward to the speeding problem.

Police Matters: Crime reports 1.9.16 to 1.10.16 as follows: Anti-social behaviour 3, Criminal Damage 0, Road Traffic Collisions 4, Theft 1, Violence 1, Burglery 0.

The Parish Council noticed that the ASB and RTC figures were higher than usual though still small in real terms. It was also placed on record that the Parish Council are disappointed by the continued lack of attendance from the police, though it is accepted that operational matters must always take precedence.

Highway Matters. The PC were told that ownership of Dun Cow Walk was still unclear; no-one seems willing to accept responsibility for maintaining it. CE asked if the Parish Council can claim responsibility for it. TT and PAS to investigate.

Finance Matters: The finance report was read and all Agreed.

Planning Matters; Application was received in respect of Stonegate. As no objection had been received from neighbours, the PC felt it was not appropriate for it to say anything. CE proposed no comment and PAS seconded, passed unanimously.

Notice was received that the new housing estate off Backgate was now to be called Willow Court. The PC felt that this was unimaginative and were disappointed that it had no local connection. It was agreed that the PC should ask that Mill View – which had been understood to be the proposed name anyway - be reinstated.

Village Hall Matters: CE reported that the charity race night has been a huge success. Takings were still to be finalised at the date of the meeting, but it was confirmed that profits will be split 50/50 between the church and village hall.

Playing field Matters. PAS reported that he had received one complaint from a member of the public concerning noise and possible damage resulting from football matches on the field. Dist Cllr Casson stated that the person concerned had also contacted him. No other complaints have been received. TT had spoken to the team, and PAS observed a Sunday game, and considered it to be extremely well-run. Members also noted that football matches here predated by many years any of the surrounding houses. It was agreed that use of the field for sporting activity is something that should be encouraged, not restricted, and no action will therefore be taken at this stage.

Correspondence.

A list of recent correspondence was made available to the Councillors.

Date of next meeting November 14 Monday.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm