MINUTES

1: Meeting Header
Meeting Name: Parish Council
Date: Thursday 15th February 2018
Time: 7:15pm - 9pm
Venue: Village Hall
Chair: Cllr. Symonds

2: Apologies
Present:
Cllr. Symonds, Cllr. Plater, Cllr. Rogers, Cllr. Law & Cllr. Melville, T Young (Clerk) & 2 members of public

Apologies:
Cllr Tim Hill & Cllr Thornton

3: Declarations of Interest
None

4: Public Participation
Mrs Horne from Stewartby expressed concern over the removal of trees. Cllr Symonds explained that the work was taken out by Central Beds and the Parish along with residents were not notified. Mrs Horne asked whether we could ask for a representative from Central Beds to come to the village and explain why the residents of Stewartby have not been informed regarding the trees. Cllr Symonds explained that the Parish have asked on a few occasions and we have received no response. Cllr Symonds added that we have had problems with the owners of the land in the past as well as Central Beds. Cllr Symonds requested the Clerk to write to Central Beds and ask why we have not been informed about the removal of the trees. Action TY/JS

Mrs Horne added that there have been quite a few foxes spotted in the village due to their natural habitat being demolished. Cllr Symonds suggested Mrs Horne contact the Mayor with her concerns and Cllr Symonds will be in touch with Cllr Tim Hill.

Mrs Horne also commented that the flood lights over the Railway Bridge are blinding and could cause an accident.
A resident from Kempston Hardwick expressed concern regarding the contamination of the ground at the brickworks along with the wildlife and added that the land owned by O & H should be protected. Cllr Symonds to speak to Planning. Action JS

5: Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 18th January 2017 were approved and signed. Cllr Melville's action from the minutes was to obtain prices for a car parking marshall which was approx £56. Parking cones could also be used.

6: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds commented that Cllr Cooper had resigned. TY to contact and thank him for his services and ask for keys to be returned.

7: Borough's Report
Cllr Tim Hills report was given to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. No comment.

8: Cheques for Payment
A list was presented to the meeting and all cheques were signed. Cllr Melville asked whether we had got any further with on line banking. Cllr Symonds responded that on line banking is allowed and that a meeting needs to be arranged with the bank to set this up. TY asked what we wanted to do with the Greensand quotation. Cllr Symonds asked TY to contact the insurance company and ask whether we can claim for the work top damage. Action TY to speak to Payroll regarding income tax refund and whether we receive it back.

9: Planning Applications
TY provided the Cllrs with a list prior to the meeting. Cllr Symonds commented that planning applications will only be available on line now. Cllrs provided no comment.

10: Amenities

a) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds asked TY to keep an eye on the lighting in Green Lane

b) Policing
Cllr Melville reported the following from the meeting last week:
- Speeding was the priority for the North of Beds and the focus was on Manor Road and Broadmead Rd.
- 1 speeding ticket was issued in Stewartby
- Total crimes are down for the last quarter for the North of Beds.

Cllr Plater commented on the request for a proposed roundabout at the junction of Stewartby Way and B530. Cllr Symonds responded that it was turned down by planning.

c) Recreation Area
Cllr Plater mentioned that the wooden bollards had been knocked over again. Cllr Symonds to follow up with Warners. Cllr Symonds added that the memorial gardens were coming along and that part of the path way to be laid again due to the weather. Action Cllr Symonds to ask contractor for a completion date.

d) Newsletter
Cllr Melville is working on the newsletter. Cllr Law to provide information on the Councillors Role. All correspondence to be sent to Cllr Melville by the 28th February.

e) Website Management
Cllr Melville advised that there was an issue with the new email addresses which he was investigating. TY advised her concerns regarding all the folders with Yahoo.

11: Any Other Business

Cllr Symonds asked that the S106 agreement be added on next month's agenda
Cllr Melville suggested that we must make the village look more presentable and we should speak to our contractors and ask for prices with regards to hanging baskets and containers. Action Cllrs Symonds