Parish Council

Thursday 21-Jan-2016 @ 19:15
Village Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Councillor Lee Melville, Councillor Louise Burnage

1: To receive apologies for absence

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

No declarations of interest in items on the agenda were received

3: Public Question Time

The meeting was adjourned for up to 10 minutes for members of the public to address the Council

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 19th December 2015

The minutes of the last Parish Council meetings held on 19th December 2015 and 3 rd December 2015 were approved and signed

5: Report from Borough Councillors

These had previously distributed and were commented upon as follows:
(i) Police report showed 3 minor items
(ii) B Cllr Tim Hill's report showed that the request for double yellow lines which he had arranged had now been refused and now H white lines are to be installed – again the Council agreed that this is a waste of money and that the money could have been spent more to the benefit of the whole Village rather than a few residents – Speed Limit in Kempston Hardwick – it has been approved that this be changed to 30 mph and that calming measures are suggested in the form of gated chicanes at each end of the village. B. Cllr Hill has applied to sit on the planning committee for the double glazing of Sir Malcolm Stewart Homes – A further report had been given to the Chairman that a company known as Kohladrone has bought a piece of land in Quest Pit but no information has been given as to what they want it for.

6: Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved that this continue to be shelved and be deferred until the Borough Local Plan 2032 is published

7: Queens 90th Birthday

It was resolved that the Parish Council will not be arranging for anything to be done to commemorate this.

8: Report from Surveyor

This was discussed and quotes are to be received to do remedial works

9: Authorise Cheques for payment

a list will be presented to the meeting approved and signed
21.1.16 101756 Smiths of Derby Repair £ 180.00
21.1.16 101757 Andy Muskett 3rd Quarter Lighting £148.92
21.1.16 101758 Andy Muskett Christmas lighting £644.82
21.1.16 101759 Kler Associates 6 months payroll £90.00
21.1.16 101760 Fire Safety Services Maintenance and servicing £300.18
21.1.16 101761 Warners Ground Maintenance £1,872.00
21.1.16 101762 Ace Fire and Security Relocate 2 smoke detectors £128.40
21.1.16 101763 V Gladstone Wages £872.66
21.1.16 101764 V Gladstone Expenses £58.20

10: Correspondence

3.12.15 BBC Rural Grants Scheme
22.12.15 BBC Neighbourhood Planning
30.12.15 BBC Precept
6.1.16 Andy Muskett Quotation

11: Clerks/Financial Report

The letter from BBC was explained to the meeting and it was resolved that the precept is to remain the same. Chairman's Allowance – it was resolved that the chairman's allowance is to be set at £100 per month.

12: Planning applications 16 Park Crescent

no objection from 3 members of the Council however Cllr Burnage did not approve of it as it would appear that the extension increases the foot plan by double

13: Bus Stop

it was resolved that it should not be in wood as the quotations were too high and new quotations for a metal and polycarbonate one be obtained for the next meeting

14: Purchase of land

The solicitors have raised enquiries and these are awaited

15: Regular items

a. Highways – The Chairman has a meeting tomorrow at 9am to discuss various matters and will report at the next Meeting.

b. Lighting – The Report was previously distributed and is attached – Andy Musketts quotation was discussed and it was resolved that we continue to employ Andy Muskett Ltd. For the following 3 years. It was further resolved that the Clerk write to Houghton Conquest PC to remind them that the light 2nd down from B530 is still not repaired and suggest that if they don't have time to arrange its repair then we can get our contractor Andy Muskett to repair it and then he can bill them. It was also resolved that the Clerk orders 2 x Viz waste coats XXXL if possible

c. Recreation Area

(i) RoSPA inspection repairs update – resolved to get the work done immediately

(ii) New Play equipment deferred to the next meeting.

d. Newsletter

16: Date of next meeting

18th February 2016