Parish Council

Thursday 19-May-2016 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

Members present: Councillor Louise Burnage
Apologies: Councillor Sally Law

1: To receive apologies

To receive apologies for absence Cllr. Sally Law, Cllr. Emma Chadwick

2: To elect Chairman –

John Symonds was proposed by David Plater and seconded by Louise Burnage the vote was unanimous; Cllr. Symonds signed the declaration of acceptance of office

3: To elect Vice-Chairman

There were discussions that the Chairman will need a great deal of support this coming year and Cllr. Burnage stated that she believed that Cllr. Plater would be in a better position to assist in the future.

The Chairman stated that he had received an email from Cllr. Sally Law apologising that she would be unable to attend at the beginning of the meeting however she stated that she would be prepared to continue as Vice Chairman – Cllr. Cooper proposed and the Chairman seconded that Cllr. Law be Vice Chair. Cllr. Burnage proposed that Cllr. Plater become Vice Chair this was seconded by Cllr.Buck there were more votes for Cllr. Plater than for Cllr. Law. Therefore it was resolved that Cllr. Plater
become Vice Chair, he stated “That he would be honoured to accept the office” before signing the declaration of acceptance

4: Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. Burnage to the item regarding the Land Behind the Church as her house abuts this together with the planning application for 107 Alexander Close

5: Public Participation

Public Question Time – The meeting closed so that members of the public could be heard.

6: Main Business Items

To appoint representative on the under local committees and bodies
a. Marston Vale Middle School Termly liaison meeting – the Chairman
b. Broadmead Lower Termly liaison meeting - the Chairman
c. Kimberley Stem Termly liaison meeting - the Chairman
d. Wootton Poors Charities – open
e. Marston Vale Landfill Liaison Group – Cllr. Plater – the Chairman
f. Town and Parish Council Network Meeting – The Chairman, Cllr. Plater, Cllr Burnage

7: The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 21st April 2016 were approved and signed

8: Report from Borough Councillor and any other representative

Report from Borough Councillor and any other representative – B. Cllr. Hill’s report had previously been distributed – the Chairman asked about the Brickmakers Arms – the Planning officer received an application for demolition this Monday – He asked the officer to point out to the land owner that it will be his responsibility to secure it against illegal encampments. – Abandoned car in Alexander – the car is still there. School Lane – B. Cllr. Hill will check if this is now to be adopted. It was reported that the work has been procured for the railings under the railway bridge at Kempston Hardwick will be completed by the end of the summer.

9: Authorisation and payment of cheques. – Attached.

10: Correspondence

Bedford Borough Council – Grass Cutting Agreement – it was resolved that the Chairman sign this.
Broadmead Lower School – A letter had been received requesting that VAT be paid on the Electricity which had been charged for the Youth Hall – The Clerk stated that she had challenged the amount as it had been charged at 20% and she believed that it should be charged at 5% however the school stated that this was incorrect for commercial buildings. Cllr. Cooper stated that the clerk was indeed correct and all

electricity including commercial buildings were charged at 5%. It was resolved that the clerk write to the lower school and requested that they provide the council with all documentation both from the borough including VAT officer and electricity company including invoices.
NALC – pay review – it was resolved that this be adopted

11: Clerks Financial Report including – Governance Review and Parish Insurance

Governance Review – a public consultation is due to be set up on 30th June. – Insurance the quotations were presented to the meeting and it was resolved that we go with Hiscox

12: Covanta site

there was much discussion from the public and it was resolved that the Parish have a local meeting to discuss this and it was resolved that Cllr. Cooper put together a brief explanation as to how others will be affected by this and then we email it to all local parishes and then arrange a meeting to discuss a plan of action – Cllr. Cooper will also speak to B. Cllr. Sue Clarke to help. B. Cllr. Hill stated that we should ensure that we speak to Persimmon, David Wilson, Wimpey and Marston Moretaine PC – Marston Moretaine Action Group – Houghton Conquest PC, including the Borough Councillors - Wixams PC 1st June should be the date. 7pm here.

13: Land behind the Church

Land behind the Church the Chairman and the Clerk had a meeting with Hannah Albans from Persimmon and we went around the land with her and requested that they assist in the planning of the land – Cllr. Law has requested Tescos for a grant regarding their bag scheme and had a response that they are happy to fund it all but they need the plan with a view to go forward.

14: Approve Accounts

Approve Accounts – deferred to June meeting

15: Planning Applications

Planning Applications 107 Alexander Close the Parish Council object to this as it is in the Conservation area and the Velux window is visible from the Stewartby Way.
The Parish Council will need to obtain Planning Consent for the ramp and an Architect needs to be sourced that knows Building Regulations M and a full application for planning consent needs to be put in for the ramp – 2 quotations need to be obtained for the work and submit them to Borough and the Borough will then pay 50% (not being more than £1000)

16: Regular items

a. Highways – it was resolved that the Chairman be given a figure of £500 to be able to have the overgrown tree in Alexander cut back.
b. Lighting deferred to next meeting.
c. Recreation Area The Trees just above the shelter, which is broken and are being attended to on Friday. It was resolved that the quotation of £11,300 be approved and the equipment is to be ordered and Warners are to be instructed to put the hill in.
Newsletter – it was resolved that the Clerk put this together on a much smaller size than previously and it was resolved that this be done monthly.