

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Thursday, 10 January 2023

PRESENT

Pauline Henninger
 (Chair)
 Melissa Jordan
 Marcus Webb
 Chris Wood
 Lionel Yarde

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Charles Gomm - CBC
 Julie Todd (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Hugh Jackson

Agenda Item	APOLOGIES	ACTION
1.	Cllr Jackson (holiday).	
2.	MEMBERS' INTERESTS None	
3.	CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS Cllr Gomm reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC 23/24 Budget Consultation currently in progress. Key areas of spend: £475m adult and children's care; £253m new facilities – leisure centres, schools, care homes. No increase in Council Tax. • Flitwick Station Interchange – handover delayed due to snow in Flitwick. Should be later this month. • Aldi – projected completion by end 2023 • Flitwick Station Step Free Access – Network Rail have budgeted for this work. Awaiting details. 	
4.	MINUTES OF MEETING 08/11/22 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes represented a true account of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Henninger (meeting chair).	
5.	MATTERS ARISING 6b) Highways – Grit bin for Peakes End requested on 15/12/22 and update requested on 04/01/23. Clerk to chase again. 6d) SVA – Cllr Henninger has contacted Gigaclear who will send a quote for installing WiFi in the Pavilion.	Clerk
6.	REPORTS a) <u>Planning</u> Nothing to report. b) <u>Highways</u> Cllr Wood reported:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS – total cost for the 2 SIDs is £10,600 - £10,000 to be covered by grant from Bedfordshire Police. Cost to SPC for 23/24 £600 and in 29/30 onwards a £1,000 maintenance cost. CBC suggested it might be effective to sometimes turn the SID on Eversholt Road – cost £500 per turn. • Village Gates – it was unanimously agreed to accept the estimate from Wisteria Landscaping & Fencing for £3,684.00. Cheque for materials (£2,724.00) to be raised. • Peakes End Bend – it was unanimously agreed that the cutting back of the hedges had made a significant difference – it is now much safer to navigate. Clerk to send email of thanks to Cllr Mackey. <p>c) <u>Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Cllr Yarde reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rectory Road hedge has been cut by Richard Harris. • Recreation Ground – dead tree to be replaced. Cllr Yarde to organise spraying of ground for ragwort. <p>d) <u>SVA</u> Cllr Jordan reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillator has been checked. • Village Hall – windows to be painted in Spring. Heating – Cllr Jordan meeting heating engineer to discuss options and possible funding. • Pavilion – replacement heater ordered (cheque to be raised for Lionel Yarde £263.95). • 28/01/23 Quiz Night • SVA to send SPC insurance invoice. <p>e) <u>Recreation Ground</u> Noticeboard – it was agreed to ask Wisteria Landscape to move the noticeboard.</p> <p>f) <u>Steppingley Profile</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p>g) <u>Communications</u> Village Whatsapp group continues to be active.</p> <p>h) <u>Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Balances: Current Account £12,409.55 Reserve Account £9,218.71</p> <p>Invoices approved for payment: Wisteria Landscaping & Fencing £2,724.00 Lionel Yarde £263.95</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>LY</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>CW</p>
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	<p>Fire & Security Solutions £279.00</p> <p><u>Mandate</u> – it was unanimously agreed to take William Eilbeck off the mandate and replace with Pauline Henninger. This would mean on the mandate is Hugh Jackson, Julie Todd and Pauline Henninger.</p> <p><u>Online Banking</u> – once the mandate has been changed it was agreed to apply for online banking. This would mean the Clerk would set up payment with either Cllr Jackson or Cllr Henninger approving.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING None</p>	
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 14 March 2023.</p>	

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

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date