Parish Council
Thursday 19-Jul-2018 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Meeting Header
Meeting Name: Parish Council
Date: Thursday 19th July 2018
Time: 7:15pm - 9:35pm
Venue: Village Hall
Chair: Lee Melville

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

Apologies:
Cllr Hall

3: Declarations of Interest
None

4: Public Participation
Jo Woods & Sarah Lyn from Shelton Lower School requested support from PCs in the area to avoid certain schools being closed down including themselves. The school take 75 pupils and currently there are under 39 pupils. Wootton school is turning children away due to no vacancies, children are not being sent to Shelton Lower School however 9 children are starting in reception in September. There is a meeting on Wednesday 25th at 12 noon at Chicksands. Cllr Symonds to attend the meeting. Cllr Symonds mentioned the Chiltern Learning Trust and that there are 3 schools in Central Beds that are under this banner. Jo added that Wootton School want to work together
with them. Cllr Symonds gave the ladies the contact of the head at Broadmead Lower as they are over-subscribed.

5: Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 14th June 2018 were approved and signed

6: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds commented that Cllr Thornton is late for the meeting again. Cllr Symonds commented that Phase 2 site street names the PC put forward have been adopted. Cllr Symonds received a letter from the MD of Crittalls to advise that our letter was received. Cllr Symonds added that Nicky has resigned as the Village Hall Clerk and that 6 have applied for the position. Cllr Symonds attended a meeting with DLP regarding the installation of secondary double glazing to houses 1 – 24 Malcolm Stewartby homes.

7: Borough's Report
There was no report from Cllr Hill this month.

8: Clerk's Financial Report
Cheques for payment
A list was presented to the meeting and all cheques were signed. The invoice from Ace Security needs to be taken off the Crittalls bill as this was due to the damage caused by them. Cllr Symonds commented that we need to add the memorial garden to the insurance, TY to contact Came and Company to advise and ask for an invoice.

8.1 Quote from Richard Thornton for the hanging baskets for £10k was agreed to be left until September. Cllr Law commented that most of the flowers are dead and they need watering, Cllr Symonds advised that these would be replaced in the autumn. Cllrs Melville and Law advised the garden had come under criticism on social media. Cllr Law would like to look into purchasing a plaque, Cllrs all in agreement.

8.2. Mazar Audit Query. Cllrs Symonds & Melville mentioned that the section regarding petty cash last year should have been yes and not N/A.

9: Planning Applications
The Clerk issued the Councillors the following applications 18/01598/M73 which was supported, application 18/01562/FUL in which the Cllrs opposed the detached garage, front elevations and felt roof. The Cllrs added that as part of the conservation area garages and felt roofs are not allowed. Application 17/03359/MAR was approved by the

Cllrs. Cllr Symonds added an application he had received ref 18/01726/FUL which the Cllrs supported.

10: Amenities

10.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Plater issued report before the meeting. Cllr Symonds commented on the following from Cllr Platers report
- Borough have sent a court order to Kears pressing them to get the 26 lights working in time for Autumn
- Gareth Turner is now the new Highways Manager
- Within the next 2 weeks the gully drains will be replaced
- The cherry tree on the corner to come down as it is diseased

10.2) Policing
Cllr Melville commented that next month there will be a Police Priority Setting at Police HQ and Cllr Melville will be discussing the anti-social behaviour at Hansons Reach including the problem with youths smoking cannabis.

10.3) Recreation Area
Cllr Symonds commented on the quote for replacing the bridge, Cllr Plater is looking into concrete posts. Cllr Symonds contacted Timber Play again and they advised the lead time was 8 – 10 weeks. Cllrs advised to order other than Cllr Melville as he was not keen on spending money when the PC will be paying it out once the equipment is vandalised again.

10.4) Newsletter
Cllr Melville to drop the proof of the Newsletter to Cllrs Rogers next Friday.

10.5) Bottle Bank
Cllr Symonds commented that other councils receive £600-700 a year therefore Cllr Symonds contacted the BBC to ask why Stewartby did not, BBC advised that if we had bought the bottle bank we would have been £230 in pocket this year. The PC would need to pay for all repairs, the padlock and pay Ritchie Skips to collect and takeaway, this is taken out of the money for the bottles. Cllr Law asked what we would need to do to make this happen. Cllr Symonds responded to just contact BBC to advise we will take it over. Cllrs all agreement to take on board.

10.6) Conservation Area
Cllr Symonds asked the PC whether we should dispose of the area, Cllr Law suggested we should fight to keep it and write to Ian Johnson. Cllrs agreed. Cllr Symonds to put together a letter for TY to check and send.

10.7) Village Hall Parking
Cllr Law suggested to contact Land Registry or Pippa and Malcolm to see who owns the land. Cllrs Law and Plater think the land is ours.

11: Any Other Business

Cllr Symonds asked for approval of the Greensand Kitchen quote, Cllrs agreed.

Cllr Symonds received 2 quotes one from DTM to carry out the inside of the VH for £1350 and the other quote from DTM for the outside which was £15,900. Cllrs Melville and Law suggested to look at these again next year.

Due to no PC meeting in August it was agreed that the Clerks salary and expenses would be paid via bank transfer and Cllr Symonds allowance to be paid via transfer also.

Cllr Symonds asked Cllr Law whether £50000 had been given to us by O&H a few years ago, Cllr Law said it hadn't be paid. Cllr Symonds spoke to Pippa regarding cutting 4 pieces of land for them and will submit the quote. Cllr Symonds was sent a drawing from BBC to show all the land that they cut, even though the Borough do not cut any grass verges. Cllr Symonds advised Pippa this and they are to meet to discuss.

Cllr Melville asked whether litter picking was being extended to Kempston Hardwick, Cllr Symonds advised that transport was a problem. Cllr Melville asked whether we should arrange the Xmas party for this year, Cllrs agreed to go somewhere different. Cllr Melville suggested the White Hart in Ampthill. Cllr Melville to arrange.

Cllr Law reported that she was not getting her Pavilion, Cllr Symonds commented that he has a meeting on the 26th July with Alex Kenny on site.

Date of next meeting Thursday 20th September 2018

Meeting closed at 9.35pm