Parish Council

Thursday 17-Nov-2016 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Sally Law and Cllr. David Cooper

2: Declarations on Interest

No declarations of interest were received for any items on the agenda

3: Public Question Time

As the member of the public was present to view what happens before considering whether to be a councillor or not there was no adjournment and no questions

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 20th October 2016

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5: Report from Borough Councillor

Report from Borough Councillor had had been previously distributed however in addition B. Cllr T. Hill confirmed that the
Borough has got an order against one of the families in the travellers community which gives them more powers against
them – Adoption of School Lane – the lights which are in need of repair are being repaired by the Borough and will maintain them until the road is adopted. Belmont Road: his has been removed from the planning list and it will be put in the planning committee during December. The Chairman asked about the planning refusal for the 3 houses in School Lane as to whether or not the owners could appeal and B. Cllr Hill said that the only way would be via the High Court. Speeding in School Lane – this was investigated and confirmation that it was actually police constables in their spare time doing the speeding. There are complaints about the leaseholder of Chimney Corner. B. Cllr Hill suggested that all residents make a complaint under enforcement about the parking of the grass verge.

6: Authorise Cheques for payment

Authorise Cheques for payment –. The list is annexed to these minutes. However the cheque for Ace Fire and Security was not approved and it was resolved that because no CCTV monitoring going on and from experience it would appear that we cannot see when the maintenance takes place as a bill comes out whenever the engineers go out.. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Ace to explain that it would appear that you are not in compliance with the agreed contracts

7: Covanta

Covanta, David Plater: after much discussion it was resolved that SPC will not be supporting the banner from BACI and Cllr. Buck is awaiting a quotation from a printer for our own banner which is to span the A421. The Chairman stated that
he would contact the schools with a view to getting children's posters for the bins. B. Cllr. Hill confirmed that Covanta have until 18th November to start some sort of work to the land – if they do not then they will be in breach of planning consent

8: CCTV

CCTV Ace are coming to the village tomorrow and the Chairman will speak to them concerning the above

9: Land behind the Church

Land behind the Church the clerk distributed the posters to Tesco's and the last 2 weeks the voting is now in and we await the results. Because of the lateness of time getting the amended version the clerk had to deliver these in person and

10: Park Bench

Park Bench – Cllr. Buck is waiting for a quotation for the metal bench around the tree. It was resolved that Warners should remove the old one.

11: Play equipment report

Play equipment report – The safety company attended last week and they replaced the chains on the bucket swing and tightened the zip wire and covered the frame and the seat. On the seesaw swing – new ropes – all completed as per the quotation. All that is waited for is the groundwork. Warners to also to seed the area slide area

12: Tree work in the Parish

Tree work in the Parish B. Cllr. Hill confirmed that the work at 76 Stewartby Way has now been done. Cllr. Burnage confirmed that the tree stump in Alexander Close needed to be ground down. It was resolved that the clerk write to O & H to attend to the trees down the centre of Montgomery Close overgrown the parking bays.

13: Parking in Stewartby

Parking in Stewartby – The Notice regarding the additional parking has been installed next to the shop. It was resolved that the clerk ask the Operatics to put use the parking this to alleviate the problem of parking around the village hall. – Wavell Montgomery and Churchill – Andrew Prigmore has agreed to put up no verge parking and it was resolved that the council approve this and give permission on the basis that it will not cost the parish

14: Correspondence

Correspondence: there was no correspondence other than those mentioned within these minutes and periodicals

15: Clerks/Financial Report

Clerks/Financial Report – Money in the bank: Current Account £83,709 / Savings Account £74,706 Money received from VAT £8060.28. With regard to the Precept it was resolved that a separate meeting be convened to discuss this.

16: Planning applications

Planning applications 16/03134/FUL approved 16/03134/FUL approved 16/02841/FUL The council object to this as it will
be overuse of a small road and too near to a junction. Security fence will be unsightly and not in keeping. Proposed new
car park has a public footpath also there are trees to come down – is there any TPO s for any of these trees. It was resolved that the clerk writes to Margaret Clarke to state that a member of the council would like to address the meeting.
16/03038/FUL approved

17: Regular items

a. Highways: It was resolved that highways (BBC) re-instate the kerb around the top end of the Green to their original height in Wavell Close and, on a proviso that at no cost to SPC install signs indicating “No Parking” these signs should also be installed on verges and Greens in Alexander and Churchill Closes.
b. 12 Stewartby Way MK43 9NL: That an advisory letter be sent to the resident(s) identifying Parish concerns and reports
that vehicles associated with this address had be noted driving across areas of declared Parish property (land), no permission to do so has been agreed or sanctioned by SPC and, that any cost incurred by SPC for the restoration of that land would be borne by the resident of 12 Stewartby Way.
c. The junction of Stewartby Way and the B530i causing problem for local residents – currently cars are going over the grass verge and on exiting Stewartby Way. It was resolved that the clerk writes to CBC (Central Beds) asking that a strategic review be made of the B530 (suggestions that the installation of a roundabout or raise curb stones 18”). Also suggested, that Central Beds review their Freight strategy regarding this junction, necessary due to the increase in numbers of vehicles using this junction since the increase of houses being occupied in Stewartby (Stewartby Park and others). Also to be taken into account the increase traffic along the B530 at this junction means that time required to access this junction has increased dramatically this situation also applies to the Junction adjacent to vision blinds the letter to Central Beds Highway Management should also include – Junction of B530 (linchhill) problems with accumulated mud on road creating a hazard
d. Lighting - LB reported a light flickering in Alexander Crescent (BBC) and 4 lighting columns not working on the B530 Ampthill Road inside Central Beds (Old Elstow Depot Bus layby)