Parish Council

Thursday 20-Oct-2016 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from B. Cllr. T. Hill

2: Declarations on Interest
Cllr. Burnage declared that she has an interest in the land behind the church, as she is a neighbour.

3: Public Question Time
The meeting did not adjourn as the member of the public wished to experience a council meeting while deciding whether to become a councillor

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 21st July an 8 th August 2016
The minutes of the last Parish Council September meeting was approved and signed

5: Report from Borough Councillor
Report from Borough Councillor – had previously been distributed -there was discussions about the boundary commission where it was agreed that it was very confusing as the Chairman stated that it was possible that B. Cllr Tim Hill may no longer become our B. Councillor however other councillors stated that they understood that the boundaries being changed were parliamentary boundaries therefore ward councillors would not be changed. It was resolved that the clerk writes to B. Cllr. Hill for clarification. There was concern about the new grasscrete to the whole of the verge from the Railway bridge to the B530 as it together with the pavement is muddy

6: Authorise Cheques for payment – a list will be presented to the meeting
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7: Covanta
Houghton Conquest Council has a new Councillor who works for the Environmental Agency – she is therefore available for information and advice although of course does have a conflict of interest so needs to be careful. There was much discussion about the traffic, which would be necessary, and how access would be obtained to the site. The Council resolved to ask the children from the lower school to put designs together and 4 would be chosen and a prize would be found for all four. The Council also resolved to put forward banners for four bridges on the A421 it was resolved Cllr. Buck would source quotations and a design. The Council also require that the agendas and minutes for the Covanta meetings.

8: CCTV
CCTV deferred to the next meeting.

9: Land behind the Church
Land behind the Church The design was discussed and after a vote it was resolved just to have 2 entrances that posters be put forward and given to Tesco for the votes to obtain a greater grant.

10: Equipment in Storage

11: Park Bench
Cllr. Symonds suggested that we should replace the round wooden bench with a metal one. The clerk had sourced some quotations and a design was chosen. Cllr. Buck took the quotation to see if he could get a sturdier bench made up by a local metal worker.

12: Play equipment report
The slide, the balance beam and the train have been installed and being used by the children. There has been a quotation for matting under the bucket swing and under the climbing frame and the zip wire. The quote was approved and now there is a quotation from Warners quotation for the groundwork and it was resolved to accept this quotation

13: Tree work in the Parish
All trees, which are the responsibility of the Parish, have now been done There are others, which are in the ownership of private residents, and it is up to the Borough to police this.

14: Parking in Stewartby

The Village Hall parking sign has now been put up. It was resolved that the Council will approve for a light to be put into the VH car park and to put lines onto the bays. There are around 10 bays

15: Correspondence

Correspondence- there was no correspondence other than that dealt with within the minutes.

16: Clerks/Financial Report

The clerk put forward quotations for blinds for the windows and it was
resolved that we use Vision Blinds for the vertical blinds at £1,272 plus Vat with sample to be approval

17: Planning applications

Planning applications 16/02222/FUL approved 16/01376/FUL dropped curb approved. 16/02591/FUL approved 16/02543/FUL The Council believe that this is too large for the original property. It is in a conservation area and will considerably change the view of the aspect from Churchill Close; also there is a flat roof to the property, which is not acceptable within the village. The existing single storey side extension chimney has not been replicated and therefore contravenes article 4. The application does not mention whether the wall adjacent to Churchill is to remain – this must be the case as part of the conservation area and it also houses the road sign.

18: Regular items

a. Highways – a further meeting is arranged with Andrew Prigmore to discuss the curbing.
b. Lighting – an audit has been done and there are many items needing attention from the Borough (mainly sign lighting) however all the Parish controlled lighting is in order.
c. Recreation Area as above

19: Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting 17th November 2016