

COWBIT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on Monday 09 November 2015
in the Village Hall, Cowbit commencing at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance:- Richard Fairman (County Cllr.), Anthony Cassen (District Cllr.) Shirley Pugh, Darren Harper and approx. 2 members of the public

Apologies:- PCSO Bev Robinson

277.14 Public Forum

A member of the Church committee brought to the Council's attention that replacement Iron Gates for the Churchyard would cost approximately £2300 which would match the ones at the front. The member confirmed that she had obtained 3 different quotes and this supplier was the cheapest. Cllr. Tyrrell agreed with the Clerk to see how much is remaining from the Parish Precept monies to see if any is remaining to contribute towards. District Councillor Anthony Cassen agreed that some money could be spared from their budget. The member confirmed that the Church has £400 in its fund.

A member of the public raised yet another concern about cars speeding up and down Clarkson Avenue. Cllr Tyrrell advised to call the police on 101.

A concern was also raised about the parking along Stonegate. Clerk agreed to speak with PCSO Bev Robinson about this.

Another member of the public asked the views of the Council with regards to the proposal of speed cameras being put up along the A16. Views were expressed that something needed to be done in the village for traffic calming measures as people will take a short-cut through the village. Cllr. Tyrrell advised that a meeting should be set up between Richard Davies and the Road Safety Partnership to discuss further about our options. Clerk agreed to arrange.

278.14 Consideration of Minutes from Meeting Held on 12 October 2015

Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting that took place on 12 October 2015. This was proposed by Cllr. Back and 2nd by Cllr. Sharman.

279. 14 Feedback on Issues raised during the last Public Forum

Nothing to report back on.

280.14 Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda

During the meeting it was discussed about potentially having a defibrillator in the village. The general consensus was that it would be a positive to thing to have, however, it needs to be in a locked box, somewhere central and with power. County Cllr. Richard Fairman mentioned that we are the only village in the area not to have one. Clerk to action and find some more information out in terms of costing.

Grass-cutting for the Parish was also mentioned about who should take this on. Cllr. Tyrrell agreed to do some research on a Company that has approached the Council.

281.14 Correspondence

A letter was received by SHDC about putting up signage in the village with regards to having smoke free zones e.g. outside the primary school and the playing field. All Councillors were supportive of this and Clerk agreed to respond to the letter with the views received.

282.14 Police Matters

Village figures between 01 October and 01 November:

- ASB – 1
- Criminal Damage – 0
- RTC – 1
- Theft – 0
- Violence – 3
- Burglary – 0

283.14 Highways Matters

Lots of rubbish is being dumped along Barrier Bank. Request for people not do it. It was also highlighted that the grass had been cut down Barrier Bank.

284.14 Playing Field / Pavilion

Cllr. Tyrrell asked the Clerk with the Council had received the final monies owed from the Playing Field Committee along with the relevant minutes. Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been received and that email copies of the minutes had been obtained.

285.14 Church Matters

Cllr. Tyrrell mentioned that someone has been approached with regards to a new graveyard and the council are still waiting to hear back from them.

A member of the committee confirmed that a clock project will be underway next year to get the dial redone which will cost around £2500.

286.14 Planning Matters

Planning application for Bernard Matthews, Mill Drove North with regards to solar panels being put up. All members of the Council were supportive of this application. Clerk to respond.

287.14 Finance Matters

a) Payments to be made

Village hall invoices for 2014/15	£143.84
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Cheques were signed by Cllr. Tyrrell and Cllr. Simpson

b) other matters

None.

288.14 Any other business by leave of Chairman

Cllr. Back raised a concern that it is very dark down Stonegate at night. Cllr. Tyrrell advised that the lighting is switched off after 12pm.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm **Chairman**