

Minutes from the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting of Cowbit Parish Council on 24th April 2017 at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Tyrell (Chairman), Simpson, Sharman, Kendall, Elliott and 13 members of the public.

1. Chairman Cllr Tyrell welcomed everyone.

Public forum: The newly formed Playing Field Committee and Football Club gave a comprehensive report to Council, this will be reported in item 11. Sgt Alford arrived at 8.30pm and his report will be reported in item 6.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from District Councillor Casson and Cllr Fairman.

3. Declarations of interest.

a. None received.

4. Notes from the previous meeting.

a. Notes of the previous meeting had been read and proposed that these be accepted as a true copy of the minutes. **All AGREED.**

5. Clerks report on outstanding matters.

- A meeting has been set up with Godfrey Parkes the internal auditor for 12th May and the said audit report will be available to sign at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Clerk can report that the SID brackets and Safety surface for the play area has now been ordered.
- The Asset Register needs updating and the Parish Council Insurance is due for renewal by 1st June. Clerk will source a more comprehensive price.

In District Councillor Casson's absence his report was read out. It states that during last year his portfolio had changed from assets to public protection which is a lot bigger portfolio than that of the previous year. Fly tipping is a big problem and this is being reported regularly. DC Casson has been out with the dog warden to see what she has to deal with. There are many strays this season out of which 37 are lurchers. (Hare Coursing is a big problem in this area), and the District Council is spending a lot of money on kennelling fees.

DC Casson also reports that he has been out with the food hygiene team which he found very interesting and also the Licensing team on inspections.

6. Police matters:

a. Sgt Alford discussed speeding around the village and that speeding tickets had indeed been issued. Mostly to local village people. Cars and Camera vehicles will still be in the area.

Police report as of 30th March 2017. ASB=1, Criminal damage=2, RTC=0, Theft=1, Violence=0, Burglary=0.

7. Highways matters.

a. Road closure between 24/4 – 12/5 in Backgate between B1357 and Meadow Walk.

LCC has now advised that residents can report carriageway faults direct on www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting this is a quicker way to make reports.

8. Financial matters.

- a. It was Proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Elliott that the Financial report of £705 as per attached be accepted. All **AGREED.**

Leaving a balance in the current account of £9628.74 and Reserve account of £4707.33

b. Planning matters.

- a. None received.
- c. **Village Hall Representative.**
- a. It is the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Cowbit Village Hall. In the past 4 years much work has been completed by the current committee. The hall is in constant use now and plans are due to start of the new car park to the front of the building.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Village Hall committee for allowing the erection of the new Defibrillator on the outside wall of the Village Hall.

d. Playing Field representative.

- a. Upon a newly formed Playing Field Committee of Sammie Betts and Rachel Winyard it was agreed that two Parish Councillors be on the PF committee. Cllrs Simpson and Elliott offers had been accepted. It had been agreed by all that maintenance works should commence. Painting of the swings and two swing seats be replaced. New safety flooring is required and this had been priced at £2743.20 by Abacus. It was agreed by all to proceed with this price and to start work asap. Whilst there was a small amount of money bench marked for works to the Playing Field, it was agreed that the new committee start applying for funding. A meeting was set up for 3rd May to discuss matters further. Meeting to be held in the Pavillion.

Parish Council had been approached by a group to start Cowbit Football team for 16yrs and over. This was agreed by all and suggested that the Football Team also get involved with works etc to the playing field.

It was noted that vandalism has been taking place and a note in the village magazine may help to reduce this. It also had been reported to the local PCSO.

e. Correspondence.

- a. A list of correspondence was made available.
- f. **Councillors reports & items not listed on the agenda.**
- a. None.
- g. **The date of the next meeting. It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting take place on 22nd May 2017 at 7.30pm at Cowbit Village Hall.**
- h. None.