

**Minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting of Cowbit Parish
Council held on 14th May 2018**

at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

2 members of public.

1. Chairman welcomed everyone.

Public Forum.

2. Apologies.

a. None received.

3. Declarations of interest.

a. None received.

4. Election of Chairman. Cllr Elliott proposed that Cllr Trevor Tyrrell continue as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Simpson and agreed by all.

5. Acceptance of office. Cllr Tyrrell accepted the office of Chairman and duly signed the required paperwork.

6. Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Sharman proposed that Cllr Peter Simpson continue as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed by all.

7. Acceptance of office. Cllr Simpson accepted the office of Vice Chairman and duly signed the required paperwork.

8. Notes of the previous meeting dated 9th April be approved as a true copy of the minutes.

a. Resolved.

9. Councillor vacancy.

a. With the vacancy of Parish Councillor still available, local Resident Mr Iain Hook recently applied for the position. After discussion it was resolved to co-opt Mr Hook to the Parish Council.

10. Police matters. No Police report had been received.

11. Highways matters.

a. A recent Walk-Round by County Cllr Pepper, representative from LCC and Highways along with two Parish Councillors, discussions had taken place regarding the state of the roads etc. It was possible that Stonegate would be resurfaced, but no major highways problems within the village other than potholes.

12. Financial matters

a. It was resolved to accept the financial report.

b. To receive and approve the internal auditors report. Resolved to accept.

c. To receive the annual governance statement. Resolved to accept.

d. To approve the statements of accounts. Resolved to accept.

e. To authorise the Chairman to sign the annual return. Resolved by all.

- f. To approve the certificate of exemption for sending to the external auditors. Resolved to authorise and signed accordingly.**

13. Planning matters.

- a. The local planning applications had been received.

14. Village Hall representative.

- a. Thanks go to Marian and Andy Gaylor who opened their gardens on 12th May for an afternoon tea for the elderly residents of the village. Fun on the Field plans are in place as are the Christmas parties for both the village elders and younger children.

15. Playing Field/Pavillion matters.

- a. The Pavillion sadly, had been hit hard with the 'beast from the east' with a burst pipe in the roof space. Severe water damage had been caused and claimed against the insurance. Some works can be done by using local tradesmen.
- b. Discussions had taken place regarding the purchase of picnic tables/benches for the playing field. It was Proposed by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Sharman to purchase three heavy duty tables. Supplied and hand made by local village tradesman. Cost of which is £1376 including ground works. Resolved to place the order.
- c. Discussions had taken place regarding the removal of the skate pipe in the playing field, the pipe isn't used for the purpose it was purchased for. It was agreed to keep the skate pipe for the time being, with the possibility of selling it off. Cllrs discussed ideas of revamping the whole area especially now the sum of money had been received from the Ashley King Development within the village.

16. Correspondence.

- a. Correspondence had been received from Lincs Road Safety Partnership, stating that an Archers Survey had been completed during April along Stonegate. Results showing average speeds each way of 29mph. With a daily flow of 1030 vehicles.

17. Councillors reports & items raised for the next meeting.

- a. None received.

18. Date of the next meeting.

- a. Date for the next Parish Council meeting is 25th June 2018 at 7.30pm at Cowbit Village Hall.

19. To resolve whether to exclude public, police and press. Who will be required to leave the meeting at this stage.

- a. It was resolved to go into closed session.
- b. Closed session was to discuss the new salary rates as agreed by NALC for Parish Clerks. It was resolved to accept the new pay scale of LC1-21 as the Clerks salary rates.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

