

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Thursday, 8 November 2022

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Charles Gomm - CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey - CBC
 Julie Todd (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Melissa Jordan
 Cllr Neil Bunyan - CBC

Agenda Item	STEPPINGLEY ROAD SENIOR LIVING VILLAGE	ACTION
1.	<p>A presentation was made by Ian Hanton, Development & Commissioning Manager, CBC. Project (72 place centre and 88 apartments) will be complete in approximately 18 months' time (April '24). Discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC's dark skies policy – it was hoped that this could be taken into consideration with the external lighting of the village. Ian Hanton said site has to be safe and lighting would be compliant with planning regulations and would report back. • Water capture – excess rainfall will be used to irrigate rooftop gardens. Concern expressed re no plans for grey water capture • Energy – scheme has been designed to be energy efficient and includes solar panels and EV charge points. Discussion re electricity tie in/savings if joined with Persimmon Homes. • Parking – 106 spaces. System will be needed to manage so spaces are only used by/for the village and not by railway station users. • Ian Hanton said development is underway and there is no opportunity to redesign the scheme. Areas of concern would be fed back to team. SPC expressed their hope for a more joined up approach with CBC on future initiatives. • Links with Steppingley – it was agreed to explore further. It was suggested CBC use Steppingley Village Hall for meetings/exhibitions. 	IH
2.	<p>DEFRA'S 'TREES FOR CLIMATE' PROJECT Jo Roberts, Community Engagement Officer, Forest of Marston Vale gave a presentation. Project is for new woodland only and for areas of .1 hectare + and hedgerows. It is fully funded and includes consultation, design, trees and post planting costs. It was agreed Cllrs Wood and Yarde would liaise re replanting of hedge on Rectory Road.</p>	CW/LY
3.	<p>APOLOGIES Melissa Jordan and Ward Cllr Neil Bunyan.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>MEMBERS' INTERESTS None</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS Cllr Mackey reported: <u>Highways</u> – He had undertaken a walk round with CBC Highway Custodian. Flailing plan has been agreed for Peakes End bend. <u>FixMyStreet</u> – problems with using system continue. <u>CB/22/04108/FULL</u> – this land is in The Local Plan and will go in front of DMC mid 2023. Areas of comment/objection could be proportion of affordability, layout and environmental concerns.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF AGM 28/09/22 Cllr Jordan was not present and should have been in "Apologies" column. With this amendment, it was unanimously agreed that the minutes represented a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING Outstanding: <u>Fix my Street</u> – App does not work for fly tipping. Cllr Bunyan agreed to chase. Other matters to be dealt with under Reports.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>REPORTS a) <u>Planning</u> <u>CB/22/04108/FULL</u> – See 5 above. b) <u>Highways</u> Cllr Wood reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS – CBC assessment of sites due to take place end of November. • Peakes End Grit Bin – a resident has requested a grit bin. It was agreed to approach CBC Highways – SPC agreed to fund a grit bin if an acceptable location can be found. • Village Gate – quotes received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grey bollards - £1,361.92 ○ 4 oak gates – approx. £1,800 + erection. It was agreed quotes would be circulated to councillors for agreement. c) <u>Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Cllr Yarde reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permissive route between Eversholt Road and Peakes End – a resident has reported a broken handrail. It was agreed Cllr Jackson would research who is responsible/liable. • BOAT is being resurfaced. • Cricket ground trees – one has died. Martin Staples has kindly agreed to replace. </p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CW</p> <p>HJ</p>

	<p>d) <u>SVA</u> Cllr Jordan circulated a quote prior to the meeting for the village hall windows. It was agreed a possible source of other contractors could be Woburn Estates Office.</p> <p>It was agreed WiFi in the Pavilion would be excellent. Cllr Henninger to investigate.</p> <p>e) <u>Recreation Ground</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p>f) <u>Steppingley Profile</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p>g) <u>Communications</u> Village Whatsapp group is very active.</p> <p>h) <u>Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Balances: Current Account £13,809.27 Reserve Account £9,213.41</p> <p>Invoices to be paid: Julie Todd – April-September 2022 Salary £609.60 HMRC – Clerk’s Tax £152.40 .</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>2023/24 PRECEPT 2022/23 budget with projected spend to the end of the financial year was circulated prior to the meeting. For 2023/24 new areas of expenditure will be: SIDS - £5,300 for installation (to be covered by Beds Police Grant) + £500 for turning signs Village Entrance Gates – approx. £4,000 Pavilion – maintenance and installation of WiFi - £2,500</p> <p>The reserve was being built up to pay for speed reduction measures which will now be paid by the grant from Bedfordshire Police. In this financial year, the reserve has grown due to no/low expenditure on recreation ground, pavilion and play equipment. It is estimated approximately £18,000 will be carried forward which will be used to pay for areas of expenditure as listed above keeping a reserve of a year’s precept. With this in mind, Cllr Jackson proposed and Cllr Henninger seconded that the precept be kept the same as 2022/23 namely £7,980. This was unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Circulated prior to the meeting. Emails from resident re grit bin and broken handrail on permissive path dealt with above.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING None</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 10 January 2023.</p>	

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

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date