

# **Minutes of the meeting of Cowbit Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## **at Cowbit Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Attendance.** In attendance were Cllrs Tyrrell (Chairman), Simpson (vice-chairman), Elliott, Hook and Sharman.

District Cllrs A.Casson J.Whitbourne, LCC N.Pepper and 4 members of public.

### **1. Chairman welcomed everyone.**

#### **Public Forum.**

Discussions had taken place regarding the proposed new development at Mill Drove.

Resident had brought to the Parish Council's attention that lorries are still heading through the village, although the resident had sent letters to various agencies, they were now taking down vehicle registration details and phoning 101 to report this. And suggests that all residents do likewise.

### **2. Apologies.**

- a. None.

### **3. Declarations of interest.**

- a. Cllr Tyrrell had declared an interested with the planning application in Mill Drove.

### **4. Notes from the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 were read and accepted as a true copy of the minutes of the meeting. All AGREED.**

### **5. Matters arising from the minutes.**

#### **6. Police matters and CSW.**

- a. The Police report had been received from the PCSO for 26/7/18 – 21/8/18. ASB-0, RTC-0, burglary-0, criminal damage-0. Theft-1. The Police website data for July 2018 show: Near Clarkson Ave 2 x violence & sexual offences, Near Mill Drove 1 x criminal damage & arson.
- b. Standing Order's were suspended. Cllr Jan Whitbourne gave a comprehensive overview of the CSW. There will be an evening training session soon and all volunteers must give their details to the Parish Clerk for Insurance purposes. SO's resumed.
- c. Car in the field had been reported on 16<sup>th</sup> September, it will be curious to see if this is included in the next Police report.

#### **7. Highways matters.**

- a. The Archer Survey.
  - This shows that those who are speeding along Peak Hill can be prosecuted.
  - It was agreed by all that we should pursue the possibility to get the speed limit of 50mph through Peak Hill reduced accordingly. Cllr Pepper will support this. Clerk to speak with the LRSP.

- Reporting of potholes etc can now be done via the phone app 'Fix My Street' which opens up onto the LCC website portal.
- The repairs done in Postland Road were not acceptable and unsatisfactory.

## **8. Finance report.**

- a. Payments of £4428.10 and income of £3971.77. Current account as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 is £6850.25 and Reserve account is £24714.69

## **9. Planning report.**

- a. **Cllr Tyrrell left the room after declaring an interest.**
- b. Vice Chairman Cllr Simpson presided over the meeting: Standing orders were suspended for the general public to air their views.
  - Is the Parish Council going to pursue monies under a 106 agreement? Yes.
  - Can the Parish Council recommend that there be extra street lighting? Yes.
  - Resident R. Biggs asks: Can the village school safely accommodate the extra children these extra developments will bring? The first 37 houses on the King development have already been occupied. It was suggested that the church be used for extra seating at lunchtime for the children, but what happens if a funeral is booked at the same time? The school formerly used the village hall for lunchtimes but as they had to pay an hourly fee, they stopped using it.
  - Cllr Elliott upon speaking to the school headteacher stated that the school would welcome any extra children. There currently are 75 on the register and can comfortably increase this by another 30.
  - Ashley Homes is a fairly significant size development, is it meeting the demand for extra housing or is this down to local employment?
  - There is apathy amongst residents when it comes to speaking up.
  - The latest Local Plan hasn't been adopted yet, although the previous 'adopted' plan show that some of the areas were not included.
  - This is currently only an 'outline' planning application, but the Parish Council would like to see what the area currently holds for the local wildlife habitat.
  - There will be three areas of 'open space', the Parish Council would like to know who will be looking after these areas, will it be a management group?
  - As Cowbit doesn't have a village plan and the Parish Council feel helpless at stopping the area grow. And they hope that they will be one of the Consultee's when this gets taken forward.
  - Residents need to have their say in what they want the village to look like.
  - Agricultural Land is not classed as 'Brown Field site', allowing extra developments will mean more vehicles passing through Cowbit and increase traffic flow.
  - The infrastructure must be declared in the comments to SHDC.

Standing Order's resumed.

## **10. Village Hall report.**

- Fun on the Field didn't take place this year as after changing the date, it was difficult to get staff to man various stalls. Perhaps the August bank holiday weekend for 2019. Instead a pop-up-pub took place which raised money for Fun on The Field.

- The Seniors Christmas Party takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- Plans have finally been drawn up for a brick building to replace the two wooden storage units in the car park. This will allow for disabled parking as its quite difficult for disabled people to walk over the current ground of shale. Grants will be applied fro accordingly.
- The final stage of replacement lighting to LED will soon be completed.
- Brownies have started back with a full complement of 21 youngsters and more groud using the building.

### **11. Playing field report.**

- ROSPA play equipment inspection had taken place and whilst a few items had been raised, nothing was deemed to be a high risk. All items medium to low risk were being rectified and a plan in place.
- It was proposed by Cllr Elliott that the ‘half pipe/skate board pipe’ be removed. This doesn’t conform to certain standards and increased the insurance. Although this will be removed next spring, it will be replaced by something suitable and more likely to be used more. Suggestion of a ‘rope rush’ which incorporates 16 ‘trim-trail’ units. It will allow up to 40 people at any one time to use it. It sits straight onto grass, small enough in height so not to need any safety flooring and minimal maintenance. Cost is £12,000 and £1800 to install. Will discuss further nearer the spring.
- The meeting with Ashley King and The Internal Drainage Board had taken place and it was agreed by all that any works done to the drains would be within the fenced area. Sadly, this didn’t happen and works have been done outside this area and caused some damage. The Parish Council had also been told that bridge across the drain leading to the new development would be a hard surface, sadly again this isn’t and currently is grass. Letters to both Ashley King and the IDB will be sent.

### **12. Dates of the next meetings:**

- Clerk had prepared dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2019 and also 2020, these were agreed and a copy given to Darren Harper from the Village Hall for the diary.

### **13. Correspondence.**

- a. Some correspondence received had been included in the agenda.
- b. PRIDE AWARDS this Saturday 3-5pm

### **14. Councillors reports & items for the next agenda.**

- a. None received.

### **15. Date of the next meeting.**

- a. It was agreed by all that the next general meeting be held on **29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm**

### **16. 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:**

Yes and the general public had been asked to leave.

**The general meeting ended at 9.10pm**