Parish Council

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

MINUTES

1: To receive apologies for absence

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

Cllr. Burnage declared an interest to the item regarding the land behind the church as she lives next to the land.

3: Vote on new Councillor

Vote on new Councillors: Steve Buck and Marion Rogers left the meeting in order that their application for the position of
Councillor both were unanimously voted on.

4: Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

5: The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2016

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2016 were approved and signed

6: Report from Borough Councillors

Tim's report had been distributed previously - B. Cllr Hill further reported that he had
spoken to the owner of Quest Pit, Mr David Khola stated that he would like a couple of large concrete blocks to stop travellers breaking in again. B. Cllr. Hill reported about his speed watch. There was also discussion about the Governance Review and the suggestion by B. Cllr Hill that some of the land at Wixams which was to become part of Stewartby should actually go to Wixams Parish Council

7: 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

8: Bus routes

A form for the Transport Survey was approved and it will be printed and they wish help in distributing it –
both schools are prepared to give them to the children so that all goes out to most houses. After much discussion it was
resolved that we ask that the front of the form there is something inserted to catch the attention to induce the residents to fill it in. It was resolved that we ask for 1000 leaflets and councillors would distribute it to all houses.

9: New footpath

This was resolved that the land be monitored and if in time the land shows signs of being used as a
footpath then the Council will again investigate the possibility of installing a formal footpath

10: Ward fund

Ward fund B. Cllr. Hill agreed £1,500 be used towards the decoration

11: Land behind the Church

It was resolved that in view of the high approval by residents at the last open day that this
land be made into a memorial garden. However it was requested that no benches back onto the fences - The clerk had previously had confirmation from Persimmon that they are happy to assist in this and therefore a meeting is needed and
ideas included an arch for memorial plaques – but it will need to be secure. The Chairman asked if we could resolve to get Warners to tidy it up however this was not passed until the meeting with Persimmon as they may be prepared to get
their people to do this.

12: Local Plan
Local Plan a report had previously been distributed and was discussed.

13: Correspondence
it was resolved that the clerk write in response to the letter from the police that at a meeting at St.
Marks Church Ollie Martin had assured us at a meeting that there would be no reduction of PCSO' and that there would
always be a member of the constabulary available to go to parish meetings.

14: Budget approved
Budget approved as attached sheet

15: Clerks/Financial Report
The Clerk reported that there is £74,706 in the savings account and £69,473 in the business
account and reminded the meeting that £49,500 of the money in the savings account has been ring fenced for ground maintenance.

16: Planning applications 206 Stewartby Way
This application was approved and it was resolved that a request be put in
about the dropped curb

17: Bus Shelter
The clerk reported that the extra panels of the bus shelter are due to be installed on 10th May and once this has been done we need to pay for the extras – the Chairman stated that we can then get a refund for the full cost. Therefore the cheque for the extras should be signed at this meeting but only sent off once the works are done and approved by the Chairman.

18: Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr. Law has put out feelers for a company to help us with this. It was discussed that the neighbourhood plan does not need to have sites however the council can put forward a suggestion of what type of buildings will be acceptable. The clerk reported that she had put a post on Stewartby Past and Present a request for help from residents but no comment has been received.

19: Parish Council award scheme
it was resolved and approved that the fees be paid.

20: Regular items
a. Highways Cllr. Plater report had previously been distributed. Cllr Plater and the Chairman reported that they had met with Andrew Prigmore and reminded him that he had promised to carryout various works and yet there are 3 pages of work that remain outstanding (16 jobs in total). He did apologise as he had been advised that 3 important jobs had been done all of which have safety issues?
b. Lighting – A survey has to be done
c. Recreation Area There is damage to a t

21: Date of next meeting
19th May 2016