

ANNAUL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Wednesday, 14 July 2021

PRESENT

Pauline Henninger
 Hugh Jackson (Chair)
 Melissa Jordan
 Marcus Webb
 Chris Wood
 Lionel Yarde
 Julie Todd (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Neil Bunyan - CBC
 Cllr Charles Gomm - CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey - CBC

APOLOGIES

None

This meeting was held over the internet using Zoom due to COVID-19		
Agenda Item	APOLOGIES	ACTION
1.	None	
2.	MEMBERS' INTERESTS The Drovers – Cllr Jordan 55 Church End – Cllr Webb	
3.	<p>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</p> <p>Cllr Bunyan reported: <u>The Drovers</u> – there was no breach of the licence during the recent UEFA 2020 semi final and final. Cllr Jordan reported that the noise levels were unbearable and should be borne in mind regarding the outstanding planning permission. Cllr Bunyan said it was important to present quantifiable data re noise ideally using a decimeter. Discussion followed re building activity on site – possibly creating an area for a car park and marquee - which would need planning permission. All concerns should be reported to Planning Enforcements 0300 300 6427. Cllr Jackson's invitation to the owner of The Drovers to attend the meeting was refused. Cllr Jackson urged ward councillors to put pressure on Planning Enforcement. It was agreed Cllr Jackson to contact CPRE for advice, Cllr Mackey to contact Martin Plummer, CBC Planning Officer and Cllr Bunyan to investigate the licence.</p> <p>Cllr Mackey reported: <u>Steppingley Crematorium</u> – a meeting with Cllr Eugene Ghent was refused as no meetings will be held before the planning application when there will be the statutory consultation period. CBC do not wish to engage on this matter.</p> <p><u>Motorcycles across Farmland</u> – it is important to keep a log of incidents and report to the police. The latest incident</p>	GM/NB/CG HJ

	<p>has been reported to PC Dagley and CBC RoW. Cllr Mackey to catch up with PC Dagley and the new PCC.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported cars racing on Gypsy Lane late at night and cannabis rubbish dumped on the BOAT. Cllr Gomm agreed to talk to PC Dagley.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>CG</p>
5.	<p>MINUTES OF 5 MAY 2021 AGM</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed the minutes represented a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.</p>	
6.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) <u>Planning</u> CB/21/03120/FULL 55 Church End – this will be discussed via email as the plans were not available on the CBC planning portal.</p> <p>b) <u>Highways</u> Cllr Wood had a positive virtual meeting with Paul Salmon, CBC Highways. The potholes on Flitwick Road bend have been mended. Portable speed sign - Paul Salmon was concerned with regard to the safety of moving the sign. He proposed SPC purchase 1/2 fixed signs using the match funding scheme to be launched in the summer. Road markings – Paul Salmon agreed to look at renewing/repainting. Red boxes on roads were discussed. These measures have proved to be effective in slowing traffic down. 20 mph speed limit – would need police approval which is unlikely and speed humps are not applicable. Kerb on Eversholt Road bend – Paul Salmon agreed this was dangerous and would look into removing both the path and kerb.</p> <p>c) <u>Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Cllr Yarde reported that the hedge by the cricket pitch is in the process of being cut. A resident from Rectory Road cottages reported trees from the recreation ground growing into their garages. Tree surgeon Richard Harris visited and it was elder.</p> <p>d) <u>SVA</u> No report.</p> <p>e) <u>Recreation Ground</u> Cllr Webb reported that the noticeboard had now been erected by the SVA. Annual safety inspection – it was agreed a quote would be obtained from Play Inspections Company.</p> <p>f) <u>Steppingley Profile</u> Cllr Jordan reported that the village sign has been cleaned and will need some repair work in the near future. Defibrillator - the battery has been replaced and it was</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>noticed that the pads had possibly been tampered with. It was agreed a note to the village would be sent for villagers to keep a watchful eye. Cllr Jordan will investigate possibly changing the code. The gates to the entrance of the village are in a poor state and it was suggested that curved posts could be a possible replacement. Cllr Wood to ask CBC for advice.</p> <p>g) <u>Communications</u> Cllr Henninger has met the new landlords at The French Horn who enquired possibility of using part of the recreation ground for functions. It was agreed this could be a possibility on an occasional basis. Cllr Henninger to follow up.</p> <p>h) <u>Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Balances: Current Account £9,798.98 Reserve Account £9,204.19</p> <p>2020/21 AGAR – paperwork submitted to auditors.</p>	<p>PH/MJ</p> <p>CW</p> <p>PH</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS St Lawrence Church – the bells are being rung at most services. The recent coffee morning raising over £560.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday, 9 September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.</p>	

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

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date