

COWBIT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on Monday 20th May 2013
in the Village Hall, Cowbit commencing at 7.30pm**

Present:- Cllrs. Tyrrell, Back, Kendall and Sharman

In attendance:- Dist. Cllr. Casson and four members of the public.
Cty. Cllr. Fairman entered the meeting at item 16 on the agenda.

01.13 Election of Chairman

Cllr. Tyrrell was elected to serve as Chairman for the coming year

02.13 Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, his signature being witnessed by the Clerk.

03.13 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. Kendall was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

04.13 Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Vice Chairman signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, his signature being witnessed by the Clerk.

05.13 Apologies

Cllr. P Simpson (holiday booked prior to being co-opted). Cty. Cllr. Fairman (for probable late arrival).

06.13 Public Forum

Mr Eddy Poll expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for their help and support over the years that he had served the ward as a Cty. Cllr.

Cllr. Tyrrell in turn thanked Mr Poll for the manner in which he had represented the area.

A resident of Clarkson Avenue expressed concern about young children playing in the road and asked if a 'Children at Play' sign could be put up.

Following the recent public viewing, of the developers proposals for the Dun Cow site, concerns were expressed that there had been no garages included in the plans.

The Clerk explained that as yet there had been no formal planning application submitted to SHDC and that if and when plans are submitted they will be available to view on-line and anyone is entitled to submit comments/objections.

07.13 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th March 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th March, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

08.13 Matters arising

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Post Office is likely to commence a twice weekly service from the Village Hall by the late summer of this year.

09.13 Matters arising from the Annual Open Parish Meeting

The concern that was raised, about the visibility splay for vehicles exiting Mill Drove South onto Stonegate, and the suggestion of putting a mirror up, had been raised with LCC Highways. Their response had been that mirrors were not considered safe or suitable and, if installed on private property, may have liability implications. The Clerk was asked to follow up with enquiries about the old legal agreement that the property adjacent the junction maintain their hedge at no higher than one yard. It was confirmed that another new lock had been put on the A16 gate by SHIDB. The Clerk reported that no progress had been made re buses picking up and dropping off outside of the bus stop area.

Cllr. Tyrrell undertook to look at the memorial plaques at Clarkson Ave. and Parkin Road to ascertain what renovation work is necessary.

10.13 Correspondence

- (a) South East Lincs. Local Plan – posters for display advertising consultation events
- (b) SHDC – confirmation of payment of precept
- (c) SHDC – introduction from Environmental Services Engagement and Monitoring Officer – Mick Cordwell
- (d) LCC – notification of surface dressing work on Barrier Bank, Mill Drove North and Queens Bank – mid June/July
- (e) Fenway FC – email re payment of agreed contribution to Pavilion utility costs.

Circulation

Clerks & Councils Direct - May

South East Lincs. Local Plan (comments required by 28th June)

11.13 Police matters

The meeting was reminded that the next Police and Community Forum would be held in Cowbit Village Hall on 22nd July.

12.13 Highways matters

The Clerk was asked to request another traffic survey on Barrier Bank to ascertain whether or not traffic volumes have increased and to also request attention by the police to the speed of traffic. It was agreed that the most suitable places would be at the extremities of the village ie. Drain Bank and Backgate.

13.13 Finance matters

The following payments were approved:-

South Holland Vol. Car Scheme – annual contribution	£ 356.89
AON Ltd – annual insurance premium	£ 923.38

14.13 Consideration of approval of 2012/2013 Annual Return and Statement of Governance

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit had been concluded and that no matters had been raised. With the agreement of those present the Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Return and Statement of Governance.

15.13 Consideration of additional Village sign

Initial enquiries about the fabrication of a new village sign indicated that one in stainless steel would be in the region of £1000.

Unfortunately at present the new County Councillor has yet to be allocated any monies to make grants from.

16.13 Playing Field matters

Fenway FC had contacted the Clerk regarding their payment of a contribution towards the Pavilion utility bills and it was agreed that payment by cheque should be requested.

The Clerk was asked to request a financial report from the Playing Field Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

17.13 Planning matters

Notification of application (available via SHDC website) was considered for:-

H01/0402/13 – residential development – 43 Stonegate, Cowbit

Notification of permission being granted was received for:-

H01/0220/13 – proposed extension and alterations to house and fence – Croft House, 98 Stonegate, Cowbit

Notification of refusal on appeal to the Secretary of State received for:

H22/0983/11 – change of use to provide lorry park, shop, toilet and café facilities – Moulton Chapel Road

18.13 Any other business

The Clerk was asked to ascertain the law regarding dog fouling on bridle ways and public footpaths as a member of the public has been witnessed exercising large numbers of dogs in the area and not clearing up their fouling.

Chairman