

Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 23rd July 2018
at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Attendance. In attendance were Cllrs Tyrrell (Chairman), Hook and Sharman.

District Cllr A.Casson 3 members of public.

1. Chairman welcomed everyone.

Public Forum.

District Cllr Casson reported that the Internal Drainage Board had done what was asked of them, (they placed the bunds at the entrance to Drain Bank North), but also stated that he would not support anything like this again.

Cllr Casson also stated that he had asked the Dog Warden to look around the village after complaints had been received from residents, but when the Dog Warden did visit on a couple of occasions, no dog fouling had been found.

2. Apologies.

a. Apologies received from Cllrs Elliott and Simpson, reasons given and accepted by all.

3. Declarations of interest.

a. None received.

4. Notes from the meeting on 25th June 2018 were read and accepted as a true copy of the minutes of the meeting. All AGREED.

5. Police matters.

a. No Police report had been received.

6. Highways matters.

a. The Archer Survey request and reply accordingly.

The technical data recording equipment was located outside Little Acre and commenced on 21st July 18 and continued for a full seven day period. I have attached the report results above. For comparison the last survey was completed in February 2016 but at a location more towards Cowbit and was 100m South of Backgate. The average flow per day was 1969 vehicles at an average speed of 44.8MPH and an 85th Percentile speed of 53.1MPH with 21.2% being over the limit. I would expect the speeds to be slightly increased on the most recent survey as it is further away from the 40 MPH limit although I am not suggesting this is acceptable. The first survey was completed before the average Speed camera system was installed and does not show a large increase given that flow is increasing year on year nationally.

I have researched the collisions involving personal injury for the last 3 year period up to a data date of 31/12/17 and there have been none recorded.

Highways engineers within the Road Safety Partnership have assessed the area and inform me that no engineering casualty reduction measures were identified

As you will be aware the Government is committed to ensuring that the process for deploying speed cameras is transparent and that cameras are only used at locations where

they can make a demonstrable reduction in speed related casualties. The only form of speed enforcement that the LRSP can carry out is with the use of speed cameras; however the site selection process has to comply with the criteria set out by the Department for Transport. This criterion includes locations where there are a history of speed related injury collisions supported by evidence of a high degree of non-compliance with the speed limit. In that respect Lincolnshire Police through the Road Safety Partnership adheres to the site selection criteria set out by the Department for Transport to ensure that the process is completely transparent and that cameras are only used as a casualty reduction measure. The results of the survey together with an analysis of the collision data show that the criteria required for either fixed or mobile speed camera enforcement is not met.

7. Finance report.

- a. Payments of £2883.77. . Current account as of 31st July 2018 is £7231.58 and Reserve account is £24712.56
Proposed by Cllr Hook and seconded by Cllr Sharman these are accepted.
- b. To retrospectively approve the grant to Fun on the Field of £75. **Resolved.**
- c. To retrospectively approve the payment of £157.03 for Village Website. **Resolved.**
- d. To retrospectively approve payment to Amber Electrics for insurance works of £768. **Resolved.**
- e. To retrospectively approve payment to Oakleigh Home Improvements for works completed to pavilion of £350. **Resolved.**
- f. To retrospectively approve the order to purchase new swing seats. **Resolved.**
- g. Funding request for the Elloe Oracle village magazine. It was **resolved** to make a grant of £500 towards the outlay.

8. Planning report.

- a. Replies to the planning application for Decoy Farm Bio Mass Heat and Power Plant application. Although this is not in Cowbit Parish, the applicants asked for the views of the Parish Council as this may have an impact on extra traffic.

9. Village Hall report.

- a. Fun on the Field date has changed to 1st September.

10. Playing field report.

- a. ROSPA play equipment inspection will take place during August.
- b. It had been noted that to gain access into the playing field, one area had two small steps. For disabled residents this was proving a problem. It was suggested that the steps be made into a slope and Andy Gaylor will be asked to do the job.
- c. The works both requested and also covered by the insurance are almost complete.
- d. The bridge from the new housing estate to the playing field is accessed by a bridge, to make this safe and user friendly and appealing on the eye, the builders have offered to put a post and rail fence rather than a chain link.
- e. New Tyre swing seats have been ordered.

11. Correspondence.

- a. Some correspondence received had been included in the agenda.
- b. A request had come from a resident asking if we could sow wild flower seeds along the grass verges around the village sign. After discussion, it was agreed not to allow

this due to the cutting of the grass by Highways, but maybe to have a half barrel tub each side of the bench overlooking The Wash. To discuss this more in the autumn.

c. PRIDE nominations had been requested with the deadline being 24th August.

12. Councillors reports & items for the next agenda.

a. None received.

13. Date of the next meeting.

a. It was agreed by all that the next general meeting be held on **17th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

14. . To resolve whether to move into closed session and exclude public, police and press (who will be required to leave the meeting at this stage), in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972), due to the confidential nature of business to be discussed in relation to the following matters:

None.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm