

Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 13th November 2017

at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

District Cllr A.Casson, County Councillor N.Pepper. 9 members of public.

1. Chairman welcomed everyone.

Public Forum.

2. Apologies.

- a. Apologies had been received from Cllr Kendal, reasons given and accepted by all.

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. The new village notice board was due to be delivered on 14th Nov. The Head teacher, Mr Johnson stated that the school will pay to have this erected on the school railings. And, would like to thank the Parish Council for purchasing it. This will be jointly shared between the school and the Parish Council.
- b. The dates for 2018 had been circulated and it was resolved to accept the proposed dates.
- c. The SID report was given by Chris Baty-Symes, showing there is still some considerable speeding down through the village. It was also resolved to erect the SID unit at Peak Hill as previously mentioned. C. B-S, read out an email received from the Road Safety Partnership (RSP), stating that the current speeds do NOT warrant any action being taken. The Department of Transport publish criteria of what warrants action to be taken. It was agreed to ask Cllr Richard Davies and John Siddle to attend a parish meeting to discuss these issues. CC Pepper to arrange this and agree a date with the Clerk.
- d. The cost for SHDC amenity grass cutting is £996.20 +vat, it was agreed by all and resolved to accept this price.
- e. The cost of grass cutting for the playing field by T.Blackamore is £760 + vat. It was agreed and resolved that we accept this price.
- f. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the vicar to discuss cemetery space.
- g. LCC had contacted the Clerk to ask if the PC would be prepared to fund a replacement village hall road sign. After discussion, it was agreed and resolved NOT to purchase a new sign but to smarten up the existing one.

6. Police matters.

- a. ASB=3, criminal damage=0,RTC=0,theft=5,violence=0,burglary=0
- b. Cllr Pepper reported on speeding. The Community Speed Watch (CSW) are now setting up volunteers from within the village community to be fully trained on how to use various equipment to record speed. When caught, the offender will receive a letter from the police, if caught again, then a visit from the police and if then caught yet again, more action will be taken i.e. a fine.

7. Highways matters.

- a. Reports had been received from villagers regarding the lack of lighting.
- b. Footpath within The Pastures is overgrown by vegetation. In Pancake Lane there is bamboo growing through the tarmac. Both will be reported to LCC.

8. Finance report.

- a. Payments of £1444.75. Proposed by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Simpson that these be accepted. Resolved to accept this figure.
- b. The request from Cowbit Village Hall for the sum of £150 towards the children's Christmas party was discussed. It was resolved to donate the sum of £150.

9. Planning report.

- a. Planning application for Clarkson Avenue, seemed more than an 'annex' as stated in the application, Cllrs were to discuss this in greater detail.

10. Village Hall report.

- a. Via email. After many years service Kay Ismail will be retiring on 30th November and the new cleaner is called Donna from Crowland. Three big events planned. Children's Christmas party, a senior's party (over 60) and a pop-up pub. Race night again planned for March 2018 also Fun on The Field in September, plus many other events throughout the year.

11. Playing field report.

- a. Planned essential works for the Pavillion, boiler removed and new kitchen units have been ordered. Cllr Casson stated that he would contribute towards the new kitchen from the District Councillors Parish Budget, and Clerk to send email with costs.
- b. Cllrs Simpson and Elliott had been on a Play Equipment training course.
- c. The lights in the basketball pitch are to be removed as the poles holding them up are now rotting.

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 **8th January 2018 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 8.45pm