

**Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Attendance.** In attendance were Cllrs Elliott, Kendall, Simpson and Tyrrell.

County Councillor Nigel Pepper. District Cllr A.Casson. 8 members of public.

**1. Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the new County Councillor Nigel Pepper.**

**Public Forum.**

Cllr Nigel Pepper introduced himself to everyone.

Ex Cllr Richard Fairman thanked everyone for their support during his term of office.

**2. Apologies.**

a. Apologies received from Cllr Sharman, reasons given and accepted by all.

**3. Declarations of interest.**

a. Cllr Kendall declared an interest in a planning application in Vicarage Close.

**4. Notes from the meeting were read, a slight alteration done and accepted as a true copy of the minutes of the meeting. All AGREED.**

**5. Clerks report.**

a. The Clerk suggested that the PC purchase a new notice board, the school headmaster had given permission for this to be fixed to the school railings. Cost of notice board is £509 +vat. It was proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Tyrrell that this be purchased. **All AGREED**

b. Clerk had received an email regarding the bench on Barrier Bank which faces the wrong way. (It faces a hedge). The writer asks if this can be turned round to face The Wash. After discussion it was decided that this be removed, repainted and replaced facing The Wash. Proposed by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Simpson. **All AGREED.** Clerk to source contractor.

**6. Police matters.**

a. ASB=3, Criminal Damage=0, RTC=1 Cowbit bypass, Theft=1, Violence=1, Burglary=0.

**7. Highways matters.**

a. Clerk has been invited to attend a meeting held by South Holland District Council Highways Department, to discuss how their department works and who to contact.

**8. Finance report.**

a. The financial report was read and accepted by all. **All AGREED.**

**9. Planning report.**

a. Planning application H01-0612-17 for Vicarage Close. The matter was discussed, however Cllr Simpson said by the PC not objecting to it, it may set a precedence to other home owners.

**10. Village Hall report.**

- a. Darren Harper reported that the leaky boiler had now been repaired. New gravel had been put down in the car park. There is a summer event put on by SHDC on 30<sup>th</sup> August taking place in the playing field, but the village hall is available should it rain. MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. On 16<sup>th</sup> September the annual 'Fun on the Field' will take place and a meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> July to discuss plans.

**11. Playing field report.**

- a. A training course on Play equipment and how to check it for safety will take place in October at a cost of £74+vat. Cllrs Simpson and Elliott have asked if they can attend. This was deemed as good practise and proposed by Cllr Tyrrell they should attend.
- b. Resurface of the area under the swings has now been completed. But other areas now need repairing. The cost of which is £1586 +vat. DC Casson was asked if there was any chance of helping with the cost. Cllr Casson said that he would agree to some financial help. Proposed by Cllr Tyrrell and seconded by Cllr Simpson that this also be done. **All AGREED.**
- c. Two new seats were to be ordered for the see-saw. **All AGREED.**
- d. Football team from outside the area have expressed they would also like to use our pitch, and would be happy to pay for the use.

**12. Correspondence.**

- a. Clerk hadn't received any correspondence that was deemed suitable to bring to the meeting.

**13. Councillors reports & items for the next agenda.**

- a. None received.

**14. Date of the next meeting.**

- a. It was confirmed that the next general meeting of Cowbit Parish Council be held on **11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Cowbit Village Hall.**

**15. None.**

**Meeting ended at 8.45pm**

Signed.....Date.....