Parish Council
Thursday 17-Feb-2022 @ 18:30
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

1: Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Melville, Hayward and Burnage. Cllr Hill also tendered his apologies.

2: Declarations on Interest
None

3: To consider any applications for dispensation
None

4: Public Participation
None

5: Minutes of the previous meeting

6: Matters arising from previous minutes
None

7: Chairman's Report
Cllr Law read a report from Cllr Melville advising that a new light had been installed by the Sports Pavilion shattered which he believes is making a difference.
Members were also advised that a new Caretaker for the village has been appointed. Nathan Hayward will start on Tuesday 22nd February 2022. He will initially work Wednesday to Sunday until
a weekend cover caretaker has been appointed. A candidate has been interviewed for this role and they will be offered the position with a view to them starting on the 12th March 2022. At this point Nathan will revert to working Monday to Friday.

8: Report from Bedford Borough Council
Cllr Hill's report was noted.

Cllr Law will look at potholes and also seek further information from Cllr Hill about the issues with the empty bungalow in in terms of this comments about issues with squatters.

Cllr Law will raise the issue of litter from the lorries going into Covanta at the next meeting with them.

9: Clerk's Financial Report
9.1 Authorise payments for BACS transfer

9.2 Accounts
Members were advised that as at the 14th February 2022, the balances of the Parish Council and Sports Fields accounts were as follows:
£51,087.12
£12,291.66
£18,261.52
£574,656.23

9.3 Budget Monitoring Reports
The Budget Monitoring Reports were noted and will be considered when looking at quotations for authorisation.

9.4 Bank Reconciliation

9.5 Internal Audit
The Clerk advised that an interim internal audit had been completed. The report was shared with members. The audit found that the cashbook was up to date and that there were no errors, indicating that good progress had been made since last year. Audit testing highlighted one payment of £405.50 which had been made prior to the approval of the Council. Members were already aware of this and action had been taken to ensure that this does not occur again.

It is recommended that the Council reviews and formally adopts a risk assessment. This will be

considered at the next meeting.

9.6 Request for Transfer of Funds to the Village Hall

10: Quotations for authorisation

10.1 Roller Banner

10.2 Flags for the Jubilee

11: Planning Applications

11.1 Ref: 22/00163/M73 Major S73 Variation of Condition Application All reserved matters for the Detailed design of proposed B1, B2 & B8 units including associated landscaping, access, transport, drainage, acoustics, lighting, energy, and geoenvironmental aspects pursuant to Outline Permission and overall conditions 1, 8, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43 and 44 of that permission and removal of condition 9 attached to 17/02009/MAR to allow the continued use of the yard for external storage. Land East and West of Broadmead Road, Stewartby

11.2 Ref: 22/00251/LBC Listed Building Consent Application Chimney repairs at 1-24 Sir Malcolm Stewart Homes, Stewartby, Bedfordshire MK43 9LS

11.3 Ref: 22/00309/M73 Major S73 Variation of Condition Application Construction of motor vehicle auction centre, vehicle storage and parking areas, ancillary buildings for vehicle wash, valeting and inspection, roundabout and access road including variation of condition 16 attached to 03/00187/FUL to allow extended hours of operation at British Car Auctions, Kiln Road, Kempston Hardwick, Bedford MK43 9PR

12: Amenities

12.1 Highways/Lighting
Cllr Law looking into this area.
12.2 Recreation Area
None
12.3 Newsletter
Copy deadline noted as 18th March 2022.
12.4 Sports Field/Pavilion
12.5 Village Hall
None
12.6 Policing
Cllr Melville advised in his report that crime in the area was down 40% year on year. Vehicle crimes and anti-social behaviour are the main issues and the current community priority for the next three months.
12.7 Covanta
Cllr Law to apply for a grant for the Sports Field irrigation system

13: Outdoor Gym Project

14: Parish Council Surgeries – 5th March 2022

The Council was advised that the local Police and Police and Crime Commissioner would be present at the next Parish Council Surgery. Cllrs Law and Barrett to attend. Cllr Melville to promote on Facebook.

15: Website, Facebook and communication within the community

16: Community Events in 2022

17: Plaques

18: Report from Sports Pavilion Sub-Committee

19: Groundworks Specification

Warners currently undertake the majority of the Council's groundworks however they have requested that this is put on a more formal footing.

20: Close of Meeting and items for the next Agenda

Meeting closed at 8.49 pm.
Items for the next Agenda:
• Risk Assessment

• Branded Clothing for Councillors
• Parish Council Surgeries – Matters Arising

21: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th March 2022 @ 6.30 pm