Parish Council

Thursday 27-Aug-2015 @ 19:00
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Sally Law, B. Cllr. Tim Hill

2: To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received for items on the agenda

3: Public Question Time

No members of public were in attendance.

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 2 nd July 2015

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nd July 2015 and 23rd July
2015

5: Report from Borough Councillors

B. Cllr. Tim Hill's report had previously been distributed. The
Council stated that they were not happy that B. Cllr. Hill has arranged and paid for double yellow lines outside various houses, which does not appear to have any significance and does not appear to contribute towards parking issues, which affect Stewartby. The Council also had concerned about the monitoring of this and doubts that this will actually happen. There were also concerns about the plans for no verge parking. This was a scheme, which was started by the Parish Council and also involves some of the land, which is in the process of being transferred to the Parish Council. Cllr. Burnage was disgruntled that B. Cllr. Tim Hill has published and taken the credit for items done by the Parish i.e. The Verge Parking in Park Crescent. It appears that he is taking decisions on items, which would be better done with consultation and in conjunction with the Parish Council. B. Cllr. Hill is concerned that Central Beds appears to believe that some land in Stewartby is theirs when in fact it is in Bedford Borough. It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Tim Hill and asks for a plan showing the disputed land.

6: Crime Statistic

There were 4 crimes in July. Chairman reported that he had contacted Emily
Hurst regarding 2 events that happened on Stewartby Park – theft of wheelbarrow and concrete also a fence was knocked down from Park Crescent – Cllr. Chadwick spoke a PCSO who seemed to be checking it out.

7: Authorize Cheque's for payment

a list will be presented to the meeting
20.8.15 Lee Moore & Sons Roof repair £ 19,800.00
20.8.15 Smiths of Derby Clock repair £ 450.00
20.8.15 Warners
Strimming and
roundabout clearance £ 672.00
20.8.15 Warners Ground Maintenance £ 570.00
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Litter Pick and Poplar
work £ 984.00
20.8.15 Warners Ground Maintenance £ 354.00
20.8.15 Kler Associated Ltd Payroll 3 months £ 45.00
20.8.15 Mrs Garner Litter Picker £ 55.25
20.8.15 BBRUA Membership £ 3.00
20.8.15 Andy Muskett Ltd first quarter maintenance £ 148.92
20.8.15 Viking Ink £ 26.24
20.8.15 Viking Ink £ 50.05
20.8.15 Barnicoat Ltd Internal Audit £ 90.00
20.8.15 V. Gladstone August Expenses £ 31.90

20.8.15 V. Gladstone Wages £ 821.36
20.8.15 V. Gladstone Unpaid cheque £ 16.90

8: Correspondence

3.8.15 Bedford BC Consultation on Statement of Gambling
Licensing Principles
4.8.15 Bedford BC Invoice and Direct Debit form
20.8.15 Warners of Bedford Quote for Area to rear of Church
Periodicals
BBRUA
Borough in Brief
B&MK Waterways trust
The Council discussed the quotation from Warners as above and it was resolved that a letter be sent to O & H recorded delivery.

9: Clerks/Financial Report

The clerk reported that there is currently £83,747 and £25,265 also that
BDO has given us a limitation on the audit because we were late in sending it in.

10: Conservation Area

It was reported that there has been a noticeable improvement since Mrs.
Garner has started Litter Picking, the Councillors are very happy with the work. The Chairman showed concerns as whether we now need a conservation area as the only people who adhere to it seems to be the parish council – the solar panels are sprouting up everywhere. It appears that the Borough is not supporting the conservation area. The trust has been given permission to put dishes on the bungalows. The Councillors felt that the Conservation is a useful tool however it was resolved that this be put to the residents in the right to know meeting

11: Old Notice Board

it was resolved that this be replaced with a new one. As per the ones we already have.

12: Stewartby Park

Road Names – as attached

13: Planning applications together with distribution of duties

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14: Stewartby Parish Council going foward

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15: New Councillors

deferred to next meeting

16: Precept on 15th September

Precept Report

17: Trees in Conservation area

Trees in conservation area – Ross Richardson is the new Tree
conservation person (lady) . There are a number of trees that need crowning from the base there are 37 trees affected on the Green and Stewartby Way. We have been given permission to crown the trees on the Green. She also looked at the trees in Stewartby Way with corking needed. The company that she recommends is Marston Vale Tree Care, which is the company that we use and have quoted £455 plus VAT. This work was discussed and it was agreed that it is not for the Parish to maintain trees on private land as the verges on Stewartby Way are
owned by the residents. The Clerk confirmed that we would actually be acting ultra virus should we spend parish money on trees on private land. The Chairman has confirmation in writing from the Tree Officer and will pass it on to the Clerk. Cllr. Burnage asked if we could request that the Plane Trees on the Brickworks side of Broadmead to see if they could have Tree Preservation orders put on them.

18: Regular items

a. Highways – Broadmead is being closed for 1 month while drainage and roundabout works are done It was resolved that we contact Hannah Albans at Persimmon to complain about mud on the road – there should be a wheel wash on the site and daily wash of the wheels. Lafarge cement/tarmac is using Stewartby Way as access. It

was previously agreed that they use Broadmead especially in view of the weight limit. In September Cllr. Chadwick will take note of all the brass drain covers, which have dropped and will report them to Andrew Prigmore.
b. Lighting – only one needed repair – BBC column and have responded quickly. Cllr. Chadwick reported that there is a light in Magpie, which is out.
c. Recreation Area
(i) RoSPA inspection/report – Cllr. Chadwick is still waiting to hear from the Timber Play Company regarding the swing CPCL however have been helpful and have quoted £771 to put everything right as per the RoSPA report – Cllr Chadwick will email the clerk for action – resolved that this be sorted. Resolved that we find another RoSPA company as they are not consistent in their reporting
(ii) New Play equipment – Cllr. Chadwick The design is to be put to the right to know meeting.
d. Newsletter – deferred to the next meeting.

19: Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting 24th September 2015