Parish Council
Thursday 21-Nov-2019 @ 19:15
Village Hall, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence
Cllr Rogers & Cllr Hill

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

3: Public Question Time
No members of public present

4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 17th October 2019 were approved and signed by Cllr Symonds

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
Very successful Remembrance Day Service with the local schools, pupils and parents present and thanks were paid to the ladies that put together the memorial display under the bus shelter.

6: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hill sent the Boroughs Report prior to the meeting

7: Authorise cheques for payment
A list was presented to the meeting, all cheques were signed.
7.1 Ace Quotation for installing cameras to the church, sports pavilion and Memorial Garden and the monthly maintenance fee. Cllrs asked for more details regarding the maintenance fee, Cllr Symonds to contact Ace.
TY to check EON bill regarding electricity for VH.
Cllr Symonds received a quote for the re-wiring of electrics, cost of £1536 which was the cheapest quotation. Cllr Melville and Cllr Law asked for the work to be tendered.
DTM quote for works to the step, slabs, stage etc Cllrs advised that the Parish only pay for the repair to the step which is £385.
FLP quotation for works to be carried out after the inspection for the playground was approved by the Council.

8: Memorial Garden
Deferred to December meeting.

9: Code of Conduct.
Deferred to December meeting.

10: Planning Applications
REF: 19/02348/FUL 25 Angelica Grove
Cllrs approved application.
REF: 19/02359/OUT Land at 1 & 2 Vine Cottage, Manor Road
Cllrs approved application.
Cllrs Symonds included an application for an additional roundabout by the Brickworks and expressed his concerns along with the Cllrs regarding traffic queuing. Cllr Symonds to discuss with Cloudwing.

11: Amenities
11.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds reported that the car park across the road has now been dug up to prevent flooding.
11.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park
Cllr Symonds commented that Cllr Hill asked what the parish were doing with regards to the bridge, Cllr Symonds to obtain 2 quotations.
11.3) Newsletter
Cllr Melville advised that the next Newsletter will be just before Easter. Cllr Symonds suggested producing the newsletter in A5 size, Cllr Melville added that the font would be too small for some people to read.
11.4) Sports Field
Cllr Symonds has asked Max Plant for an update. 50 trees out of 150 have been planted. Persimmons to do a search on the land. Cllr Melville suggested an email be sent to the MD giving an ultimatum. Cllr Law will call Olivia tomorrow

morning. Cllr Symonds to contact our solicitor.
Cllr Law added that there is a county match at the Green on the 10th July 2020 and asked whether it would be possible to do an official opening of the pavilion.
11.5) Village Hall
Cllrs Symonds added that Falcon have checked the cracked area and they have suggested that we contact our insurers and ask whether they would send an engineer to check whether the area requires underpinning. TY to contact insurers.
Cllr Law added that there was a COSHH register in the cupboard which requires updating. A colleague at work is a H&S officer that would be happy to come to the VH to check the asbestos and have a look around the building.
Cllrs agreed.
11.6) Policing
Cllr Melville had nothing to report.
11.7) Festival
Cllr Melville reported that next Saturday is the Xmas light switch on at 4.30pm. There will be 15 stalls and a bouncy castle along with Santa. Schools will be singing carols in the afternoon. Cllr Symonds added that help was required.

Meeting regarding the Festival will be 6th January.

12: AOB

Cllrs Symonds thanked Cllr Birch for his help on Sunday.
Cllr Melville commented that he is now looking for another website provider due to the poor service received from the current supplier. Cllr Melville added that he met with the Environmental team and Cllr Hill regarding the issues in Kempston Hardwick. Cllr Melville and Cllr Symonds have had no further contact with the Mayor after their meeting. Several residents from KH have expressed concern over the B530 and their children crossing the road and have requested zebra crossing. Cllr Thornton added that past the bus stop is Central Beds responsibility. Cllr Melville added that there is a Central Island but the residents of KH are not happy with their children standing on the island. Cllr Symonds will contact Gareth Turner to see if he can help in any way. TY to contact Houghton Conquest PC.
Cllr Melville asked whether we have received any interest in the vacancies, Cllr Symonds has a lady that is interested and will contact her tomorrow to meet up.

Date of next meeting Thursday 19th December 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm