Parish Council
Thursday 18-Jul-2019 @ 19:15
Village Hall, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence
Cllr Plater & Cllr Hill

2: To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda
Cllr Rogers declared an interest in the bungalows planning application

3: Public Question Time
3 members of the public were present
Mrs Jo Richardson raised concerns for the ongoing parking issues on Churchill Close and that the lack of importance regarding accessing residence homes. People are parking and blocking residence driveways most weekends due to functions at the Village Hall. Cllr Melville advised that the parish are trying to ease the parking issue with cones and parking marshalls. Cllr Law added that the Parish were hoping to eventually obtain a car park but this wouldn't happen over night unfortunately. Cllr Thornton added that the hirers receive booking regulations which state no parking on the grass and to be considerate to residents. Cllr Symonds asked for suggestions from Mrs Richardson and she suggested bollards which Cllr Thornton responded that these were not allowed as were not
in keeping with the village.
Cllr Symonds added that he contacted Borough regarding parking and they advised photographic evidence would be required.
Cllr Thornton suggested contacting the Village Hall Clerk and she will speak to the hirers.

4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 20th June 2019

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
Cllr Symonds thanked everyone for their help at the Summer Fayre.
Cllr Symonds has received a planning application for the brickworks.

7: Authorise cheques for payment
A list was presented to the meeting, all cheques were signed.

8: Approve Quotation for Andy Muskett – Xmas Lights
Cllrs agreed on the following:
To install 38 street lights in Manor Road and Kempston Hardwick £1330
To install icicle lights on village hall £550
Additional lights to be coloured LED and not white £624.20 & £600.00 for the installation of new LED lights.
Switch on 30th November, Clerk to contact Andy Muskett to advise.
Clerk to order tree. Budget £650 for 25ft tree including VAT.

9: Planning Applications
9.1 REF: 18/03022/EIA Brickworks (1000 houses)
Cllr Thornton commented that this application was not in keeping with the area. Cllrs Law & Thornton added that there should be a car park near the Village Hall which was originally agreed but not showing on the plans.
Cllr Thornton expressed concerns with the maintenance and landscaping.
Cllr Law added that the 3 and 4 storey housing were objected previously and were still not accepted by the Parish.
Cllr Symonds commented that the junction to Park Crescent and Broadmead is not suitable for access onto the main road due to the constant traffic flow that is already on Broadmead.
Cllr Thornton expressed concern regarding management of the possible location as per open space and landscape ref 1325-C-133 this shows marking 1 and 2 for possible locations for external sports.
Cllr Symonds to ask Cloudwing to meet with the Parish to discuss concerns.

9.2 REF: 19/01380/FUL 19 Pillinge Road
Cllr Law raised concern regarding removal of the chimney.

10: Amenities
10.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds mentioned that an audit needs to be done to see which lamp posts are not working.

10.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park
Cllr Symonds reported that the bucket swing has been taken down and the bridge has been repaired.
10.3) Newsletter
Cllr Melville advised that he requires content before the deadline of 26th July.
10.4) Sports Field
Cllr Law reported that they are not having 3 phase and we are still waiting for the quote for the pump. Cllr Melville asked for a timeline as the snagging was meant to be done by the 17th July, Cllr Symonds to contact Ben.
Cllr Symonds expressed concern regarding access by the trees, Cllrs Thornton asked whether they would extend the fence. Cllr Melville suggested we worry about it when we get the field signed over.
Cllr Thornton was unhappy regarding the size of the pillars and would like them how they originally were, which was requested previously.
10.5) Village Hall
Cllr Symonds has 3 quotes due for the painting and forms for change of use to the flat have been sent. Cllr Law would like copies of the quotes for the clock tower.
10.6) Policing
Cllr Melville reported on the following:
Attended the Police Priority meeting and the issues were drugs and speeding in the village. Another police officer will be joining Kerry later in the year, they are currently in training. Cllr Law asked whether there was a fund and what the criteria was.
The special project by PC Taylor had an affect as there was no reported crime for 4 weeks therefore having police presence made an impact.
Cllr Rogers asked whether police powers would always be there as they moved the travellers on, Cllr Melville added this was to do with Section 61.

11: AOB

Cllr Melville added discussing hours for Lizzie going forward and handed the Cllrs a spreadsheet.
In 2018 Lizzie had 113 hours, this year the proposal is 82 hours starting now including next years festival. On average 8 hours a week. Cllr Melville added there was no original agreement.
Cllr Thornton asked whether we had looked at what Lizzie actually does in her hours and Cllr Law asked whether there was a job description. Cllr Thornton added this would help guide her. Cllr Melville agreed.
Cllr Symonds asked whether we can agree, Cllr Thornton added that we did not budget for it originally.
The clerk offered her help as she has been involved in arranging functions before, Cllr Thornton said that would be helpful.
Cllr Melville was nominated as the co-ordinator and 30 hours for July was authorised by the Cllrs other than Cllr Thornton as she felt this was too many hours.
Cllr Melville added that the Parish Facebook group was a closed group, Cllr Thornton added that it was originally open but too many people added advertisements.

Date of next meeting Thursday 19th September 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm