

**Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Attendance.** In attendance were Cllrs Elliott, Sharma, Simpson and Tyrrell.

County Cllr R.Fairman, District Cllr A.Casson, Police Inspector Alford and 12 members of public.

1. **Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced Police Inspector Alford.** Chairman explained that due to the presence of public and also a Police Officer, the Parish Council would bring item number 6 'Police matters' forward but for the purpose of these minutes, they will be written in the correct order as per agenda.

**Public Forum.**

Item raised being overgrown hedges.

**2. Apologies.**

- a. No apologies had been received.

**3. Declarations of interest.**

- a. Declaration of interest had been received from Cllrs Tyrrell and CC Fairman, regarding a recent planning application within the village.

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

**5. Clerks report.**

- a. The Clerk reported that the sum of £560 had been paid into the bank, this was payment towards to purchase of a laptop and necessary office equipment.

**6. Police matters.**

- a. ASB=2, Criminal damage=0, RTC=1, Theft=1, Violence=0, Burglary=0.
- b. Speeding through the village.

**Standing Orders were suspended.** Members of the public raised concerns regarding speeding through the village, this seems to be an ongoing problem and ask what can be done about it.

Inspector Alford stated that the Police are aware of the speeding and have had speed surveys done of the whole area. Hours targets were 3-4pm, 3-5pm, 10-11am, 11-12pm, 5-7pm of which the survey shows no speeding. Inspector Alford understood this wasn't what the public wanted to hear and said that he would speak with the Road Safety Partnership to see if more can be done. If the public started reporting the speeding to 101 with specific vehicle details, this can help in issuing a warning.

If the public wished to raise funds to help combat speeding the Police would support their efforts.

The issue with vehicles coming from Drain Bank North for access onto the A16 was raised, it was noted that Drain Bank North was only for use of the Drainage Board vehicles, but the bolt had been cut off the gate leaving this access open to the public. This was not reported as damage to the Police. But Inspector Alford will look into this.

Hare Coursing has always been an issue in this area and if seen then please report it.

### **Standing orders resumed.**

#### **7. Highways matters.**

- a. None to report.

#### **8. Finance report.**

- a. The finance report was read and the sum of £1089.76 be paid. It was proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Elliott. All AGREED.

#### **9. Planning report.**

- a. **Cllr Tyrrell and D.C.Fairman** at this point were asked to leave the building as they had declared an interest as per item number 3.

Planning application had been received Mr P.Smith for outline planning permission for 17 dwellings on land of Moulton Chapel Road, Cowbit.

Discussions had taken place and it was agreed that this development would enhance the edge of the village. The only concern raised was the entrance to the development and this should reflect in the planning comments to SHDC. Cllrs in discussion All AGREED that Cowbit Parish Council support this outline planning application.

**Cllr Tyrrell** came back into the meeting. **D.C.Fairman** had left the meeting.

H01-0023-12 Proposed garage/implement store (domestic purposes) and change of use from agricultural land to residential.

Cllrs discussed this planning application and all AGREED to support this application.

#### **10. Village Hall report.**

- a. The Village Hall AGM has been set for March 2017.
- b. After the success of 'Fun on the Field' last year, it was agreed to become an annual event. The date for this year is 9<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **11. Playing field report.**

- a. A meeting is due to be set up regarding the Football Club taking over the Pavillion in Parkin Road. They are prepared to apply for grants to enhance the building incorporation proper changing rooms, showers etc.

Chairman can now report that urgent repairs to the Pavillion roof have been completed to the sum of £180.

Cllr Simpson had reported that he had received an email from a resident who lived adjacent to the playing field, complaining of noise coming from the area. Cllr Simpson explained that sadly, when you live near a playing field there will always be noise and that as the Parish Council, we want to encourage the public to use the area not discourage them.

Rubbish bins etc seem to be emptied every 6-8 weeks. The Parish Council are looking at ways to get these emptied more often.

**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 **6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Cowbit Village Hall.**

**15. None.**

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm**