Parish Council

Thursday 21-May-2015 @ 19:00
Village Hall

MINUTES

1: Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received

2: Cllr. Plater proposal

Cllr. Plater proposed that Cllr John Symonds be elected as Chairman seconded by Cllr. Cooper, the decision was unanimous. As there were no changes to the declaration of interest and acceptance of office a new form was not necessary

3: The Chairman

The Chairman Cllr. John Symonds proposed that Cllr. S. Law be elected, as Vice-Chairman this nomination was seconded by Cllr. Cooper the decision was unanimous. As there were no changes to the declaration of interest and acceptance of office a new form was not necessary.

4: The remaining councilors

Remaining Councilors confirmed that there are no changes to the declarations of interest and acceptance of office there would be no need for new forms.

5: Public Declarations

No declarations of interest in items on the agenda were received

6: To appoint representative on the under local committees and bodies

Wootton Charities – Cllr. Chadwick
Minerals & Wastes – Cllr. Symonds, Cllr. Plater, Cllr. Law, Cllr. Cooper
Parish & Town Network Meetings – Cllr. Plater, Cllr. Symonds & Cllr. Burnage
Marston Vale Middle School (Academy) Liaison Committee – Cllr. Symonds
Lower School Liaison Committee – Cllr. Chadwick
Stem College Liaison Committee – Cllr. Plater, The Chairman, Cllr. Burnage

7: Public Question Time

The meeting was adjourned for up to 10 minutes for members of the public to address the Council.

8: Minutes Of revious Meeting

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 16th April 2015 were approved and signed.

9: Report from Borough Councillors and any other representative

The Chairman congratulated B. Cllr. T. Hill for his re-election. B. Cllr. Tim Hill referred to his report which had previously been distributed – regarding the speed cameras over 100 tickets were issued. Community Governance Review – there are issues with regarding the boundaries of the Counties. It was resolved unanimously that send an email to Keith Simmonds at the Borough Council and ask the B. C. to conduct a Community Governance Review for Stewartby. B. Cllr. Hill asked us to check what we would like to spend on the Ward Fund. Cllr. Burnage asked that B. Cllr. Hill acknowledge the work of the Parish Council in his Focus letter. Cllr. Burnage asked what plans the Borough have planned for the forthcoming year. He confirmed that there are problems regarding the parking in Churchill Close. 2 PCSO's attended. 10 crimes as opposed to 3 last year.

10: Authorise Cheques for payment

a list will be presented to the meeting
21.5.15 101660 Kler Associates 3 months payroll £ 45.00
21.5.15 101661 CPRE annual membership £ 36.00
21.5.15 101662 Warners ground maintenance £ 384.00
21.5.15 101663 Warners ground maintenance £ 360.00
21.5.15 101664 Warners ground maintenance £ 336.00
21.5.15 101665 DTM repair bridge rail £ 50.00
21.5.15 101666 V. Gladstone Wages £ 493.00
21.5.15 101667 V. Gladstone Expenses £ 28.40
21.5.15 101668 P J Ayles Installation of Heaters £ 1,732.32

11: Correspondence

12.4.15l B & MK Spring issue newsletter
21.4.15 CPRE Membership request
May The Pensions Regulator Saying we need to enroll
18.5.15 Copy Katz Printers18.5.15
PERIODICALS At back of book
18.5.15 Sue Garner Application for Litter Pick vacancy
19.5.15 Bedfordshire Police Freedom of Information request.
Aon Insurance Quote
Clerk and Councils Direct

12: Litter Pick

Litter Pick it was authorised that Cllr. Symonds and Cllr. Burnage contact her for an interview.
Freedom of information

13: Clerks/Financial Report

Clerks/Financial Report discussed insurance and it was resolved that the clerk send the new quotation to Came and Company for their comments and to send a comparison to all Councillors but if the difference is negligible then to go with the new insurers.

14: Planning applications

15/00890/FUL The front door – accepted on the proviso that this exactly replicates
not only the colour but also the design

15: Regular items

a. Meetings have been attended with B. Cllr. T Hill and the Borough regarding misuse of Manor Road and it was reported that CCTV had logged G. Moore's movements and action has been taken regarding this. The speed camera needs to be moved and Andrew Prigmore has promised to do so. Residents from Manor Road attended the Network Rail with a suggestion that the level crossing be closed at Manor Road. B. Cllr. T. Hill spoke to Cllr. Sue Clark before the election and will speak to her again regarding the surfacing of Green Lane as part of it is in Central Beds and the other half in Bedford Borough (weaving in and out – not a clean cut). Cllr. Ellerbeck reported that manholes are still too high even though it has been reported and only two were repaired. Can a letter be sent to residents regarding the parking on the green land? Truck Paving is suggested for the first 60 cm. Suggested that there are white lines for parking in Alexander and Wavell. Cllr. Burnage has used the fluorescent paint on dog poo. It is now legal for residents to put dog poo in litterbins.
b. Lighting Report: Cllr. Plater report had previously been distributed
c. Recreation Area
(i) Memorial Tree Service this is scheduled for 12th June at 2pm.
(ii) RoSPA inspection This will be done in May – not done as yet
(iii) New Play equipment - Cllr Chadwick distributed photos of equipment asking councillors to score them out of 10. After much discussion it was resolved to increase the budget for the play area to a maximum of £25,000. It was resolved that there must be a slide and Cllr. Chadwick should put 2 options via email to Councillors prior to the next meeting and the choice of the options can be made by email.
(iv) Willow Trees – Marston Vale Tree Surgery will deal with the pollarding over the school holidays. The road will need to be closed during the 3 days of work.
d. Newsletter – articles are still needed from the Middle School, the Stem College and the Church

16: Date of next meeting

25th June 2015