Parish Council
Thursday 15-Apr-2021 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies
Apologies were accepted from Cllr Burnage.

2: Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda
No declarations of interest were declared

3: To Consider any applications for dispensation
There were no applications for dispensation

4: Public Participation
A member of the public who has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council was in attendance

5: Minutes of the previous meeting

6: Matters arising from previous minutes
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

7: Chairman's Report
Cllr Symonds advised that he had attended a meeting with East West Rail (EWR). An e-mail has been sent to all Councillors. Cllr Symonds advised that pages 106-110 of the consultation document relate to Stewartby. The Parish Council needs to respond to Bedford Borough Council by mid may and EWR by June 2021.

Cllr Symonds advised that a start date for the works by Innovations for the Village Hall has still not been received. This will now have an impact on bookings.
Cllr Symonds also advised that the lease for the flat will be going ahead however additional works have been identified. This matter will be covered later on the Agenda.
A further meeting will be held with Covanta next week. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

8: Report from Bedford Borough Council
The report from Cllr Hill was considered. He advised that the Parish Council should respond to the consultation document from

EWR. Route E is the preferred option.

Cllr Hill advised that he is arranging a meeting with some residents from Greenlakes Rise and stakeholders to discuss their concerns regarding the Travellers Site.

9: Clerk's Financial Report
9.1 Authorise payments for BACS transfer
The Clerk advised the meeting of the invoices that were due to be paid and talked them through the revised report. The balances of the Parish Council and Sports Fields account were shared with members.

The Clerk also advised that the first precept payment was due to be received on the 15th April 2021 from Bedford Borough Council.

10: Quotations for authorisation
10.1 Signs for Sports Pavilion and Village Hall

10.2 Grass Cutting Contribution

10.3 Additional CCTV camera for Sports Pavilion

10.4 Hose Pipe for Sports Pavilion

10.5 Bedfordshire Association of Town & Parish Councils Affiliation Fees for 2021/22

10.6 Hanging Baskets

10.7 Other

11: Planning Applications

Planning Reference: 21/00830/FUL Full Planning Application for a single storey side extension,removal of chimney and increased hard surfacing at 8 Randall Lane, Stewartby, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK43 9GS

Planning Reference: 21/00722/MAF Major Full and Change of Use Application for a residential development for the erection of 38 dwellings and associated infrastructure at land East and West of Broadmead Road, Stewartby, Bedfordshire

12: Amenities

12.1 Highways/Lighting
Cllr Melville advised that Central Bedfordshire Council had completed some works at the top of Stewartby Way however there are still potholes that need filling.
Cllr Rogers advised that there was a street light outside 4 The Crescent that was not working. Cllr Symonds will arrange for Andy Muskett to look at this.

12.2 Recreation Area
Cllr Symonds advised that the lifebuoy had been thrown into the pond. He also advised that the rope ladder is broken in two places and has arranged for Timberplay to come and look at it.

12.3 Newsletter
It was agreed that that new A5 format for the newsletter was good. The lady who was distributing the newsletters has resigned for personal reasons

12.4 Sports Field
Cllr Symonds advised that he had received a letter from Persimmons advising that they would not remedy or make a financial contribution towards any of the defects. Further advice will be sought before making a decision on how to proceed.
Cllr Law advised that she had been successful in obtaining a grant from Covanta for a hearing loop to be installed in the Sports Pavilion.
Quotes for the new footpaths will be considered at the next meeting.

12.5 Village Hall
Cllr Symonds advised that there were issues with the drains at the Village Hall.

Cllr Law advised that she had been successful in securing a grant from Covanta for a disabled ramp at the Village Hall.

13: Outdoor Gym Project

Deferred to the next meeting.

14: Policies for Approval

Deferred to the next meeting.

15: Adopt a Phone Box

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council would be unable to take part in this scheme as it did not have a phone box that it could adopt.

16: Sandbags for War Memorial

17: Memorial Gardens

18: Running Club

19: Events

Deferred to a future meeting (May or June 2021).

20: Crisis Communications and Crisis Plans

Cllr Law advised that the Parish Council needed to have these in place.

21: Items of an URGENT nature for inclusion on the next/future Agendas

None

22: Close of Meeting and items for the next Agenda

• Sports Pavilion Opening
• Play Area Weekly Inspections
• Quotes for replacement laptop

Meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

23: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 20th May 2021 @ 6.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 20th May 2021 @ 7.15 pm