Parish Council

Thursday 2-Jul-2015 @ 19:00
Dave Law Sports Pavilion, Park Crescent, Stewartby

MINUTES

Members present: Councillor Lee Melville, Councillor Louise Burnage

1: To receive apologies for absence

B. Cllr. Tim Hill , Cllr. S. Law

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

None received

3: Public Question Time

The meeting will be adjourned for up to 10 minutes for members of the public to address the Council. None present

4: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2015

signed

5: Report from Borough Councillors

none present however Cllr. T. Hill's report had previously been distributed and was discussed. The Council wished to make it clear that with regard to the speed restrictions proposed in Rowsbury Road that B. Cllr. Hill should discuss this with the Parish Council before any proposals are put forwarded. It was resolved that the ward fund be used to fund play equipment for the play area – Cllr. Chadwick will provide the quotations.

6: Crime Statistic

These were received today and read out to the meeting as there were only two. Concerning a dangerous dog and the theft of a pedal cycle

7: Authorise Cheques for payment

a list will be presented to the meeting

Viking Direct HP ink £ 63.79
Viking Direct Stationery £ 28.03
Marston Vale Tree Care Tree Work on the Green £ 890.00
Warners Ground Maintenance £ 552.00
Warners Ground Maintenance £ 420.00
CPRE Annual membership £ 36.00
DTM (Daniel Couldridge) repair or bridge £ 50.00
Fire Safety Services Risk Assessment £ 510.00
Came & Company Insurance £ 1,493.90
J Symonds expenses £ 2.95
Playsafety Rospa inspection £ 78.00
V. Gladstone Wages £ 749.53
V Gladstone expenses £ 31.90
V. Gladstone Reimbursement for wall lights £ 454.32

8: Correspondence including letter from O & H

it was noted noted that the land to the front of the Village Hall previously referred to as e – it was resolved that the clerk contact O & H to enquire of this. There will be 2 pieces retained, those outside the club and Montgomery Close and it was resolved that the clerk ask O & H to offer an amount for the Council to have the grass cut. It was resolved that the Council accept this offer whether or not the above land is included.
Palmers to be instructed as the councils solicitors
22.6.15 Bedford BC Completion Notice
28.5.15 O & H Sale of open spaces
16.6.15 Bedford BC Empty Homes Poster
Periodicals
LCR
Bedfordshire Matters

9: Clerks/Financial Report

The Clerk confirmed that she has purchased the wall lights from another source which were

the same as those previously agreed. She also confirmed that the accounts need to be completed and once this is done she will call for an extraordinary meeting just for the purpose of approving the accounts. It was resolved that this be done

10: Litter Picker

The Chairman and Cllr. Burnage met with Sue Garner and offered her the job of litter picker and
confirmed that she should do 2 hours a week but the first month more hours to get on top of the litter. A bin has been purchased for the litter and dog poo to be put on and this will cost £7 per month for it to be emptied. It was resolved that
she purchase a hi viz outfit that she feels is appropriate.

11: Planning applications

Regarding the street names approved was Brick, Chimney, - It was resolved that Councillors
consider this and come up with other names.15/01163/M73 This deals with the upgrading of storm drain and drainage required in the sports field – there was no objection. 15/01416/FUL – 30 Churchill Crescent – 2 storey extension.- no objection from the Council.

12: Right to know Meeting 5 th July 2015

it was proposed that this be postponed to 27th September in order that more
information will be available for residents and hopefully Persimmon will be able to attend. There will be a working group meeting on 17th September.

13: Stewartby Parish Council going forward

to defer it to September 24th

14: New Councillors

Deferred to September 24th

15: Precept Report

when we get new residents we will be getting more money so we need to be seen to be spending
some of the monies in the bank.

16: Social Media

Facebook – It was resolved that Cllr. Chadwick and the Booking Clerk start up a closed facebook page

17: Regular items

a. Highways Lovells and the Borough are meeting to discuss the adoption of School Lane
b. Lighting – Cllr. Plater had distributed the lighting report . Amy have installed 2 new tops for the lamps in Stewartby Way in order that it illuminates the speed cameras.
c. Recreation Area
(i) Memorial Tree Service A. J. Joshi – ask him to arrange an appointment with Emma and John to
discuss the maintenance work discussed at the Memorial Service ie raising the crown height of
some of the trees. The memorial service was a success and all that participated enjoyed the day.
(ii) RoSPA inspection/report – Emma has spoken to CPO , the company that supplied the equipment
and they will be coming to inspect the equipment with a view to repairing it and also to speak about
the new play equipment. Emma will chase them tomorrow.
(iii) New Play equipment
(iv) Willow Trees These have all been dealt with. Warners are due to clean up any bits left over. Cllr.
Burnage had a go at cleaning it.
d. Newsletter – The Chairman stated his concerns regarding the lack of information for the newsletter. There was much discussion and it was resolved that the Chairman and Emma discuss this.

18: Date of next meeting

20th August 2015