Parish Council

Thursday 23-Jun-2016 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from: B. Cllr. Tim Hill, Cllr. E. Chadwick, Cllr. D. Cooper

2: Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

Declarations of interest in items on the agenda were received from Cllr. M. Rogers in connection with the email from Sir Malcolm Stewart Trust which is to be discussed

3: Public Question Time

Public Question Time – No members of the public requiring this time were present

4: Report from Borough Councillors

B. Cllr Tim Hill's report was previously supplied and was discussed. It was reported that there is now a new abandoned car at the junction of Pillinge and Magpie. As from 1st July there will be a new Police Constable covering Stewartby

5: Authorise Cheques for payment

the list that was presented to the meeting is attached

6: Land behind the Church

Land behind the Church – The Clerk reported that she has put forward an application for a grant of £12,000 from Tesco bags scheme. She had to put a plan out for the land and explained that she stated that we would want an Arch for the entrance and a brick built Gazebo to the centre. Then a meandering path around the land with raised planting beds around so that disabled people could enjoy them. There were no objections to the plan although of course we are still awaiting something a bit more definite from Persimmon.

7: Play equipment report

The equipment has now been ordered and hopefully will be here by the end of July
– There will be a meeting with Warners Timber play and John to discuss the exact position and the timetable.

8: Approve accounts, fixed assets and risk assessment

The Accounts have been approved together with the list of fixed assets and the risk assessment. The audit form was read out to the meeting and the answers approved and the form was signed

9: Waste to Energy Plant–

a meeting on 11th July in the VH and hopefully B. Cllr. T Hill will have more info as he is liaising with central beds

10: Correspondence:

an email has been received from Debbie Hassal from Sir Malcolm Stewart Trust
objecting to the Council's request to have the allotments allocated as an open space – it was resolved that the clerk write to her to explain that the Council is resolute to protect the residents against further development in this area and also to protect the Conservation Area. It was also resolved that the clerk obtains the current map of the region from Bedford Borough Council.

11: Clerks/Financial Report

Clerks/Financial Report – the clerk reported that there is currently £77,330 in the Current Account and £74,706 in the savings account. Regarding the Windows for the Village Hall the clerk reported that the price had changed in that the current price is i.e. £64,239.36 plus £2,000 for health and safety and £15,858 for associated items i.e. scaffolding. It will take 3-month period of meetings and drawings then installation will probably take another 3 months. There will need to be a 1.5 metre area around the VH.
Hopefully the installation will be starting in September. It was resolved that the quotation was accepted and it was further resolved that the Clerk raise a purchase order for this.
The Chairman thanked Cllr. Law for allher hard work. Regarding the Council award scheme it resolved that the clerk should put in the applicationand then liaise with S Law regarding the requirements.