Parish Council

Thursday 20-Apr-2017 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Plater and Cllr. Cooper, B. Cllr. T. Hill

2: Declarations on Interest
Cllr. M. Rogers declared an interest regarding the matters concerning Sir Malcolm Stewart Homes

3: Public Question Time
Public Question Time – No Members of the public were present.

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2017 were approved and signed

5: Report from Borough Councillor
Report from Borough Councillors – Cllr. Tim Hill's report had previously been distributed however the following was discussed. Regarding the orange bags, these have been delivered to Cllr. Burnage and it was agreed that these be stored at the Village Hall. Regarding the Footpath, Louise Holland fell because of the state of the path and B. Cllr. Hill has taken it up with the Borough to get it repaired. Cllr. Melville has offered to help with the Speed watch scheme. The Chairman voiced concerns regarding the way that the ward fund is spent in that none of the items have been agreed with the Parish Council and the prices quoted do not seem equitable

6: Authorise Cheques for payment
Authorise Cheques for payment – the attached list was be presented to the meeting

7: Newsletter
Newsletter

8: Correspondence
Correspondence

9: Clerks/Financial Report After checking 3 quotations

10: CCTV
The CCTV on the new lamppost is now working well. 3 new system quotations are now needed to pursue this

11: Bottle Bank

12: Wootton Charities
– The Chairman attended Wootton Charities and it was resolved that a new representative be appointed in the AGM.

13: Kempston Hardwick Litter Pick
– The Borough has done a deep clean of the area. There needs to be a regular litter pick as per Stewartby – Cllr Melville suggested that this should only be done where there are footpaths. The Chairman has spoken to Louise Holland who is prepared to try this – Cllr. Burnage stated that she could run Louise Holland up on a Friday Morning. Re: purchase of litter bin - it was resolved that we purchase 2 x metal litter bins for the bus stop on the B530 at Chimney Corner on the basis that it is bolted to the ground.

14: Old Bricklayer Arms site
This is getting worse every week – this is complete blight to the area. – Suggest contact David Cola – ask B. Cllr. Hill if he can assist.

15: New Website update
New Website update – Cllr. Melville has some contacts and will get 2 quotes.

16: PC schedule for local area audits
. PC schedule for local area audits – Cllr. Melville stated that he looks around Kempston Hardwick every 10 – 14 days and suggested that there be a schedule of works done similarly in Stewartby. The Chairman explained that he and Cllr. Plater do the Highways and Lights and from now will also do the pot holes, Cllr.

Burnage does the dog poo – There were no suggestions as to how to take this forward. Cllr. Melville will send out a report prior to meetings on what is happening in Kempston Hardwick. It was reported that the land at The Crescent is sinking and there are concerns that there may be problems with the drain.

17: Regular items

a. Highways – deferred to next meeting –Broadmead Lower School – say that their contractor broke the bin. And trees damaged however our contractor has dealt with this at a very reasonable price so we are prepared to - replace the salt bin and contents.
b. Lighting – deferred to next meeting
c. Recreation Area - - contact Timberplay and ask them to check out the angle of the slide due to settlement.
d. Facebook
e. Planning Applications and 17/00604/FUL windows The council do not approve this as they do not have Georgian bars and these are not sash windows as stated.it should e on a like for like basis.
The new phase for Persimmon has been put in.