Parish Council

Thursday 16-Jul-2020 @ 19:15
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence
None

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

3: Public Question Time
No members of the public were present

4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 18th June 2020 were agreed verbally and signed by the Chairman and
posted to the Clerk.

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:

The goal posts have been ordered, due tomorrow. Fittings have gone into the shop for the Dominos franchise.

Email received from Wootton Charity to request a donation, Cllrs agreed to send them £300.

Clerk sent an email to the Cllrs asking for comments how to improve the procedures of the Parish going forward. Cllr Burnage asked why we needed to do this. Cllrs Symonds commented that Cllrs were approving things without the other members of the council being involved and there were other issues which we will meet up and discuss at a later date.

6: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hill sent his report prior to the meeting.

7: Authorise cheques for payment
A list of payments was sent to the Councillors to be paid by bank transfer. Cheques for HMRC were placed in the post to the
Chairman.
Cllrs agreed for the bacs payment to be paid.
Cllr Burnage asked why we are paying Warners for litter picking and we also employ a litter picker, Cllr Law added Warners do
Kempston Hardwick, John does the whole of Stewartby and Brett does the Sports Field. Warners empty the dog bins on the
sports field. Cllr Burnage asked why we are paying for the safety log books when it was agreed in the last meeting that we
would print them off. Cllr Symonds advised he authorised to purchase them along with Cllr Law.
7.1 Quote from Miracle – playground inspection
Cllr Symonds has not received the quote yet. Miracle to check the childrens play area at the sports pavilion.
Cllr Symonds received a quote from Timber Play based on the ROSPA report, £295. Cllr Burnage asked why we are paying for
someone to inspect the site. Cllr Law asked why are we paying them to see what needs to be done. Cllr Law advised that ROSPA
only advise what is wrong. Cllr Law added we just want them to read the ROSPA report and advise costings. Cllr Symonds to go
back and clarify.
7.2 Quote for a 6 year contract to service the clock – Smith of Derby
Cllr Symonds advised they came out 1 visit a year. Annual contract or a 3 year £575 or 6 year £1087 contract. Cllr Melville
suggested the annual contract. Cllrs agreed to annually.
7.3 Quote for shelves, hinges & sockets – DTM £640
Cllrs agreed to go ahead due to fire report.

7.4 Quote for litter bin with Parish logo – Warners
Litter being left around Stewartby club, new bin is £350. Cllr Burnage asked whether it was coming from the club, Cllr Law said it
was from the Club and the shop and going onto the sports field as Brett is picking up a lot of litter. Cllrs agreed.
7.5 Quotations for bollards – Warners
4 bollards suggested to go to the sports field, Cllrs Symonds advised that Warners had already put them in. Cllr Law wanted the
bollards to stop unwanted vehicles entering the field. £480 from the sports field fund, cllrs agreed.
Cllr Symonds said there were 2 benches outside the pavilion causing a problem as undesirables sit there, Warners moved the
benches.
Cllr Symonds asked Warners to quote to place a fence around the pond due to the ROSPA report £3050. Cllr Melville asked for
another quotation from someone else. Clerk to request a quote.
Cllrs Symonds asked for a cupboard and lighting to go into Brett's cupboard and brackets for the goal posts. Cost was £530 from
DTM. Cllrs approved.
Cllr Law has received a quote from DTM for the drain pipe that was stolen, price £55 to replace. Cllrs approved.
Cllrs Symonds received a quote from Anglo Pumps – the emergency light switch kept coming on, the water being pumped out of
the cellar was going nowhere as it was not connected. £1315 to replace pipework then the insurance company will come back
out. Cllr Burnage asked whether we need to request 3 quotes due to Borough Cllr Symonds advised that we didn't. Cllrs
approved to pay.
Cllr Melville went to the BBC main council meeting and due to Covid they have a massive shortfall of funding, £4.5 million. They
have paid out the money for precept but no money in from council tax. Cllr Melville foresees that next year we will not receive
the Precept amount we require and need to be far more frugal with our spending. Cllr Birch commented whether we could go
back to the company we have received a quote from and negotiate to help receive a better price going forward. Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Law asked whether we could have a meeting in August regarding finance to go through payments for the village hall and
salaries. Finance meeting agreed to go ahead on the 20th August for 7pm just for half an hour.
Cllr Symonds has a quote for the VH from Steve Hayes for the ceiling to be sealed £145, Cllrs agreed.

