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

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence
Cllr Plater & Cllr Rogers

2: To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None

3: Public Question Time
1 member of public. Peter Crump commented that cyclists are still on the pavement and there is litter on Green Lane and that this is caused by the students at the College. Cllr Hill to action.

4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 18th July 2019

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
Visited Covanta site on the 15th September and was advised that the incinerator boiler was changed from a 2 to a 3.
Meeting with Cloudwing and has met with Gill Cowan regarding our concern for an entrance opposite Park Crescent to take traffic into the estate, this has been opposed.

6: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hill reported on the following:
Cllr Hill and Cllr Melville had a walk around Kempston Hardwick today and there are actions to be taken in result of this.
Chris Pettifer commented on the following regarding the station plans at Wixham PC –
- There was always a plan that there would be a station at Wixham and the developer was asked to put within section 106 approx 14 million pounds aside for the station and Network Rail would fund this.
- In 2015 the funding for Network Rail changed and were no longer able to fund the station
- In 2018 Chris was taken on to work on the project
- Funding is available until April 2024
- Engineers have designed the station and drawings are in place
- There is a shortfall of 40 million but the local authorities can help with funds and sponsor the railway project
- Projection is for a railway station in 2023
- Various stake holders to be contacted
- Line choice still to be determined by East West Rail

Cllr Thornton added that people bought their houses based on the station being built

7: Authorise cheques for payment
A list was presented to the meeting, all cheques were signed.
Cllr Symonds asked Cllr Melville to add his name to the bank mandate due to Cllr Plater leaving the Parish. Cllr Melville was given forms to complete.

8: David Plater – Vice Chairman
David Plater has had to stand down from the position of Vice Chair due to personal reasons. Cllr Melville and CllrLaw have shown an interest in the position.
Cllrs Symonds & Cllr Thornton voted for Cllr Melville to be Vice Chair. Cllr Melville signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

9: New Councillor
Matthew Birch expressed interested as Councillor and was interviewed by the Chairman, Vice Chair and Cllr Melville. Matthew signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

10: Kempston Hardwick Travellers Site
Cllr Melville reported that he has received many complaints from residents and the police have been to the site on many occasions. Cllr Melville added that the site needs to be managed and suggested that on a quarterly basis a group of people should go in and clean up. Cllr Melville proposed that a letter needs to be sent to the Borough and the Mayor to complain about the area and lack of support. Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Hill suggested that we ask that Lee Phando (Senior Management) to attend a PC meeting.

11: Litter Picker

Cllr Symonds added that unfortunately our litter pick Bryn Rogers has passed away and his funeral will be on the 7th October. Cllr Thornton to place an advert for a new litter picker on social media.

12: Trees/Leaves, Dog Warden and lost signal

Cllr Thornton has received a complaint regarding leaves going onto a residence driveway and whether the Parish can collect them. Cllrs commented that this was down to the Borough.
Cllr Thornton added that a tree on Green Lane is disrupting a residences signal, Cllrs Symonds will look into this.
Cllr Thornton has asked for the dog mess spray and whether we could arrange or signs asking owners to pick up their dog's mess. Cllr Symonds to action.

13: Code of Conduct

Cllr Symonds commented that all Cllrs need to attend a Code of Conduct training. Cllr Law has attended and will train the rest of the Cllrs. Clerk to send Cllr Law the Code of Conduct presentation.
Borough have sent a schedule of training dates for new Councillors. Matthew will be attending the training course on the 3 rd October. Clerk to contact Borough regarding Matthew attending the course.

14: Planning Applications

113 Stewartby Way – proposed front and rear door replacement. Cllrs in agreement.

15: Amenities

15.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds added that there will be water mains from Green Lane, coming through the village and onto Hanson Reach for the new houses. Cllr Symonds and Cllr Thornton to walk around the village checking which lamp posts are out.
15.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park
Waiting on Miracle to install the swing.
15.3) Newsletter
Cllr Thornton to advertise for someone to deliver the newsletters.
Cllr Melville advised that the deadline for content is the 25th October.
15.4) Sports Field
Cllr Law reported that the snagging list has been split in 2 and some work is being done by Persimmons and the rest by the Parish. Unfortunately, the 3 piles of soil around the site has not helped and even though Cllr Law understands why it was done, it would have been helpful it she had been informed. Contractors still need to enter the site. Cllr Law was concerned as to who would remove the soil and that it was an eyesore.
Cllr Law spoke to David Cooper last week and he had asked whether he could be taken into consideration when the site is up and running to test the electrics. Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Symonds added that Borough can place 8 signs around the site regarding dog fouling at a cost of £480 and the site to be monitored by a dog warden.
15.5) Village Hall
Cllr Symonds had nothing further to report on the safety issues.
With regards to Crittalls, the solicitor advised us not to do anything. Cllrs agreed to wait 6 months, then contact Crittalls to ask them whether they were going to take further action.
Cllr Law asked whether we could contact Andy Muskett regarding the light bulbs in the VH. Cllr Symonds to action.
Cllr Symonds asked Matthew to be on the VH committee.
15.6) Policing
Cllr Melville had nothing to report
Cllr Thornton advised that they are recruiting and that there have been some instances with theft and a young girl was pushed off her bike.
15.7) Festival
Cllr Melville advised that there would be a Xmas market this year with 20 stalls along with the light switch on.
Cllr Melville handed the Cllrs a budget breakdown for the Xmas festival. Cllrs agreed to spend £20 on and advertisement in the Oracle.
The festival next year will be held on the Green with live entertainment, car show, market stalls and a fun fair. Sponsorship is in progress. An advert for volunteers will go out early 2020.

16: AOB

Cllr Melville advised that the next Parish meeting is at the same date as the AGM and he will not be able to attend.
Cllr Melville added that we need to start thinking about Remembrance, Cllr Symonds added that Peter Ackroyd will cover the service and get the schools involved. Cllr Thornton said she would contact the British Legion to ask for poppies.
Cllr Melville mentioned Xmas Dinner and was everyone in agreement for the 19th December, Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Law asked for the Memorial Garden be placed on the October agenda – Clerk to action.

Cllr Symonds added that the CCTV will possibly be going on the back of the church.
Date of next meeting Thursday 17th October 2019.
Meeting closed at 9.25pm