MINUTES

1: Meeting Header
Meeting Name: Parish Council
Date: Thursday 18th April, 2017
Time: 7:15pm - 10pm
Venue: Village Hall
Chair: Cllr. J. Symonds

2: Apologies
Present:
Cllr. J. Symonds, Cllr. L. Melville, Cllr. M. Rogers, Cllr. S. Law, Cllr. L. Burnage
In attendance: V. Gladstone

Apologies:
B. Cllr. T. Hill, Cllr. D. Plater

3: To elect Chairman
To elect Chairman: Cllr. Cooper proposed that Cllr. Symonds continue as Chairman Cllr. Melville Seconded and there was a unanimous vote in support of this proposal. Cllr. Symonds accepted the office and signed the acceptance. There are no changes and therefore it was not necessary for an updated declaration of interest form to be completed

4: To elect Vice-Chairman
To elect Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Cooper proposed that Cllr. Plater continue as Vice Chairman and Cllr. Burnage seconded the proposal – although he was not present as he was under surgery today he had passed on to the Chairman that he would accept the position should he be voted in and he would sign the acceptance and any other documentation as soon as possible after the meeting. There was a unanimous
vote of support to this proposal.

5: Declaration of Interest
To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda: none received.

6: To appoint Representatives
To appoint representative on the under local committees and bodies
Wootton Charities: Cllr. Symonds
Minerals & Wastes: Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Plater and Cllr. Symonds
Parish & Town Network Meetings: Cllr. Burnage, Cllr. Plater and Cllr. Symonds
Marston Vale Middle School (Academy) Liaison Committee: Cllr. Symonds is now a director so will also represent the PC at the same time.
Lower School Liaison Committee: Cllr. Burnage (at evening meetings)
Stem College Liaison Committee: Cllr. Plater, Cllr. Burnage and Cllr. Melville
Bedfordshire Police Community Liaison Meetings, Cllr. Melville, Cllr. Burnage
MK Waterways – Cllr. Plater

7: Public Participation
No members of the public were present

8: Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2017 were approved and signed

9: Borough's Report
Report from Borough Councillors and any other representative: Cllr. Melville attended the first Bedfordshire Police Community Liaison Meeting and reported that it was well attended by Parish Councillors and the Police – The Councillors were asked for items of concern and most people were worried about speeding – The Police confirmed that they are putting resources in to cover this however they are also promoting speed watch and street watch both of which involve members of the public reporting incidents to the police. They are happy to accept concerns from Parish Councillors and this will be reassessed each quarter. Vehicle crime was not mentioned.
Regarding B. Cllr. Hill's report – this was previously distributed and discussed - Cllrs. Melville, Burnage and Rogers are concerned that the litter at Bricklayers arms are still there and increasing. – It was resolved that the Clerk write to

Bedfordshire Fire to report the Parish Council's concerns regarding the fire risk and concerns that the land is contaminated especially as there have been fires on this site in the past.

10: Clerk's Financial Report

Authorise Cheques for payment – a list was be presented to the meeting

11: Correspondence

Grass Cutting Agreement £1366.87 – signed – also agreed that the clerk advise Warners to cut the verges 4 times a year when they believe it's needed.
Millbrook Power – advice of open days.
Letter from Bedford Borough Council regarding the local plan

12: Financial Report

Parish Insurance comparisons and policies had previously been distributed to the Councillors and upon the advice of Came and Co and the Clerk it was resolved that we accept the policy from AXA

13: Land behind the Church

Cllr. Burnage presented a revised plan to the meeting – it was resolved that the plan be accepted – this included smaller walls for remembrance and a pergola instead of a gazebo – the quotation was not firm but between £13,000 and £15,000 which was within the Council's budget – however the method of laying the path is to be checked by Cllr. Law to ensure that it meets any regulations for a
public pathway

14: Approved Accounts

The accounts had been previously distributed and were approved: the audit was read through and approved: The risk assessment was approved: the Fixed assets were approved.

15: Planning Applications

Permission granted for 17/00530/S73A (69 Stewartby Way) – 17/01048/FUL full application for conservatory at 3 Oxford Blue Way approved : 5 Park Crescent – single storey rear extension. Approved: Chimney Corner development is going to appeal – it was resolved that the Parish
Council confirm that our objections have not changed. : 17/01196/LBC - Demolition of chimneys and Kilns – the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that these are grade II listed buildings and should be protected for the heritage of the whole of Bedfordshire. It has been muted that the structures are unsafe however the Parish Council were not aware of any recent survey being undertaken and therefore if this had been done then the Council would like access to such survey. The Parish Council are also very concerned that its representations to James Caffrey from both the clerk and the Chairman have not been responded to and it was resolved that the clerk write to the Head of Planning, Paul Rowlands, the Mayor David Hodgson and the deputy Mayor Charles Roydon asking why the Parish Council are being ignored. – 17/01153/MAR Major Reserved Matters regarding infrastructure details including highways, foul surface
water drainage and associated structural landscape details - no objection

16: Regular Items

a. Highways – The pathways in Kempston Hardwick (KH) from the old Aras dog kennels to roundabout, then the roundabout to chimney corner and on to the bus stop needs to be swept. The trees need to be cut back and drains are blocked with silt – There is gravel at road and debris at the island, which includes an exhaust pipe from roundabout. There are broken bollards at the travellers site which are broken with sharp shards sticking up in the pathway. Louise Holland and the Chairman did the litter pick at KH and it was suggested that this next time is done at a weekend, which could encourage other members of the public helping out. Regarding the request for waste bins, this does
not appear to have been actioned and the clerk will chase. Under the bridge in Stewartby Way the drain is blocked and needs to be cleared
Regarding the Salt bin – the clerk apologised that she had not actioned the letter to the school and it was resolved that this be done this month. It was resolve that a letter be written to 100 alexander close (Mr. & Mrs. Dennis who own a P reg camper van and a white fiat) and 102 green mini bus stating that they are not allowed to park on the green and to remove their vehicles. It was reported that the electric speed monitor on Manor Road has been vandalised and this has been reported to the Borough.

b. Lighting – it was asked that A Muskett quote for the lights to be changed led

c. Recreation Area the RoSPA report has been completed and a fault has been found with the zip wire and the Chairman will pass report to Timberplay – The slide needs an infill of soil under the top of the slide. – this to be done in October when it is not so dry. A complaint has been received from a lady in Ampthill about the pond in that she wants a fence around it. Cllr. Law confirmed that when the play
area was put in 5 years ago RoSPA informed us that there was no need for the fence and it has not been mentioned in

the recent report. Footbridge – DTM have looked at it resolved that he quote for either a new bridge and also for repair. Notice boards: new one for KH deferred to next month.

d. Newsletter – Cllr. Burnage is compiling this and all the rest of the articles need to be in by Monday

17: Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting 15th June 2016

The meeting finished at 10pm