Parish Council

Thursday 20-Feb-2020 @ 19:15
Stewartby Village Hall, Stewartby Way, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence
Cllr M Birch, Clerk T Young.

2: Declarations of interest
Cllr Burnage re 8.2

3: Public Question Time
3.1 Peter Crump reported issues of blocked drains and litter in many areas of the village, and the road sweeper not covering all roads. Litter picking is addressed below.
3.2 Karen Vine asked the PC to support her planning application re Vine Cottage garden development by attending planning meeting 24th Feb. PC voted in favour, and Cllrs Symonds and Law will attend.

4: Minutes Approval
Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, 16th January 2020, were approved and signed.

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
He attended two meetings at Borough Hall. First meeting was to discuss with Town & Parish Cllrs, Planning, & Highways, re the Local Plan for Bedford 2030 A428 expansion to Caxton Gibbet, East _West rail link, transport in and around Bedford re
road improvements.
Second meeting, attended with Cllr Law, was the Electoral Review regarding Boundary Changes. Possibly 4 new wards, but as Cllr Law explained, this is unlikely to affect Stewartby.
The Chair then advised that CPRE will be holding Neighbourhood Workshops in March.
Lastly, the Chair read an email from Jon Shortland regarding the S106. stating that he will be looking into our concerns.

6: Boroughs Report
Report accepted. Cllr Hill added that eviction of some Travellers on Highways England land is with the Solicitor.

7: Financial Report
Not available due to last minute unavoidable absence of the PC Clerk.

8: Quotations/Invoices for Discussion
8.1 Warners Litter Picking - Quote accepted for K Hardwick. On hold for Stewartby as Cllr Law has someone that may be interested in 3 hrs/week @ £10.50/hr
8.2 Richard Thornton £350 Quote accepted for Capping of Wall. Footpath work on hold until weather improves.
8.3 P J Ayles Urgent electrical safety works - Quote accepted, except for heater in Gent's toilet, which is to be isolated and removed, not replaced at this time.
8.4 Greens and Kitchen Solutions Hob: Quote accepted
8.5 Anglo Pumps Invoice approved for payment
8.6 M&J Group Invoice approved for payment
8.7 Palmers Invoice approved for payment

9: Dogs Fouling
Signs to be installed re dog access for Sports Field and Memorial Garden. Sports Field needs to have a Public Order registered re dog access.

10: Website Management
New service provider appointed, Steven Pryer, Pryer Solutions. After no maintenance by Shynee, website is now not able to be updated, so Cllrs voted to accept quote of £950 to change operating systems.

11: Planning Applications
Not available due to last minute unavoidable absence of the PC Clerk

12: Amenities
12.1 Highways/Lighting
Cllrs Symonds and Burnage to complete lighting survey.
12.2 Recreation Area

Nothing to report
12.3 Newsletter
Content for next Newsletter needs to be with Cllr Melville by March 27th. Approval given to include a questionnaire for public feedback on PC.
12.4 Sports Field & Pavilion
Quote for Roller Blinds to doors and windows (excluding Bowls Club area) £567 + VAT accepted, with request to change colour from cream to dark grey.
12.5 Village Hall
Subsidence testing ongoing, broken pipes found under VH. Agreed to defer reinstatement and decoration round windows and doors until Crittall issue resolved.
12.6 Policing
Nothing to report
12.7 Festival Report deferred until after rescheduled Fest committee meeting 4th March

13: AOB

13.1 Cllr Melville expressed concern re B530 closure whilst other roads are closed.
Liaison to be requested.
13.2 Cllr Burnage reported several issues re blocked drains, obscured white lines, and lighting. All noted and will be reported to BBC Highways.
13.3 Cllr Melville was congratulated on his appointment to the Board for Police Crime & Commissioner

14: Close of Meeting and items for the next Agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th March 7.15 pm