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

MINUTES

1: Meeting Header
Meeting Name: PARISH COUNCIL
Date: Thursday 18th April 2019
Time: 7:15pm - 9:00pm
Venue: Village Hall
Chair: Lee Melville

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

Apologies:
Cllr Hill

3: Declarations on Interest in items on the Agenda
None

4: Public Participation
2 members of public (Peter Pike & Roger Goddard)

5: Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 21st March 2019 were approved and signed

6: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
- Sports Pavilion should be cleared within the next 3 weeks.
- Borough precept error - local Parishes were paid the full amount of their Precept and Borough asked parishes to return the payment.
- Summer Fest is beginning to take shape and hopefully will be a grand event to take place on the 6th July
- Cloud Wing have taken on board comments regarding parking.
- Electoral Commission report needs to be completed by all Cllrs after 2nd May.

7: S137 Grant Application for Autism Bedfordshire
Cllr Symonds commented that we did donate last year and they were advised that this was a one-off payment due to funds. Cllr Law added that they were not directly linked to the Village. Clerk to advise Autism Bedford that we will not be donating.

8: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hill sent prior to the meeting.

Cllr Symonds added that there is a hearing involving BACI in London on the 2nd-3rd July. Cllr Symonds and Cllr Hill will be meeting with Cloud Wing to discuss the demolition of the chimneys.

9: Clerk’s Financial Report
Authorise cheques for payment
A list was presented to the meeting and all cheques were signed.

10: Planning Applications
Amendment to 12 Stewartby Way

11: Amenities
10.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds received a quotation to replace the glass in the broken bus shelter. Cllrs agreed to go for the stronger option which would cost £290.

10.2) Recreation Area
Cllr Plater has sent some specs out for the bridge and now awaiting quotations

10.3) Newsletter
Newsletter to be distributed next week

10.4) Sports Field
Cllr Symonds mentioned that if we wish to insure the equipment at the sports field then a list would need to be provided to Cane and Company. Cllr Law will action.

Cllr Law reported that the flooring was going down next week in the Bowls Club and the green is being top dressed and seeded, so should be ready in a couple of weeks.

Mr Pike asked whether the car park would be used for the school drop off & pick up, Cllr Plater explained that this would be an insurance matter.

10.5) Village Hall
Cllr Symonds advised that he met with Mark Taylor who is the chief engineer at Crittalls and they advised that they would like to make a settlement. A letter has been received from Crittalls solicitor stating they want a payment of the outstanding amount or they will take us to court. Our solicitor has advised to let them take us to court.

Cllr Law asked whether we could order the cream black out blinds, all Cllrs in agreement.

10.6) Policing
Cllr Melville reported that incidents have gone down significantly and that he has written to the PCC regarding the lack of police for the area. The police have been informed about the Summer Festival and hopefully police presence will be available on the day.

12: Any Other Business

Cllr Melville asked for an update regarding the hanging baskets, Cllr Symonds advised that they have been ordered.

Cllr Symonds added that St Johns Ambulance have been asked to attend the Summer Fest, they have quoted for 21st aid members along with equipment for £261.60. Cllrs all in agreement.
Cllr Rogers asked whether anyone could provide old curtains as she will be making bunting for the Summer Festival.
Cllr Melville advised that we need to pay for Lizzie's payment for the event. Cllr Law commented that any money raised should be going to the PC. Cllr Thornton asked whether Lizzie was employed by the VH or the PC, Cllr Plater confirmed that she was employed by the PC. Cllr Law added that Lizzie should be paid out of the VH money as Lizzie was employed to make profit for the VH. Cllr Melville added that the Summer Festival is for the community and the VH cannot sustain that cost. Cllrs in agreement that the money from the Summer Festival should go into the PC. Cllr Law asked whether a PC was allowed to collect funds from a village festival, the Clerk commented that as far as she was aware only a Town Council is able to. Cllr Symonds added that this event is for the residents of the PC, is it right that the VH pay the salary for Lizzie to do it? Cllr Symonds added that if the event makes any money it will go to the PC. Peter asked whether the VH can make a donation to the PC after the event?
Cllr Law asked what the budget was, Cllr Melville advised that Lizzie would be working a maximum of 10 hours a week.
Cllr Symonds asked who was in favour of paying Lizzie's salary out of PC funds, majority in favour.

Date of next meeting Thursday 16th May 2019 along with an AGM meeting. The AGM meeting to take place at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9pm