MINUTES

1: Meeting Header
Meeting Name: Parish Council
Date: Thursday 19th April 2018
Time: 7:15pm - 9pm
Venue: Village Hall
Chair: Cllr. Symonds

2: Apologies
Present:
Cllr. Symonds, Cllr. Plater, Cllr. Law, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Thornton & Cllr. Melville, T Young (Clerk) and 1 member of public

Apologies:
Cllr Tim Hill

3: Declarations of Interest
None

4: Public Participation
A gentleman from Kempston Hardwick commented that he sold his house and the new owner has removed the hedge out of the front along with the water main post. The PC advised that this would need to be reported to Anglian Water and was not a matter for the PC.

5: Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 15th March 2017 were approved and signed. Just 1 amendment; the VH meeting it was agreed that the £150 would be paid by the VH.

6: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds apologised to the PC Clerk (TY) on behalf of the PC regarding an email the Clerk had received. Cllr Symonds expressed concerns on behalf of Nicky as she was asked by a friend that she heard there were problems with the VH Accounts. Cllr Symonds added that he was concerned that some members of the PC were corresponding together and that other members of the PC should be kept informed. Cllr Melville commented that he sent a direct email which was a follow up to last weeks meeting asking where the VH accounts were. Cllr Melville would like to see the current year 2016/17 accounts. Cllr Law also added that she wanted to see the finalised the accounts.

7: Borough's Report
Cllr Tim Hills report was given to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Symonds mentioned the Covanta meeting on the 21st June therefore we would need to change the PC meeting. PC meeting in June to be held on the 14th June.

8: Cheques for Payment
A list was presented to the meeting and all cheques were signed.
Worktop invoice to be held. Cllr Law mentioned that money needs be transferred from the Business Account to the Community Account to cover the Crittalls Invoice of £55,000. Cllr Symonds to action.

9: Planning Applications
TY presented the Cllrs with the following planning applications
8.1 18/00397/HAZ Veolia ES (UK) Green Lane, Stewartby, hazardous substance consent application. No comment.
8.2 18/00945/TELLN 132k substation – Marston Vale Primary (Network Power). Cllr Law asked whether it was going into the grounds, Cllrs Symonds confirmed it was already in the school's grounds. Cllr Symonds showed the Cllrs the application for the 3 retail units and a new application that came in today which was an amendment to Phase 2 to Stewartby Park which includes an extra 32 houses.
Cllr Symonds showed a list of street name to the Cllrs who all agreed was to be submitted to BBC tomorrow.
Cllr Symonds received 17/02295/MAR through the postAdd application JS times for school and deliveries. JS to send TY details.

10: Amenities

10.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Thornton asked whether the drain under the bridge could be emptied as it collects the silt. TY to contact Andrew Prigmore
Cllr Symonds mentioned that the lights along Green Lane are not working from the Stem College to the level crossing; can Kier to be approached again and can they be prosecuted under health and safety. TY to contact Andrew Prigmore.

10.2) Policing
Cllr Melville reported that the next meeting is 16th May and that burglary is now an issue. The police did a speed check on Manor road and zero cars committed a speeding offence. Cllr Thornton mentioned that there was a strong smell of cannabis in the vicinity of the Caravan holiday home park.

10.3) Recreation Area
Cllr Melville made suggestions for improvements around the village such as flower planting, name signs into Stewartby, hanging baskets and Stewartby name in flowers on the roundabout. Actions - Cllr Symonds to speak to Warners and request prices. Cllr Law to look into concrete containers. Cllr Symonds to ask for an update on the Memorial Garden.

10.4) Newsletter
Cllr Symonds said there was good response to the Newsletter. The PC had a request from a company to advertise in the Newsletter, Cllr Melville asked how much we should charge and the suggestion was £75 for 1 issue £150 for 3 issues. Cllrs all in agreement. Content for the summer edition to be in by 2nd July.

10.5) Website Management
Cllr Melville commented that people should not be allowed to advertise their businesses on the PC facebook page. Cllr Melville would like the Clerk to have a mobile phone, Cllr Symonds to speak to BT about obtaining a contract mobile phone.

11: Any Other Business

Cllr Symonds reported that the frames should be arriving for the VH tomorrow and the contractor asked whether they could leave the glass in one of the rooms downstairs, Cllrs were not agreeable.

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th May 2018 to include the Annual Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.05pm