Parish Council
Thursday 17-Mar-2016 @ 19:15
Village Hall

MINUTES

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

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

3: Public Question Time
no members of the public had anything to say

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2016
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5: Report from Borough Councillors
B. Cllr. Tim Hill's report had been previously distributed and was discussed.
However after the distribution of the report the Chairman heard that Covanta might be re applying for planning permission as their current planning permission with soon be out of date.

6: Authorise Cheques for payment
17.3.16 101777 J Symonds Chairman's allowance £ 100.00
17.3.16 101778 Bedford Borough Council VH Flat council tax £ 1,166.50
17.3.16
101780
Ace Fire & Security
Intruder Alarm corrective
maintenance £ 108.00
17.3.16 101781 Bedford Borough Council May 15 Election fees £ 112.26
17.3.16 101782 Andy Muskett Ltd 4th quarter maintenance £ 148.92
17.3.16 101784 V. Gladstone Expenses £ 23.40
17.3.16 101785 V. Gladstone Salary £ 448.23
17.3.16 101786 BBRUA Membership £ 3.00
17.3.16 101787 HM Revenue & Customs PAYE £ 149.77

7: Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (Saqhib Ali) gave his apologies there was a mix up at his end and was double booked.

8: Rights of Way
Rights of Way officer Alison Nelson Right of Way Officer addressed the meeting and rights of way information was discussed

9: Correspondence

10: Clerks/Financial Report
The Clerk and the Chairman had had a meeting with solicitors today and she explained that all
the documents were agreed and the solicitor believed that completion is imminent accordingly it was resolved that the chairman and the clerk sign are authorised to sign the side letter and transfer as soon as it is engrossed and available and need not wait for the next meeting.

11: Planning applications
206 Stewartby Way the owner is doing commercial car repairs on the front of the property, it was
resolved that the clerk contact the planning department to ask for advice on how to change this as it is in the conservation area. 107 Alexander Close 16/00374/FUL loft space accommodation by insertion of roof lights - this is part
of the conservation area and the council do not believe that it is in keeping as the lights are at the front and not the back.

12: Bus Shelter
This does not have the front panel and sides it was resolved that the clerk investigate

13: Neighbourhood Plan and Quality Parish Status

Neighbourhood Plan and Quality Parish Status Cllr. Law had been on training for Neighbourhood plan and had heard that Quality Parish Status is no longer available but has been replaced with Local Council Award Scheme she went through everything required and it was resolved that we go for the basic level at present. The Clerk asked Cllr. Law to suppler her with the information for the Award Scheme. Regarding Neighbourhood Plan Cllr. Law explained that she did not have enough time to deal with this However funding is now available, many workshops with the community are necessary and it was resolved that Cllr. Law look into firms which could be employed to spearhead the system as all Councillors are in the same position and do not have enough time to do this.

Signed …… dated ……

14: Regular items

a. Highways and Lighting – Cllr Plater had recently sent his report and this was discussed.
b. Recreation Area deferred until the report is available.

15: Date of next meeting

21st April 2016