

# **COWBIT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on Monday 14 December 2015  
in the Village Hall, Cowbit commencing at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:-** Anthony Cassen (District Cllr.) and approx. 4 members of the public

**Apologies:-** PCSO Bev Robinson and Richard Fairman (County Cllr.)

## **289.15 Public Forum**

Anthony Casson (District Cllr.) mentioned that he has contacted and arranged a meeting with the head of the Transport Company with regards to the bus issue that was raised previously. He mentioned that the bus companies have been asked to park further away from the Hynes property.

A member of the public raised a concern about speeding down Barrier Bank with concerns about the development of no. 160. Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that we have been looking into this issue and that when the A16 was built there was money put aside to use should Cowbit require calming measures in the future. This money is no longer there. Clerk to invite John Siddel (Head of Road Safety Partnership) to a Parish Council meeting to discuss options that the village has in relation to traffic calming measures.

Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that he and Cllr. Simpson had a meeting with Maxine Stukins to go over some issues within the village that were raised previously. Maxine confirmed there is no money in the budget for improvements and speed limits are only likely to increase as opposed to decrease.

Clerk agreed to contact Cllr. Richard Davies to attend a Parish Council meeting to ask further question with regards to traffic calming measures.

Another member of the public raised a concern about the connectivity in Cowbit with regards to broadband. The connection is varies and limited. The nearest box for infinity is Moulten Chapel and problems are on-going for many residents. The Clerk has agreed to look into this and contact "Open Reach" to discuss these issues further to represent the village.

A concern was also raised with regards to mobile phone signal, especially o2, as there is a black spot down Backgate. Clerk agreed to make contact with o2 to look into this further and represent the village on this matter.

## **290.15 Consideration of Minutes from Meeting Held on 09 November 2015**

Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting that took place on 09 November 2015. This was proposed by Cllr. Simpson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr. Back.

## **291. 15 Feedback on Issues raised during the last Public Forum**

Clerk confirmed that the police presence had increased in the village, especially down Stonegate, with the parking issues that were raised during the last meeting.

SID Data to be sent to PCSO Bev Robinson for analysis.

### **292.15 Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda**

A) Cllr. Anthony Cassen has agreed to support with obtaining a defibrillator within the village and has agreed a donation of £600 towards the cost of this. Clerk to action and purchase the defibrillator.

B) A letter was received from BT with regards to the old telephone box on Moulten Chapel Rd to be removed as it has been inactive for several years. The Parish Councillors made no observations with regards to this. Clerk to respond to confirm that Cllrs. do not have any issues with this.

### **293.15 Correspondence**

None.

### **294.15 Police Matters**

The Figs for 01/11/15 – 01/12/15

ASB - 0

Crim Dam – 0

RTC – 1

Theft – 1

Violence – 0

Burglary – 0

Clerk to speak with PCSO Bev Robinson to see if it is possible to get the Road Safety Partnership down with the speed van and gun.

### **295.15 Highways Matters**

Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that when there is a wet day there is water sat on the road (Barrier Bank) and this was raised with Maxine Stukins and she has agreed to look into this and clear away the side gully's.

It was also noted that there were 6 vans parking on the footpath near the development site on Barrier Bank which is dangerous for pedestrians.

Another discussion point was raised with regards to carting waste along Barrier Bank. The road is damaged enough and this is now making it worse. Raise with Richard Davies. Maxine Stukins confirmed that they will not repair the road.

### **296.15 Playing Field / Pavilion**

Cllr. Tyrrell confirmed that the football coach is still using the playing field and picking the litter. Floodlights were raised again but the Cllrs. were told to wait a while as when the Football team has a charity status they will be able to get these for free.

It was also suggested that the pavilion could do with decorating inside. Cllr. Simpson has agreed to do this but nearer to spring time.

### **297.15 Church Matters**

None to report on.

**298.15 Planning Matters**

- a) Off Backgate – Residential Development – Outline – SUPPORTIVE /NO COMMENT MADE
- b) 43a Backgate – Rear Sun Lounge Extension – Full – SUPPORTIVE / NO COMMENT MADE
- c) 230 Barrier Bank – Replacement Dwelling – Outline – SUPPORTIVE / NO COMMENT MADE
- d) 7 Russell Drive – Proposed Extension – Full – SUPPORTIVE / NO COMMENT MADE
- e) Rear of Carlton 156 Barrier Bank – Erection of 2 detached dwellings – Full – SUPPORTIVE / NO COMMENT MADE

**299.15 Finance Matters**

**a) Payments to be made**

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| Clerks Wages                  | £350.27 |
| HMRC (Inland Revenue)         | £51.80  |
| Anglian Water                 | £13.94  |
| Village Hall Invoice for 2015 | £110.00 |

Cheques were signed by Cllr. Tyrrell and Cllr. Simpson

**b) other matters**

None.

**300.15 Any other business by leave of Chairman**

None.

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Chairman** .....