# Parish Council
Thursday 16-Apr-2020 @ 19:15
Zoom

## MINUTES

### 1: Apologies for absence
Cllr Thornton

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

### 3: Public Question Time
N/A as meeting was held via Zoom due to the Covid 19 outbreak and lockdown.

### 4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 20th February 2020 were agreed verbally and will be signed by the Chairman once the lockdown is over hopefully at the May meeting.

### 5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
Quotation for work from the insurance company to dig up pipe work and replace Monday, £100 to be paid, Cllrs agreed.
Borough want to remove 4 trees, Mrs Britton to give permission.
Service contract for Sports Field needs to be signed off, Cllrs Law and Melville agreed to contract.
Cllr Symonds to send copy of risk assessment to Cllr Melville.

### 6: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hill sent his report prior to the meeting.
Cllr Symonds advised that Cllr Hill had some money left in his Ward Fund. Cllr Law suggested hearing loop for the village hall, once lockdown is over, we will get someone in to quote.

### 7: Authorise cheques for payment
A list of payments was sent prior to the Councillors to be paid by bank transfer. Cheques for HMRC were placed in the post to the Chairman.
Cllrs all agreed for the invoices to be paid.
Cllr Symonds thanked the Clerk for all her work with Leena regarding the audit
Insurance renewal with Cane & needs to be double checked, Cllr Law to get in touch with Olivia to get values of new equipment.
Cllr Law commented that the BMX track needs to be added. Fencing and gates need to be added to the insurance.

### 8: Application request for S137 grant for Bedfordshire Autism
Cllrs agreed to donate £200

### 9: Website
Cllr Birch commented that the website is now up and running

### 10: Planning Applications
88 Alexander Close – they wish to place a gate in order to access the field. Cllr Melville and Birch commented that other people have put in gates to access the field. Cllrs agreed as long as the land is respected.
Application ref 20/00686/FUL Hardwick Hill Works – Cllrs object. Clerk to send to Borough.
Cllr Law has given all the paperwork to the architect and will request an update from him tomorrow.

### 11: Amenities
11.1) Highways/Lighting
Nothing to report
11.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park
Cllr Symonds has received a quote from Marston Tree Care total is £1260.00. Cllrs Melville & Law asked for this to be deferred until first payment of Precept. Agreed in hindsight.
Cllr Symonds advised that people are still letting their dogs loose and fouling on the field, Cllr Birch to place a warning on the website.
11.3) Newsletter
Cllr Melville placed some articles on the PC Facebook page. Newsletter currently on hold.
11.4) Sports Field

Cllr Symonds advised that the sports field is run by solar panels and propane gas, we will need to pay for the supply for February and March, a contract needs to be agreed. Cllr Symonds to chase Persimmons.
Cllr Law requires artwork for the logos for the sponsors.
11.5) Village Hall
Cllrs Symonds advised that the supports around the windows are currently being put in and the floor will be stripped.
Cllr Symonds asked Cllr Melville whether they can approve the holiday for Nicky. Cllrs approved £136. Cllr Melville suggested to furlough Nicky's hours for 3 weeks. Cllrs agreed.
11.6) Policing
Cllr Melville reported that Kempston Hardwick are having issues with travellers again. Cllr Melville is in contact with the police and hope issues will be resolved, the lock down has not helped as there is no security on site.
11.7) Festival
Cllr Melville advised that due to the lockdown caused by Covid 19 that the Festival will be cancelled this year. Companies are happy for us to keep the sponsorship money for next year.
Cllr Law asked where the sponsorship money was and whether it had been spent, Cllr Melville advised it was in the VH account and would have been spent. Cllr Law asked this needs to be ringfenced in future.
Cllr Law received a call from Biffa who asked whether we wished the bins to be emptied, the MK site were not aware that the contract was currently on hold. Biffa will contact again in June.

## 12: Close of Meeting

Date of next meeting Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7.15pm.
AGM meeting to take place Thursday 21st May 2020 at 6.30pm.
Meeting closed at 8.25pm