

COWBIT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on Monday 12 October 2015
in the Village Hall, Cowbit commencing at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance:- Richard Fairman (County Cllr.), Shirley Pugh and approx. 5 members of the public

Apologies:- Cllr. Peter Simpson and Darren Harper

265.14 Public Forum

A member of the public raised a concern about the Queen's Bank flyover as it is a mess and the road needs levelling out. Cllr. Tyrrell advised that this is a County Council issue and County Cllr. Fairman agreed to follow this up.

Another member of the public mentioned that the Travellers site is going to start soon at the end of Drain Bank South. A question was asked in relation to access to Cowbit and the A16 and Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that they will be able to access illegally and advised that again this is a County Council issue.

A further member of the public raised that a survey has been completed on Mill Drove North to monitor the traffic. There used to be approx. 1500 cars that passed through and now that figure has increased to 4331 vehicles at an average speed of 56mph. The member of the public confirmed that this ways Highways data and would like something to be done about this as there are 47 HGV's that pass through every day. The speed limit is 60mph and it has never been gritted and a light should be put on the junction too – it is a hazard. Cllr. Tyrrell agreed that the Council would contact the police and to see if we can put in a presence down this road as a similar study has been carried out on Thorney Drove and the speed limit there is 40mph.

Another member of the public raised a concern about the safety and traffic down Clarkson Avenue. Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that if the residence of Clarkson Avenue would like traffic calming measures we can request this. County Cllr. Fairman mentioned that speed bumps are not advised in a residential area. The member of the public confirmed that it was different drivers and not the same ones. Cllr. Tyrrell advised that this is a police matter for anti-social behaviour and should dial 101 to report this. Council to follow up with PCSO to see if they can attend the next meeting to discuss.

The layby on Barrier Bank was also raised as a concern as cars do not stop when going round the bend onto Stonegate. A member of the public asked if there was any way to block this off to make sure cars stop before turning. County Cllr. Fairman advised that it would be best for Division Highways to assess. It was also mentioned that a drop curb needs to be in place across the road near the church to make this safe.

Finally, a comment was made in regards to cycling through Parkin Road to Clarkson Avenue. Cllr. Tyrrell advised that this again is a police matter.

266.14 Consideration of Minutes from Meeting Held on 07 September 2015

Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting that took place on 07 September 2015. This was proposed by Cllr. Back and 2nd by Cllr. Sharman.

267.14 Feedback on Issues raised during the last Public Forum

Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that PCSO Bev Robinson has received a number of complaints about the football incidents but has not reported anything back to the Council.

268.14 Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr. Back has completed some data analysis on the SID devices that have been put up around the Parish. It records, no. of vehicles passing through, the average speed and the percentile.

Littering in the village is becoming a problem especially down Stonegate. County Cllr Fairman has agreed to purchase a bin for Stonegate.

269.14 Police Matters

Cllr. Tyrrell reminded that if people are not reporting incidents then nothing will be done about it.

Village figures between 01 September and 01 October:

ASB. 1.

Crim Dam. 0.

RTC. 0.

Theft. 0.

Violence. 1.

Burglary. 0.

270.14 Highways Matters

Cllr. Back mentioned that in a few months' time the Council will invite District. Cllr. Davies back to the meeting to discuss traffic calming measures for the village.

271.14 Playing Field / Pavilion

Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that the football trainer is still coming twice week and still picking the litter. However, they will now be leaving the litter in the Pavillion and the Council will put out on a Tuesday morning for the bin collection. Cllr. Tyrrell also confirmed that the floodlights will be used on a Friday evening until 9pm for football training.

It was also raised that the Pavillion needs a revamp and the light needs to be fixed. The Headmaster of the primary school would also like a key for this and Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that he will drop a key off for the school. Cllr. Sharman asked whether it would be possible to put some gravel down on the grass patch between St. Mary's and Parkin Road. Cllr. Tyrrell agreed to look into this.

The possibility of a light being put on the Pavillion was discussed and to have this on a timer from dusk and go off at 9pm of an evening. Cllr. Tyrrell agreed to obtain a price for this.

Cllr. Tyrrell has also asked for the pole on the old basketball court to be taken down as this is unsafe.

272.14 Church Matters

Shirley Pugh mentioned that the Flower Festival was a success and that the coffee morning was too. Monies raised will be confirmed soon. A lot of money was raised and a special thanks to Ian and Jenny for being very generous. An article was also in the Spalding Guardian. There is no current plan to hold this festival again next year.

273.14 Planning Matters

Planning application for Drain Bank South was considered by the Councillors and all agreed that they were happy with the build as long as the building is attached to the current property so that it couldn't be sold on separately.

The outline planning application for Capes was reviewed and the Councillors agreed this to the District Council to make a decision. Cllr. Sharman raised a concern that it may be on greenbelt land.

The development off Barrier Bank should be named "Dun Cow Close" and not "Dun Cow Drive" – Clerk to respond and follow up.

274.14 Finance Matters

a) Payments to be made

Anglian Water	£16.17
Grant Thornton - Audit	£100 + £20 VAT

Cheques were signed by Cllr. Tyrrell and Cllr. Kendall

b) other matters

None.

275.14 Correspondence

None.

276.14 Any other business by leave of Chairman

None.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman