

Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 8th January 2017

at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

District Cllrs A.Casson, A.Woolf. County Councillor N.Pepper. 4 members of public.

1. Chairman welcomed everyone.

Public Forum.

A resident had passed comment regarding something that had been said at a District Council planning meeting. The comments upset him greatly and addressed the District Councillor direct at this Parish Council meeting. The District Councillor in question, explained what had been meant by the comments and said that it wasn't directed at anyone specifically but just a figure of speech. He offered his apologies.

2. Apologies.

- a. Apologies of lateness had been received by Cllr Simpson.

7.40pm Cllr Simpson arrived.

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. These are advisory notes for Councillors and had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- a. Outstanding matter was that the notice board had not yet been erected on the school fence.
- b. The SID report was given by Chris Baty-Symes, showing there is still some considerable speeding done through the village. The three locations of the SID unit showed: Barrier Bank at 90mph, Backgate ay 70mph and Stonegate at 70mph. Chris Baty-Symes discussed his frustrations with the Road Safety Partnership and therefore handed back the SID equipment to the Parish Council , stating that no one was taking these speeds seriously and it was a waste of his time.
- c. The Clerk had been in contact with SHDC regarding getting a Tree Preservation Order on two trees. A meeting with the relevant department will take place on 11th January. The outcome will be reported at the next meeting.
- d. It had been arranged to hold a meeting with the Road Safety Partnership along with Highways Dept to discuss how to combat speeding throughout the village. It was agreed to invite two Councillors from other local Parish Councils as the speeding affects everyone. LCC Pepper and the Clerk to discuss invites and agenda. The date

of which will be on Monday 5th March and will replace the Parish Council meeting which had been previously booked for that date.

- e. Both the Chairman Trevor Tyrrell and the Clerk had a meeting with the Parish Church Vicar Rev Charles Brown to discuss the cemetery. The outcome was there are only 9 grave plots left in the cemetery. Long term, the Parish Council will attempt to seek land suitable for a new cemetery.

6. Police matters.

- a. ASB=4, criminal damage=0,theft=0,violence=0,burglary=0, RTC= A16, Cowbit/Mill Drove South, Backgate.

7. Highways matters.

- a. Report had been made to LCC regarding the bamboo growing through the path on Pancake lane.

8. Finance report.

- a. Payments of £3175.33. Proposed by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Simpson. Resolved. Current account as of 31st December is £5383.34 and Reserve account is £4709.12
- b. The budget figures had been read out and accepted. The sum of £9750 be requested from SHDC as the Precept figure for 2018-19 Resolved.

9. Planning report.

- a. H01-1180-17 Blue Bell Farm. Change of roof style. Supported.

H01-0036-18 47 Stonegate. Erection of two dwellings + garages. Supported.

10. Village Hall report.

- a. Several successful events had taken place over the Christmas period. A children's Christmas party, (the first for many years) received good feedback. Later that day the Seniors Christmas party had taken place. The pop-up pub had an excellent attendance and a great community spirit was welcomed by all who attended. The new year finances had been completed and shows income covers expenditure. With the retirement of the cleaner, a new one had been engaged on a self employed basis.

11. Playing field report.

- a. Parish Councillors Simpson and Elliott had been in negotiations since May with the local developer Ashley King. It was finally agreed there will be a substantial sum of money given to the Parish Council for the benefit of the playing field. This amount will be reported as and when it had been received.
- b. The Clerk had set up the ROSPA inspection on an annual basis on their database which works out financially cheaper. The inspection will be done during Aug/Sept.

12. Correspondence.

- a. Clerk had received a letter which had been read out and discussed accordingly. The write had been present and was happy with the answers given.

13. Councillors reports & items for the next agenda.

- a. None received.

14. Date of the next meeting.

- a. It was agreed by all that the next Parish Council meeting be held on **9th April 2018** at which the **Annual Parish Meeting** will precede the general meeting.

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 9.05pm