Parish Council

Thursday 16-Jan-2020 @ 19:15
Stewartby Village Hall, Stewartby Way, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence
None

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

3: Public Question Time
Anthony Callupa commented that the railway people had been wandering around and whether we knew if they were taking the industrial units. Cllr Symonds responded that there was no decision made as yet.

4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 19th December 2019 were approved and signed by Cllr Symonds.

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
That there is a problem regarding trees, 4 have been taken down so far. The new tree officer met with Cllr Symonds who advised that 3 of the trees did not require removing. Residents have been removing their trees without Borough's consent and this is being investigated. The chestnut tree in the middle of the island will have a TPO order placed on it as O&H may require this removing.

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

Cllr Symonds received 2 quotes from Warner's which need to go Borough as they have asked which areas require cutting.

8: EON charges to PC
Cllr Symonds advised that Nicky has looked at other utility suppliers due to the EON charges. British Gas have come in low at a saving of approx £400.

9: Memorial Garden
Cllr Symonds advised that the water will be coming from the church and will be GPS controlled.

Cllr Law reported that she has 3 options for the plaques size 8x3 (brick size). Prices vary from £18 - £32 and there will be an additional installation fee. Cheaper option is plastic then there is a plaque that requires polishing often. Cllr Law suggested a 1 off fee to place the plaque on the wall engraved of £232. Cllr Law suggested a ground or maintenance fee for benches as the grass surrounding would require maintaining. Cllrs preferred the plaque for £32. Cllr Melville suggested that we give suggestions of what is available.

10: Code of Conduct
To be a separate meeting as training required. Cllr Thornton suggested after the Village Hall meeting 13th February.

11: Planning Applications
No planning applications were received this month.

12: Amenities
12.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds & Cllr Thornton to arrange their walk around.

Cllr Symonds has received a quote from Warner's to litter pick 6 times a year in Kempston Hardwick at a cost of £100 per pick.

Cllrs in agreement for this to go ahead. To litter pick in Stewartby, Warners require Borough to advise frequency. Cllr Symonds to ask for a combined price for the 2 areas. Cllr Hill to ask Borough if they can go back to litter picking Stewartby. Cllr Symonds to ask Warners for a price of every month for Stewartby.

12.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park

Nothing further to report as footpath was agreed last meeting.

12.3) Newsletter
Cllr Melville advised copy deadline is the 27th March and asked for a group effort.

12.4) Sports Field
Cllr Symonds advised that the change over date will be 31st January. Max Plant and TCL have provided agreement contracts.
Cllr Melville asked a meeting to be arranged with the Sports Field Committee.

12.5) Village Hall
Cllrs Symonds advised that David will be sending a floor layout to Cllr Law.
Cllrs Symonds advised soil samples have been done and tree roots to be checked.
Water level is the major problem which can be stopped by tanking, this costs a lot of money.
Cllr Symonds is waiting for a quote regarding the leaky ceiling in the village hall meeting room.
The DTM quote for the fire door was agreed.
Cllr Symonds contacted the solicitor and they have advised that the Parish should not go back to Crittalls and ask if the case has been closed. Cllrs asked Cllr Symonds to go back and ask the solicitors to go ahead and send the request requested in the December meeting.
Cllrs agreed for the floor scrubber to be ordered.

12.6) Policing
Cllr Melville attended the priority meeting, focus still on burglary and speeding was mentioned. In March the police will be going ahead with a new reporting tool, if the crime is an imminent risk then a text will be sent to the caller which will activate
their camera and beamed to the police. Community Officer has still not materialised.

12.7) Festival
Cllr Melville advised Festival will be 27th June. Sponsorship is going well. Fun fair will have 6 rides and has been booked. Fire engine to be on site along with mobile police. Volunteers for the day will be required.

13: AOB
Cllr Melville asked that the Remembrance display to be removed.
Date of next meeting Thursday 20th February 2019.
Meeting closed at 8.40pm