Parish Council
Thursday 24-Sep-2015 @ 19:15
Village Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Councillor Lee Melville, Councillor Sally Law

1: To receive apologies for absence
Apologies: were received from Cllr. L. Burnage

2: To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda
No declarations were received

3: Public Question Time
No members of the public were present

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 2 nd July 2015
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5: Report from Borough Councillors
B. Cllr Tim Hill's report had been previously distributed. He added
regarding a consultation he made regarding no parking scheme – He leaflet dropped regarding the no verge parking this would be funded by parish and ward funds. He is prepared to use some of the Elstow Ward fund but Borough need the Parish to support the extension the no verge parking into Magpie Avenue, Rousbury, The Meadows, Pillinge Road. It was resolved that the clerk sends an email in to Andrew Prigmore saying that the Council has approved the supply of this.
The Chairman mentioned regarding the double yellow lines the Chairman asked why these were agreed, as they seem to be in inappropriate areas. B. Cllr. Tim Hill gave his explanation.
B. Cllr. T Hill mentioned that he spoke to a contact of potential developer for the retail area in the new development and he stated that he believed they would be very interested.
B. Cllr. Tim Hill confirmed that there would be 57 houses on the new Wixams development, residing within Stewartby Parish Council's boundaries.
Cllr. Chadwick asked B. Cllr. T Hill how we could get the newsletter to the Travellers Site – He agreed that he would do this.
It was asked again if the BBC van can go to the lower school at a time when he can catch some vehicles parking on double yellow lines.

6: Crime Statistics
Chief Inspector Steve Vesztrocy spoke to the meeting explaining about the rise of crime within Bedfordshire highlighting an increase crimes by 11 over 5 months. Domestic Violence –response is better and recording practice improved. Burglary is down by 3 offences – Vehicle crime up by 6 from 2 too 8, criminal damage up by 5 offences. Arson – none this period. Public and miscellaneous crimes down, June saw a change to policing with the primary function now centered on protection to Life and Property – Response time has improved with the 999 functionality with more emphasis placed on people who are dangerous situations i.e. killed, hurt, property, upset in that order. Performance in high risk situations has improved – less urgent cases will be given a fixed appointment within 24 hours i.e. Damage too sheds, fences and, damage to property - They are solving more crimes now and better outcomes at court. There are new changes, more PC's on community teams – detection rate now 45%, is over Beds norm. Community policing is way down as no capacity to be the bobby on the beat – next February there should be between 10 and 15 police officers which should allow more PC's in the area but no particular PC for our area.

7: Authorise Cheques for payment
a list will be presented to the meeting
Ace Fire & Security Intruder Alarm System £ 510.00
Warners of Bedford Strimming Verges and Tree Maintenance £ 414.00
Warners of Bedford Strimming Verges and Tree Maintenance £ 336.00
Warners of Bedford Strimming grass £ 360.00
Bedford Borough Council Allocation of numbers fee £ 56.00
Bedford Borough Council Trade Refuse 14908497 £ 19.25

Bedford Borough Council Trade Refuse 14943706 £ 15.44
Bedford Borough Council Trade Refuse 14985732 £ 15.44
DTM (Daniel Couldridge) Painting Bus Shelter £ 498.00
Viking Direct Ink £ 64.76
V. Gladstone Wages £ 626.40
V. Gladstone Expenses £ 127.10

8: Correspondence:

Email from John Jordan
Network Rail Consultation
BBRUA
Borough in Brief
LCR
Clerks and Councils

9: Clerks/Financial Report

The Clerk reported that the bank balances are £90,873 and £25,265

10: Land in dispute with Central Beds.

B. Cllr. T. Hill explained that the Wixams Development is in Central
Beds – the local plan requires that they add areas for development and Central Beds have put this down as part of Stewartby – not suggesting that it becomes part of Central Beds just that they think it should be developed. The Parish Council found it difficult to understand how Central Beds could have power to develop or even plan developments within Bedford Borough Council

11: Bulbs and flowers for Round a bout

Defer to next meeting

12: Gym equipment

Defer to next meeting

13: Planning applications together with distribution of duties

none received

14: Stewartby Parish Council going forward

Defer to next meeting

15: Trees in Conservation area

Andrew Prigmore (BBC) has supplied a plan but there is no legend (awaiting
amended map) Various trees have been crowned as previously resolved only one remains which is currently the responsibility of O&H.

16: Regular items

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a. Highways – nothing to report – except drains at bottom of Rousbury is open and the average speed Signs have not been dealt with as yet. There is a crack on Wavell Close appearing
b. Lighting – a new check is being arranged for the Borough lights.
c. Recreation Area
(i) RoSPA inspection repairs update it was resolved that the two quotations be accepted.
(ii) New Play equipment – Delayed to after the Open Day.
d. Newsletter All done and delivered

17: Date of next meeting

15th October 2015