8: Planning Applications

Cllr Law advised that we now have confirmation to use the flat. Cllr Law is waiting to hear from Borough regarding the cycle
rack. Cllr Symonds has 1 person interested in the flat. Cllr Law is looking at quotes for flooring, blinds and a fridge. Cllr Burnage
asked whether we can agree on the fridge now, Cllr Law has a price for £119. Cllr Burnage suggested we go up to a price of
£130. Cllr Burnage asked what kind of flooring we can put down, Cllr Law advised that she was looking at cushioned vinyl, no
costings yet. Cllr Burnage suggested £700 for flooring as we don't have to wait until August and get moving to get someone in
to rent. Cllr Law suggested £500 for blinds. Cllr Melville suggested we go higher for flooring. Cllr Burnage suggested £1000. Cllr
Law added that we will not be paying council tax just business rates which will be less. Cllrs Symonds suggested £1700 as a
budget for the flooring, blinds and fridge. Cllrs agreed.

9: Amenities

9.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds has a list of items that need to go back to Adrian King at Borough. Lights in the sports pavilion car park need to go
onto the list. Andy Muskett has repaired all the lights and 4 lights in Kempston Hardwick and Stewartby do not work and has
reported them to Highways.

9.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park
Cllr Law asked whether we were opening the play areas, Cllr Melville advised not yet.
9.3) Newsletter & Website
Cllr Melville advised deadline is 7th August. Cllr Birch asked what he need to do regarding the football club, Cllr Melville
suggested putting a team together. Cllr Symonds looked out of the window and advised that there were 18 people currently
playing football. Cllr Birch has contacted the middle and lower school, still waiting for a response.
9.4) Sports Field
Cllr Law advised that we have played our first professional game this week. The signs are all up along with notice boards. Cllr
Law has been in touch with Olivia regarding everything that is wrong. There is 1 light down the corridor which is coming out of
the ceiling, Cllr Law to take a look.
Clerk to look for heating engineers to service boiler (LPG) in the sports pavilion. Cllr Burnage has some contacts that she will
email to the Clerk.
Cllr Melville has asked that the Cllrs go and have a look around the pavilion.
Cllr Law is dealing with the music licence for the pavilion.
9.5) Village Hall
Cllrs Symonds asked for DTM to strip the skirting boards etc, DTM advised that we need a specialist. Cllr Symonds asked if we
leave it or look for a company that can do it and not damage the dance floor. If we paint it will just chip off. Cllr Law to look into
it and measure up.
9.6) Policing
Nothing to report
9.7) Summer Festival
Not going ahead and it was suggested that the light switch on does not go ahead either.
Cllr Law has been speaking to the litter picker and apparently the layby by Covanta is full of rubbish which is the truck drivers.
Cllr Law suggested we speak to Covanta regarding the rubbish, Cllr Melville said he would speak to them. Cllr Law added that
there are some concrete posts by the bridge and an armchair by Rousbury Road, Cllr Symonds added that Cllr Hill mentioned this
before and Persimmons were due to move it. Cllr Law to speak to Borough regarding the concrete posts. Who is responsible for
the area by the railway station as there is a lot of fly tipping. Cllr Symonds advised that it was our land up to the 30mph speed
limit. Cllr Symonds said it was the responsibility of Borough. Cllr Law asked whether John could have a trolley as the loop he
uses gets very heavy. Cllr Symonds to look into it. Cllr Burnage advised that if John uses a blue bag then he can leave it on the
path or side of the road and Borough should pick it up.
Cllr Burnage asked about the trees, Cllr Symonds advised that Marston are aware but they have lost 2 of their tree cutters. If we
can find someone that is registered then we can go ahead.

10: Date of next meeting
Thursday 17th September 2020 at 7.15pm.

11: Close of meeting
Meeting closed at 9.10pm