Parish Council

Thursday 19-Nov-2015 @ 19:15
Village Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Councillor Lee Melville, Councillor Louise Burnage, Councillor Sally Law

1: To receive apologies for absence

No apologies for absence have been received.

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

No declarations of interest in items on the agenda were received

3: Buses to Stewartby

Mr. C. Pettifer reported regarding S106 money that if they were to add one bus it would cost about £126,000 per year. He requested that we copy Great Denham by sending out a questionnaire asking the public what they want regarding the service to Stewartby. It was resolved that The Chairman, Cllr. Plater and Cllr. Burnage would attend a meeting to put the questionnaire together in December with a view to getting it out in January. B. Cllr. Hill stated that he believed that approximately half the new development would be occupied this time next year and asked that this be done again to the new development. Mr. Songer from Grant Palmer reported that currently we have Route 68, which is currently funded by BBC. 8 return journeys Monday to Saturday not on Sunday. Residents are asking for a service to Ampthill and a shopper service to Milton Keynes. Plans for the future are to tidy the timetable up i.e. an hourly frequency to Bedford and a regular service to Ampthill and Flitwick. There currently is a service Biggleswade to Milton Keynes on Tuesdays and Saturdays and they are looking to do something similar for Stewartby to Milton Keynes. Cllr. Burnage asked how many people use the service, however this information was not available at this time and would be brought to the December meeting.

4: Public Question Time

No members of the public were present

5: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 15th October 2015

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 15th October 2015 approved and signed

6: Report from Borough Councillors

B. Cllr Hill stated that no changes to the report except for mud on the road. Hannah Albans from Persimmon has been informed – also workmen have tried to get the mud off the road. However he has asked Borough how the issue can be resolved as the mud on the road from the development is not acceptable and is against the planning permission and he has given until the end of the weekend to get this resolved.
The Chairman asked if B. Cllr. Hill had any information regarding Coronation Pit and showed the meeting the planning application for change of conditions but he had not been made aware. The Meeting did not find anything of concern to the information give. The Chairman asked B. Cllr. Hill about the adoption of School Lane – He said ‘the agreement has happened’ but he can’t remember any more but will report it after the meeting. Cllr. Plater asked about gas supply to the village – B. Cllr. Hill is awaiting confirmation however the cost would be £900,000 and there is not enough funding for this however the green link between Stewartby Park to the current village will remain and therefore this could be brought forward in the future.

7: Network Rail presentation

Cllr Plater kept in touch with the representative and they will keep this information on file

8: Bus Stop

The Chairman had received a request from the Middle School for another bus shelter. The suggestion was put to Mr. C. Pettifer and he went through how a new bus shelter can be agreed. The Clerk to enquire Planning and Public Transport Team.

9: Authorise Cheques for payment

a list will be presented to the meeting
19.11.15 101736 Palmers Money on account £500.00
19.11.15 101737 J. Symonds Chairman’s annual allowance £500.00
19.11.15 101738 Warners Ground Maintenance £ 528.00

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19.11.15 101740 Warners Ground Maintenance £ 384.00
19.11.15 101741 Cottage Farm Nurseries Christmas Tree £ 540.00
19.11.15
101743 Ease of England Air
Ambulance S137 Grant £ 500.00
19.11.15 101744 Signs of the Times New notice board £ 1,223.81
19.11.15 101745 Poppy Appeal Wreaths and postage £ 44.00
19.11.15
101746
Ace Fire & Security
Annual Maintenance for CCTV and
Alarm £ 1,854.30
19.11.15 101747 Ace Fire & Security Call Out CCTV system £ 105.00
19.11.15 101748 V Gladstone Expenses £ 78.47
19.11.15 101749 V Gladstone Wages £ 585.35
19.11.15
101750
British Legion Reimbursement of Hire fee for Bugler £ 100.00

10: Correspondence

There was no correspondence other than that within the agenda

11: Clerks/Financial

The clerk reported that the Council now has over £100,000 in the bank.

12: Gym equipment

Gym equipment put forward to January

13: Grant for the British Legion

Cllr. Law explained that the Parish Council asked that a bugler was present at the memorial
service but that the British Legion had to pay and they request that the Council reimburse the amount of £100 which it paid out on our behalf. It was resolved that a cheque be sent to them

14: 2032 Plan update re concern to area 319 Travellers Site

B. Cllr. Alison Foster
has requested that a travellers site be put on the old A421 opposite the entrance to Green Lane It was resolved that the
Clerk write to Planning to raise our objection on the following grounds: Local Plan No. 319 On the junction of Green Lane and C94 a travellers site on the grounds that Stewartby and Kempston Hardwick Parish already has a large site within its boundaries at Kempston Hardwick which has already been extended to 22 pitches At present this site is detrimentally affecting the surrounding area and our Stewartby Parish Council strongly object to this development.

15: Persimmons Grants

The Chairman reported that Persimmon is looking to help the local community although nothing is
earmarked at present although Broadmead Lower School has already approached them and have a promise that this may be acceptable. Look to invite Wendy Menck in the New Year. Especially as we can apply to have a grant for the upkeep of the land behind the church.

16: Land behind the church

This was discussed and the responses from the Right to Know Meeting was that it should be a
quiet garden for remembrance garden. Councillors are to think about what they want and to come back to discuss it in the January Meeting.

17: Planning applications together with distribution of duties

Planning applications 11/01356/S73WM restoration of Coronation Pit – this was discussed - No objections

18: Purchase of land

Purchase of land (Open spaces) the side letter was discussed and it and it was agreed that the words ‘land abutting – the Crescent’. Therefore the if the letter is engrossed

19: Regular items

a. Highways – Cllr Plater has reported previously on this and also it was reported about the closure of the A421 – Cllr. Plater, Chairman J. Symonds and borough Councillor T. Hill have a meeting with BBC Highways on 24th November to discuss Freight Strategy – The Chairman has also reported that O & H should have cutback the

bushes from the highway along Stewartby Way – B. Hill reported this to Highways in order that they enforce the cutting.
b. Lighting – Cllr. Plater has reported previously about this – Christmas tree erected – all lights will be up by next week.
c. Recreation Area – Buses continue to damage the verge alongside the crescent (recreation area), it was resolved to add more bollards to this area (Quote £965.00). It was resolved that the clerk write to Herberts Busses, 2 Cardington Gate, St. Martins Way, Bedford MK42 0LF with the quote asking for a contribution as the land was damaged by their buses.
d. Also resolved, a new replacement Poplar tree to replace the badly vandalised memorial tree on the central `green
(i) RoSPA inspection repairs update – Cllr Chadwick to pass email to the Clerk in order to process the spare parts order
(ii) New Play equipment – Still awaiting an inspection.
a. Newsletter deferred to January
b.

20: Date of next meeting

3rd December 2015