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

MINUTES

1: Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr Burnage

2: Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda
None

3: To Consider any applications for dispensation
None

4: Public Participation
Raj Mehmi from the Community Cohesion Team at Bedfordshire Police attended the meeting to explain about the work that they undertake.

5: Presentation by Stephen Sleight from the Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership
Stephen Sleight from the Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership attended the meeting to provide Councillors with an update on the Marston Vale line and the interface that they provide between the rail users and the train operators.

He advised that three additional journeys would be added from the 13th December. The new timetable is available on the website.

Kimberley College is the single largest user and there are over 75 volunteers helping to run the stations. They have introduced a Symbol Spot for families which is a long-term project and an audio journey that talks about the history of the line, stations and provides information on walks and attractions that can be visited.

The line is currently celebrating its 175th Anniversary.

Stephen advised that more station adopters were needed and asked for the Parish Council ‘s assistance in publicising this on Facebook etc. He also encouraged people to comment or complain about the service in order to drive improvements.

6: Minutes of the previous meeting

7: Matters arising from previous minutes
The Clerk advised that she had received a response from the Post Office advising that they did not intend running a service in Stewartby as there was a Post Office in Marston Moretaine and Houghton Conquest.

Cllr Banks advised that there were a number of bulbs that needed planting. Both of the schools will assist and it was agreed that Cllr Symonds should liaise with Warners.

8: Chairman’s Report
Cllr Symonds welcomed Cllr Hayward to the Parish Council and thanked him for his help finding a Christmas Tree for the Parish.

He also advised that a number of complaints had been received about smoke coming from Covanta. We have been advised that this is steam and is not toxic.

Cloudwing has donated £500 to the Stewartby Christmas Fair.

9: Report from Bedford Borough Council
Cllr Symonds went through Cllr Hill’s report. He advised that there was a issue with sewage on the Brickworks Site that was being cleared.

A tree is being planted at the top end of The Crescent as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy Planting. Bedford Borough Council will be supplying a plaque.

Milbrook Power have been granted planning permission for four to six generators

10: Clerk's Financial Report

10.1 Authorise payments for BACS transfer

10.2 Accounts
The balances of the Parish Council and Sports Fields account were shared with members.

11: Quotations for authorisation

11.1 Hanging Baskets
Cllr Symonds raised concerns about the quote for hanging baskets that was approved by the Council at the last meeting.

11.2 Football Pitch Works
The Council considered a quote from Warners for works that are required to the two football pitches

11.3 Emergency Lighting at the Sports Pavilion and the Village Hall Remedial Works
The Council considered the quotes from Rushton Electrical.

11.4 Village Hall Basement Works
A quote from Bedford Homes was considered however it was RESOLVED that further quotes should be obtained for consideration.

12: Planning Applications

Ref: 21/02857/S106A Part 1 Modify/Discharge Agreement Application PROPOSAL: Modification of S106 Agreement attached to Planning Permission [11/01380/M73] affecting the following: (i) Education (ii) Health Centre (iii) Bus provision (iv) Offsite footways and highway works (v) Sustainability Fund (vi) Landscape Enhancement Area (vii) Village 4 Community Centre (viii)
Retail facilities (ix) Northern Expansion Area at Wixams Settlement Land Formerly at Elstow
Storage Depot Bedford Road Wixams, Bedfordshire

Ref: 21/02977/COU Change of Use Waste/Minerals Application. Chang of Use of haulage depot access to shared access for haulage depot and Waste Transfer Facility at G Moore Haulage, Manor Road, Kempston Hardwick, Bedford MK43 9NT

Ref: 20/00811/LDEWM (Inspectorate number: APP/K0235/X/21/3280847) FCC Environment UK Ltd – Mr D Mollard Certificate applied for: the use if three existing rail sidings and infrastructure, offload area, and internal site access road for the importation of materials, including waste, by rail for onward transportation to other destinations via Green Lane. Certificate granted for: Use of the siding limited for importation of soil and soil forming materials for the purposes of soil placement works and restoration works. Appeal against: the refusal in part to grant a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development at Stewartby Rail Sidings, Green Lane, Stewartby, Bedfordshire

13: Amenities:

13.1 Highways/Lighting
It was noted that the deadline to submit a bid for the Road Safety Fund is the 10th December 2021.

13.2 Recreation Area
None

13.3 Newsletter
Cllr Birch to advise Cllr Melville when the newsletter will be delivered so that he can arrange distribution.

13.4 Sports Field/Pavilion - Utilities
Cllr Symonds advised of the ongoing difficulties to find out which utility companies supply the Sports Pavilion.

13.5 Village Hall
None

13.6 Policing
Cllr Melville advise the meeting that speeding continued to be the priority.

13.7 Covanta
Cllr Law to submit a bid to the Community Trust Fund for a watering system for the Sports Field.

14: Outdoor Gym Project

The meeting was advised that Cllr Burnage is still applying for grant funding and awaiting the outcome of this.

15: Parish Council Surgeries

16: Close of Meeting and items for the next Agenda

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

17: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th December 2021 @ 6.30 pm (Finances only)