Parish Council
Thursday 21-Feb-2019 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Meeting Header
Meeting Name: Parish Council
Date: Thursday 21st February 2019
Time: 7.15pm - 9:20pm
Venue: Village Hall
Chair: Lee Melville

2: Apologies
Present:
Cllr. Symonds, Cllr. Plater, Cllr. Melville, Cllr Law & Cllr Rogers, T Young (Clerk) & Peter Crump

Apologies:
Cllr Thornton, PC Kerry Jones & Cllr Hill

3: Declarations of Interest
None

4: Public Participation
No members of public were present

5: Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 17th January 2019 were approved and signed

6: Tina Knibbs from GrantScape
Tina explained that GrantScape is a registered charity and have been operating since 1997, they have funded a lot of projects in the area on behalf of developers. The initiative is based on 10% of an annual electricity bill (figure from gov) it is approximately £60 per year. Cllr Symonds asked whether the PC would be able to apply for it, Tina explained residents only. Closing date is the 28th June for application and an electricity bill needs to be provided. 21st March and 14th May are the next meetings

7: PC Kerry Jones
Sent apologies.

Cllr Melville reported that we did not have a PC for the area but now have PC Kerry Jones which is good news as Kerry knows the area. Last month was the highest number of incidents; burglary, car crime and anti-social behaviour. Peter asked how we contact PC Jones. Cllr Melville explained that PC Jones works shifts but he would pass on the details. Cllr Melville asked that all policing issues be filtered through him and he would speak to Kerry. Cllr Symonds asked whether we could have an unmarked police car on Saturdays as drugs are being dealt in the car park.

8: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
- Flittabus declined to operate their service in Stewartby.
- Cllr Symonds has been invited to the Queens tea party on 21st May.
- Cllr Symonds has been elected as Chair of the Town & Parish Councils Committee.
- Cloudwing are attending a meeting downstairs with residents from Manor Road

9: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hills report was sent before the meeting. Cllr Symonds commented that it would be good if Cllr Hill attended the PC meetings

10: Clerk’s Financial Report
Authorise cheques for payment

A list was presented to the meeting and all cheques were signed.

Cllr Symonds read out the quote from Warners for the hanging baskets for the lamp posts and village hall. Cllr Melville asked for an amended quote for every other lamp post up to the roundabout. Cllr Symonds to advise how many lamp

posts. The Cllrs approved the hanging baskets at the front of the VH.

Cllr Symonds also advised the Cllrs of the quotation from Andy Muskett regarding the LED street lighting on Churchill Close. Cllrs in agreement for the lights to be done. Cllr Plater commented that Wavell still needs to be done, Cllrs Symonds to obtain a quotation.

11: Planning Applications

Ref 19/00087/FUL Marston Vale Middle School permission for new windows. Cllrs have no objection

12: Amenities

11.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds would like to thank Cllr Plater for the reports that he submits.

11.2) Recreation Area
Cllr Plater to ask suppliers to quote for replacing the bridge.

11.3) Newsletter
Cllr Melville is working on the Spring edition and would like to add an article from Bedford Brick Company.
Clerk to ask Tina from GrantScape to write an article for the newsletter.
Cllr Rogers asked for an article on the attendance of the Spring Fair and upcoming dates for future events.
Peter asked whether anyone had been approached from the sailing club, Cllr Melville to get in contact.
Cllr Melville added that he has been approached by Shelton Lower School asking if we would place a leaflet in our newsletter to encourage parents to enrol their children, Cllrs agreed.

13: Any Other Business

Cllr Law asked that the Sports Field and VH be placed under Amenities.
Cllr Melville commented that the website is not progressing as he is having problems with Shynee responding to phone calls and emails. The audit report has therefore still not been placed on the website. Cllr Melville added that the old website is still live and the divert does not work on the old website contacts link.
Cllr Melville commented that the traveller's site is getting out of control, the grass verges are being torn up by the motor bikes and shrubbery is full of rubbish. Cllr Melville suggested Borough be contacted. Cllr Symonds to speak to Jon Shortland.
Cllr Law asked whether the Cllrs should meet before the next Persimmon meeting to go through the spreadsheet. Cllrs agreed. Cllr Law confirmed that she has received the cheque for the bowling green. Cllr Law asked whether she could do the QPS (gold, silver award).
Cllr Plater added that Palmers Solicitors have had no response from Crittalls regarding our letter.
With regards to the gratuity for the previous Clerk, Louise from Bedford Borough has sent the details to Cllr Symonds that she sent to Vicky. Cllr Melville suggested leaving it alone, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Plater agreed,
however Cllr Law would like to go through the paperwork.

14: Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Thursday 21st March 2019

Meeting closed at 9.20pm