

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Thursday, 19 November 2020

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Melissa Jordan

This meeting was held over the internet using Zoom due to COVID-19		
Agenda Item		ACTION
1.	APOLOGIES Cllr Jordan.	
2.	MEMBERS' INTERESTS None	
3.	<p>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORT Cllr Gomm reported: <u>Waste Management</u> – at meeting chaired by Ian Dalgarno:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large items – cost of collection to be reviewed as there has been an increase in such items being dumped. Current 10 large items can be collected for £65. Discussion re possibly having a regular “village” round. Cllr Bunyan agreed to raise this with Craig Siddell, CBC Waste Management. • Commercial waste using household tips – to be investigated again to reduce fly tipping • Fly tipping hotspots – cameras have proved very successful and resulted in a number of successful prosecutions. CBC looking at new camera suppliers as previous supplier has gone out of business • Household tips – CBC are looking to ease booking restriction • Approved waste contractors list held by Environment Agency <p><u>Leisure Services</u> – Cllr Gomm suggested Flitwick Leisure Centre hold Open Days for non-users to visit facility. <u>East/West Rail Project</u> – CBC Cllr Sue Clark is the portfolio holder. Consultations early spring 2021. Sandy is possible crossover station. Wixams station being reviewed. Works to start second half of 2020s. <u>Froghall Bridge</u> – CBC councillors have repeatedly reported flooding.</p>	MB

	<p><u>Froghall Road Footpath</u> – will be closed for 3 weeks from 23/11/20 for refurbishment and new signage.</p> <p><u>Fix My Street</u> – will be the new CBC highways portal which will be going live end of November.</p> <p><u>CB/20/02325/FUL The Drovers</u> CBC councillors confirmed no decision to date and have requested CBC Planning to keep them informed.</p> <p><u>Fordfield Road Crematorium</u> – has been withdrawn from DMC meeting on 25/11/20. Cllr Gomm has asked Kevin Collins, CBC for reason. Cllr Henninger to send update to village.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Sunday</u> – all 3 CBC councillors stated it had been an honour to lay wreath at Steppingley service and asked for thanks to be passed on to Steppingley PCC.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>MW</p>
4.	<p>MINUTES OF 8 OCTOBER 2020 MEETINGS Approved and duly signed.</p>	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING To be covered in reports.</p>	
6.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) Planning <u>CB/20/04187/FULL - 1 Park Farm Cottages</u> – the Parish Council agreed in principal to the proposed replacement of the conservatory with a side extension however felt application was unsympathetic with the mid 19th century building and the roof pitch should match that of the main building and windows should be leaded lights.</p>	<p>HJ</p>
	<p>b) Highways Cllr Wood had attended a highways meeting with Flitwick Town Council however there was no representative from CBC.</p> <p><u>Speed Cameras</u> – CBC have reservations re permanent cameras however are supportive of a portable camera and would need to approve positions. The camera would need to be battery powered (approx. life = 45,000 vehicle movements) – batteries would be rechargeable. Data downloaded using Bluetooth. For maximum effectiveness, camera to be moved every month between Eversholt and Flitwick Roads. A reduction from 38 mph to 28 mph has been recorded by a Gloucestershire village. Cost including 2 batteries £3,218 inc VAT. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead and CW would obtain 2 further quotes. The 3 quotes would then be circulated by email to councillors for decision before next meeting in January 2021.</p> <p><u>Highway Issues</u> – have been reported by Cllr Wood.</p> <p><u>Church End Gulley</u> – to be reported.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>
	<p>c) Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Trees & Conservation Cllr Yarde reported:</p>	

	<p><u>Recreation Ground</u> – road hedge has been cut and will ask Phil Hynes for invoice. Hedge by pavilion will be cut shortly. Rubbish has been burnt.</p> <p><u>New Hedge by Rectory Road Bungalows</u> – following meeting with Claire Wardle, CBC Countryside Officer, 3 suppliers were recommended for hedge plants. Farm Forestry could supply all the plants at a cost of £224 + VAT with delivery early December. Cheque has been raised and sent.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground New Fencing</u> – a resident has raised issue of increased number of rabbits in garden since the erection of the new fence. Cllrs Yarde and Wood to investigate when planting new hedge.</p> <p><u>Tree Survey</u> – to be carried out in Autumn 2021.</p>	LY/CW
	<p>d) SVA No report submitted. Cllr Yarde to check guttering.</p>	LY
	<p>e) Recreation Ground <u>Play Equipment</u> – picnic bench, gameboard and goal wall to be delivered on 23/11/20. <u>ROSPA Inspection</u> – it was agreed to commission a report.</p>	MW
	<p>f) Steppingley Profile Nothing to report.</p>	
	<p>g) Communications Cllr Henninger reported that the Whatsapp groups are working well.</p>	
	<p>h) Finance Finance spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting. Balances: Current Account: £2,834.03 Reserve Account: £6,453.57</p> <p>CBC Councillors Grant payment of £2,750 has been credited to current account.</p> <p><u>2021/22 Precept</u> – deadline 18/01/21.</p>	
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Distributed by email.</p>	
9.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>St Lawrence's Church</u> – cherry tree and American oak in churchyard are in need of attention. This has been referred to Claire Wardle, CBC Countryside Officer as CBC have responsibility. Currently, replastering inside the church. Work should be finished by Christmas. <u>Off Road Vehicles</u> – it was agreed there has been an increase in these vehicles.</p>	

10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday, 14 January 2021 at 8 pm.	

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

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date