Parish Council

Thursday 16-Dec-2021 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies
No apologies for absence were received.

2: Absence without Notice
Cllr Symonds was noted as being absent without notice.

3: Public Participation
Gordon Huxford attended the meeting in his capacity as an under 15 football team coach. The team currently have no home ground and they would be interested in using the pitches at Stewartby. They are in the first division and have ten games remaining this season.

They asked for a reduction in the pitch fees due to limited funding.

4: Vote on no confidence in the Chairman of Stewartby Parish Council
Cllr Melville read a report containing his concerns regarding the conduct of the Chairman. The Clerk was then invited to speak about recent incidences where internal e-mails were shared with someone outside of the Council. When the Clerk raised these concerns, this was met with a very abrupt and dismissive e-mail from the Chair stating that he had done nothing wrong.

The Clerk also highlighted other concerns, for example, being expected to suddenly check the defibrillator by the Chair without any training or guidance, the Chair had, without advising anyone, not displayed the Agenda for this meeting on the noticeboards and unprofessional e-mail sent to all Councillors making unprofessional comments about the Clerk.

Cllr Burnage advised that this is not the first time that such concerns have been raised regarding the conduct of the Chair.
A secret ballot was held and the results counted by Cllr Hill. The results were as follows:
For = 6
Against = 1
Abstain = 1

Cllr Banks and Cllr Law both expressed their wish to be considered for the role of Acting Vice-Chair.
A secret ballot was held and the result counted by the Clerk. The results were as follows:
Cllr Banks 3 votes
Cllr Law 4 votes
One councillor abstained.

5: Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda
None

6: To Consider any applications for dispensation
None

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

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 report.

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

10: Quotations for authorisation
There were no quotes to be considered.

11: Set date for Finance Meeting January to agree the Precept

12: Arrangements for Football this weekend

13: Village Hall Piano

14: Accident Report concerns the path around the Village Hall

Cllr Law advised the Council that the path needed to be replaced with quarry tiles however no quote has been received for this yet.

15: Planning Applications

Ref: 21/03169/FUL Full Planning Application for replacement of existing uPVC patio door with new uPVC french doors at 4 The Crescent, Stewartby, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK43 9NQ

Ref: 21/03222/FUL Full Planning Application for a loft conversion comprising hip to gable, pitched roof dormers and increase in ridge height at 18 Angelica Grove, Kempston Hardwick, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK45 3FT

16: Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control

17: Close of Meeting and items for the next Agenda

Meeting closed at 8.13 pm

18: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th January 2022 @ 6.30 pm (Finance Meeting)
Thursday 20th January 2022 @ 6.30 pm