

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Thursday, 14 July 2022

PRESENT

Pauline Henninger
 Hugh Jackson (Chair)
 Marcus Webb
 Chris Wood
 Lionel Yarde

IN ATTENDANCE

Melissa Jordan
 Cllr Neil Bunyan - CBC

APOLOGIES

Cllr Charles Gomm – CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey

Agenda Item	ACTION
<p>1.</p>	<p>APOLOGIES Cllr Jordan and Ward Cllrs Charles Gomm and Gareth Mackey.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>MEMBERS' INTERESTS None</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR Cllr Jackson proposed Cllr Henninger as vice chair, this was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed.</p>
	<p>TOM PRICE, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer, CBC Tom Price spoke about work being undertaken by his team at CBC to review and plan the electric charging strategy for vehicles across Central Bedfordshire. The Council has a responsibility to provide a sustainability plan for the future, They are working with BP Pulse for a 3-7 year contract to roll out charging points across the CBC area.</p> <p>CBC have spent 4-5 months accessing sites in villages for chargers. 25% of residents live in houses without driveways and there is a pilot underway to create pavement grids enabling people to attach charging wire under the grid from their cars and into their homes. It was agreed Rectory Road residents who would benefit from this exact concept but it was felt the village needs would for now probably currently be considered too small. Their pilot and decision on who gets these and the way forward is due in February 2023.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS Cllr Bunyan reported: <u>Leisure Centre</u> - New development next to has started with a finish date of 2024. Pile driving is disturbing residents and will continue for 8 hours a day for the next 8 weeks.</p> <p><u>Flitwick Interchange</u> - progressing well and should be complete early 2023. There will be fire access lifts and slopes to platforms.</p>

	<p><u>Fix my Street</u> – App does not work for fly tipping. Cllr Bunyan agreed to chase not working for Fly Tipping.</p> <p><u>Crematorium off Fordfield Road</u> – Cllr Webb expressed his disappointment that Cllr Bunyan was not transparent with SPC about his clear support for the Crematorium. Cllr Bunyan said he did not say either way to us as a PC that he either supported or opposed the Crematorium during our many discussions. This was disputed SPC councillors.</p>	NB
4.	<p>MINUTES OF AGM 18/05/22 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes represented a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.</p>	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING To be dealt with under Reports.</p>	
6.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) <u>Planning</u> Currently no applications for review.</p> <p>b) <u>Highways</u> Cllr Wood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS - SPC have a grant of £10,000 from the Police & Crime Commissioners Road Grant. CBC have undertaken speed surveys on Eversholt and Flitwick Roads which have supported the need for speed cameras. Next step is for CBC to undertake a site visit which will probably be in the autumn to plan exact locations. <p>c) <u>Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Cllr Yarde reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOAT - around Center Parcs has been closed to off roaders. Cllr Yarde to report back re status. • Cricket Pitch Hedging – the hedging planted in the winter by the fence of the houses bordering the cricket pitch has all died – possibly due to weed killer. Cllr Yarde to investigate. Replanting may prove useless if the same action is taken again. • Cricket Pitch Wasps Nest – Cllr Yarde to investigate. • Dennis Battams Bench – Dennis Battams, a keen cricketer, has sadly passed away. Angela McHugh would like to donate a bench to be sited on the green in his memory. Councillors unanimously agreed this would be a fitting tribute. <p>d) <u>SVA</u> Nothing to report</p> <p>e) <u>Recreation Ground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Swing – Reported that it is loose, Cllr Webb has repaired. 	<p>LY</p> <p>LY</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeboard It was agreed to move the noticeboard behind the play equipment to a more visible site near the gate to Rectory Road. <p>f) <u>Steppingley Profile</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates to Village – Cllr Wood to investigate oak replacements. <p>g) <u>Communications</u> Nothing to report</p> <p>h) <u>Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Balances: Current Account £12,303.31 Reserve Account £9,2046.42</p> <p>Payments since May 2022 meeting: Richard Harris - Tree Works - £300.00 Fire & Safety Solutions Ltd - Pavilion Fire Alarm Service - £144.00 SVA - Village Hall Hire - January 2020-March 2022 -£300.00</p>	CW
7.	CORRESPONDENCE Circulated prior to the meeting.	
8.	MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING None	
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 21September 2022 at 7.30 pm	

The above are considered a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date