Parish Council
Thursday 15-Oct-2020 @ 18:30
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
Terri Banks was present

4: Minutes Approval
The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 17th September 2020 were agreed verbally and signed by the
Chairman and posted to the Clerk.

5: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds reported on the following:
Received a letter from Terri Banks asking to become a Cllr. Cllrs agreed.

6: Boroughs Report
Cllr Hill reported on the following:
Waste Contract signed by Bedford Borough to be incinerated.
Cllr Burnage was disappointed as to where the rubbish would be dumped within Stewartby and that other arrangements should
have been made. The decision was made by the Mayor.
Cllr Rogers added that she was also not happy with the incinerator but it is Bedford's rubbish therefore we should dispose of it in
Bedford. Cllr Hill added the carbon footprint is far less than the other bidder.
Cllr Law was not happy as it is close to her house and it is an eyesore, however the rubbish is supposed to be disposed of in close
proximity to its source.
Cllr Melville expressed his concern about the BBC poor management of the recent B530 road closure and that feelings should be
passed back to the appropriate persons. Cllr Hill agreed.

7: Authorise cheques for payment
A list of payments was sent to the Councillors to be paid by bank transfer. Cheques for HMRC will be given to Cllr Symonds.

8: Quotations for authorisation
DTM £90 trellis – Cllr Law added she thinks it will look terrible. 4 Cllrs were for the trellis.
Ace £444 – alarm system at the Sports Field. Cllr Law & Melville queried this because the sports pavilion already has sensors.
Cllr Symonds to go back to Ace.
£880 to paint the village hall – Cllr law asked which mouldings, Cllr Symonds advised it was the skirtings. Cllrs approved.
Warners £625 prevent weed growth – Cllr Burnage asked why we were paying Warners for the bark when it can be something
Brett could do, Cllr Law agreed. Cllr Melville to request quote.
British Gas £118 boiler fault and yearly call out and service contract at £58 per month for sports pavilion, Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Law requested more signs for inside the pavilion £5.90 each, 6 or 7 required. Cllrs agreed.
Signage also required for the pavilion car park regarding no liability/theft along with deep water signs. Total amount £300. Cllrs
agreed.
Cllr Law requested a quote from ICP for air freshener sprays. Football boot cleaner also required. 10m cable also required. Cllr
Burnage asked whether 2 football boot cleaners would be best. Cllr Symonds added whether a water bucket/tub would be

easier as the brushes would get clogged up. Cllr Law mentioned that signage asking to remove boots to be placed in the
Pavilion. Cllrs agreed. Look at fortnightly changes regarding the fresheners pricing.

9: Xmas Tree

Cllr Melville proposed we do not have the Xmas tree in order to reduce costs, Cllr Law & Rogers suggested we cut down next
year but not this year. Next year to just be the tree and Village Hall. Cllr Birch asked whether we could have a socially d istanced
event, Cllr Melville added more than 30 people would turn up therefore we could not hold an event this year due to Covid. Cllr
Burnage asked whether the Co op would contribute towards the tree, Cllr Law to ask the store.

10: PAT Testing

Testing is up for renewal in November. Cllrs agreed.

11: Caretakers Hours

Cllr Melville ratified that due to the football season Bretts hour need to be increased to 20 hours a week. Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Law added that Bretts hours to be on a standard 20 hours a week by standing order. Any overtime would be a month in
hand. Cllrs agreed. Cllr Burnage asked whether this would be added to a contract, Cllr Melville commented that this would have
to be reviewed constantly. Brett has a zero contract.

12: Remembrance

Guidance was received from Borough with regards to the 30 outside and this will be discouraged. Cllr Symonds asked whether
this had been discussed with the schools and could we allow the schools to lay a wreath outside the memorial hall (VH). Cllr Law
added that it would still be more than 30. Cllr Rogers suggested they do a memorial in their own school as a memorial can be
anywhere. Cllr Symonds suggested a maximum of 5 pupils per school along with the teacher, the vicar and Cllr Symonds himself.
Cllr Melville agreed with Cllr Rogers that the schools should stay in school. The VH will put on its display and some Cllrs will do a
reading and reef laying to be recorded and put on Facebook Cllr Law agreed. Cllr Symonds to notify the schools.

13: New Ward

The road near the new roundabout in Kempston Hardwick will be open by January which leads right into Wixham Parish
therefore Stewartby and Wixham will be connected.
Cllr Law, Rogers, Symonds & Birch are happy with the proposal
Cllr Burnage asked whether it will be reassessed once Stewartby gets bigger, Cllr Hill added it will be changed in approx 12 years.

14: Planning Applications

No planning applications received.

15: Amenities

15.1) Highways/Lighting
Cllr Symonds advised Borough that there are a couple of lights out. Cllr Melville added that the Borough requested a report on
our lighting, Cllr Symonds has asked Andy Muskett.

15.2) Recreation Area & Memorial Park
Timber Play are waiting on the German company for a price for materials. Materials required are 1 supporting hook, galvanised
steel, cross member for zip wire and walking frame along with 2 runs for the ladder. Cost approx. £2 500. Cllrs agreed to spend
the amount of £2500.
Logging will be done in the 1st week of November and a few trees in the park to be taken down as they are dead. Cllr Melville
asked to keep the wood chippings, Cllr Symonds advised we do.

15.3) Newsletter & Website
Nothing to report.
15.4) Sports Field
Changing rooms are not to be used due to Covid and stipulate that people arrive changed. Cllr Symonds to advise the league.
Lizzie is showing Covid symptoms and Brett is self-isolating. Cllr Melville to open and close the pavilion at the weekend.
Persimmons have agreed to do the repairs on the field as the ground has sunk due to drainage, they have also agreed to take
care of some snagging issues.
There are 30 dead trees in the park, Cllr Symonds has been in contact with TLC who will replace 17. The other 13 a re down to
the PC, Warners to quote. Cllrs Symonds added that cherry trees are approx £20 each.

Cllr Law added that the tables have been delivered, they require building.

15.5) Village Hall
Cllr Melville commented on the draft lease for the flat that Cllr Law emailed. The flat now has blinds and flooring.

15.6) Policing
Nothing to report

16: Date of next meeting
Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7.15pm

17: Meeting close
Meeting closed at 9pm