Parish Council

Thursday 22-Jan-2015 @ 19:15
Village Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Councillor Lee Melville, Councillor Louise Burnage, Councillor Sally Law

1: To receive apologies for absence

No Apologies for absence were received

2: To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

No declarations of interest for items on the agenda were received

3: Public Question Time

Members of the public came to discuss parking problems

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on December 2014

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed.

5: Report from Borough Councillors and any other representative

Report from Borough Councillors and any other representatives: B. Cllr. Hill had previously distributed his report and there were no comments except that Cllr. Burgoine still awaits a response from Andrew Prigmore and B. Cllr. Hill will check this out. A police report had previously been distributed and the Chairman showed his concern regarding the burglaries. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the police asking for some attendance at Council Meetings – especially due to the increase in the police receipt of precept.

6: Authorise Cheques for payment

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22.1.15 101637 BATPC Affiliation fees £ 256.00
22.1.15 101638 Kler Associates Ltd 3 months Payroll £ 45.00
22.1.15 101639 Andy Muskett Ltd Dome lighting £ 246.00
22.1.15 101640 Andy Muskett Ltd Christmas Lighting £ 664.72
22.1.15 101645 Andy Muskett Ltd 3rd quarter maintenance £ 122.40
22.1.15
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Ace Fire & Security Callout plus replace smoke detector £ 132.00
22.1.15
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J. Symonds
Reimburse for tape for remembrance
service £ 8.98
22.1.15 101643 V. Gladstone Wages £ 976.84
22.1.15 101644 V. Gladstone Expenses £ 56.30

7: Correspondence

Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association asking for volunteers to establish a neighbourhood watch. – to be advertised in the newsletter.

8: Clerks/Financial Report

Clerk to get quotes for a new printer and try to get money back from Viking

9: Budget Planning

10: Planning applications

Persimmon Plans were presented to the Council who are still not happy with 3 storey building
however they are pleased that the pitch of the roof for the flats have been reduced Cllr. Law will attend the Committee meeting when the planning will be heard and it was requested that the Clerk attend. The Chairman, Cllr. Plater and the Clerk to attend the meeting on 2
nd February 2016 with the Planning department.: Conservation Area B. Cllr. Tim Hill and
Cllr. Cooper attended a meeting with Planning to discuss this and Cllr. Hill stated that the Government are looking to dissolve Article 4 agreements. Certainly the Planning Department do not wish to go against this but if we did a Neighbourhood Plan then this would solve the problem however this would involve the residents of the village voting on

the plan.. Borough stated that they financially couldn't agree to bar solar panels. It was resolved that the Clerk invites Ian Johnson and John Preston from the Borough Council to be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Meeting. Cllr. Cooper to draft a letter to be sent to residents of the Conservation area stating that the Parish Council believe that the addition of solar panels facing the road are not in the principle of the conservation area.

11: Parking area next to Village Hall

defer to the next meeting

12: Festival of Britain Sign

This has been taken down and is being repaired free of charge

13: Bulbs for planting

these have been planted in Stewartby unfortunately they missed Kempston Hardwick and they should be put in at the end of this year.

14: Reports for Resolution regarding

a. Highways – Manor Road is still full of mud.
b. Lighting Cllr. Plater had previously distributed his report.
c. Recreation Area – play area – the equipment has been chosen and Warners are to install them when the Weather permits.
d. Newsletter – articles needed by 1
st February 2015

15: Date of next meeting

19th February 2015