

Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 11th September 2017

at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendance. In attendance were Cllrs Elliott, Kendall, Simpson, Sharman and Tyrrell.

District Cllr A.Casson. 4 members of public and 2 Police Officers.

1. Chairman welcomed everyone.

Public Forum.

2. Apologies.

- a. Apologies received from CC Nigel Pepper.

3. Declarations of interest.

- a. None received.

4. Notes from the meeting were read and accepted as a true copy of the minutes of the meeting. All AGREED.

5. Clerks report.

- a. The Clerk stated that the Defib details are all satisfactory.
- b. SID report. Chris Baty-Symes reported the SID data and stated that speeding is still very high. 3 Locations:- Backgate 65mph reached with 34-43% over the speed limit. Stonegate 65mph reached with 25-30% over the speed limit and Barrier Bank 80mph reached with 68-73% over the speed limit. This complete report has been sent to Marcus Jones, Sgt Waters and the Road Safety Partnership.
- c. Clerk can report that the Village Notice Board has now been ordered. This will be delivered to the village school and they will pay for the installation to the metal railings.
- d. Bench. Once the village bench on Barrier Bank has been adjusted, Marcus Pell has offered to paint it. The PC would like to say a big thank you to Marcus for offering this work.

6. Police matters.

- a. ASB=1, Criminal Damage=0, RTC=2, Theft=3, Violence=0, Burglary=0.
Sgt Waters introduced himself and reported that he is now based in Spalding Police Station. PC Freeman reported that he will endeavour to help with speeding. Both Officers suggested to call 999 with speeding incidents, if possible with the vehicle registration and directions of travel. This will in turn generate a report and statements can be taken.
The Police officers left at 8.20pm.

7. Highways matters.

- a. Puddles are forming on the footpath in Pancake Lane. This will be reported to LCC.
- b. A letter to Decoy Farm requesting that their heavy agricultural vehicles do not go through the centre of the village. They exceed the maximum vehicle weight allowed.

8. Finance report.

- a. The financial report was read and accepted by all.

Payments of £3143.90 and income of £600.59. Proposed by Cllr Tyrrell and seconded by Cllr Elliott that these payments be paid. **ALL AGREED.**

The Clerk would like to thank District Councillor Casson for his help in obtaining funds from all three District Councillors to the sum of £600 towards the play area resurfacing in turn helping the Cowbit Community.

Chairman, Cllr Tyrrell proposed that travel expenses be paid to Cllr Elliott for attending various training course. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman. **ALL AGREED.** Cllr Elliott declined to accept any help with travel.

9. Planning report.

- a. No planning applications had been received.

10. Village Hall report.

- a. Darren Harper reported that the Caretaker for the Village hall had retired and a vacancy has occurred for a Caretaker/Cleaner.
- b. Fun on The Field will take place on 16th September from 3pm. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the District Councillors and also Ashwood Homes for their financial contributions to make this happen.
- c. Harvest Supper date is 29th September. Tickets are on sale now.

11. Playing field report.

- a. Repairs to the second surface area in the playing field has now been completed and the cheque duly signed at tonight's meeting. The see-saw seats have now been ordered and two tyres had been placed under the seats and the framework is due to be painted. Both tyre swings need their swing seats to be replaced, proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Tyrrell to order these replacements.
The floodlights that cover the basketball area, one of which is unsafe. To contact an electrician to make safe the electricity to allow removal of the pole.
- b. Cllr Elliott reported that he had steam cleaned the inside of the Pavillion prior to Fun on the Field. He recommended that we replace the kitchen sink/taps, base units and worktop. The sum of which came to £ which included a new water boiler. Proposed by Cllr Simpson and Seconded by Cllr Tyrrell that this be done. **ALL AGREED.**
- c. The activity day put on by SHDC was very successful.
- d. Fun on The Field organised by the Village Hall Committee will take place on 16th September from 3pm.

12. Correspondence.

- a. Clerk hadn't received any correspondence that was deemed suitable to bring to the meeting.

13. Councillors reports & items for the next agenda.

- a. None received.

14. Date of the next meeting.

- a. It was confirmed that the next general meeting of Cowbit Parish Council be held on **13th November at 7.30pm in Cowbit Village Hall.**

15. . 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 9.10pm

Signed.....Date.....