

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Wednesday, 9 September 2021

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Charles Gomm – CBC
 Chris Schuster – Chair,
 Tingrith PM

APOLOGIES

Pauline Henninger
 Cllr Neil Bunyan - CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey – CBC

Agenda Item		ACTION
1.	<p>APOLOGIES Cllr Pauline Henninger and CBC Cllrs Neil Bunyan and Gareth Mackey.</p>	
2.	<p>MEMBERS' INTERESTS None</p>	
3.	<p>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS Cllr Gomm reported: <u>Flitwick Interchange Station</u> Contractors are Osborne – start date tba. Currently trial holes being dug in Steppingley Road verge. Network Rail are responsible for step free access to the station – Cllr Gomm is pushing for this work to begin. <u>Steppingley Crematorium</u> No information is forthcoming from CBC Assets; CBC Planning said SPC will be notified when planning application is made. The CBC owned field has not been farmed and is full of weeds/ragwort for the second year. It was agreed this was a waste of public money. <u>Aldi</u> Plans have been amended; Tesco's object. The CBC case officer is Annabel Robinson. <u>The Drovers</u> A formal invitation to attend this meeting was sent to Salik Miah on 01/09/21 following his email of 25/07/21. Mr Miah sent an email saying he was unable to attend on 09/09/21. No update from CBC Planning. <u>Steppingley Road Older Persons Housing</u> Works contract is out to tender. Completion date: 2023. <u>Church Road Retirement Living – Flitwick Grange</u> Currently out to consultation. Application is for between 200-250 units to be built on privately-owned Green Belt land. <u>Green Bins/Tidy Tip</u> Collections will resume – dependent on recruitment of drivers. Booking system at tidy tip will stop. <u>Petting Farm by The Drovers</u> no application has been received however it would appear that Bedford Estates have rented out the land to become a petting farm.</p>	

	Vincent's Farm, Froghall Road G2 listed building which is unoccupied with windows boarded up. Cllr Jackson asked Cllr Gomm to investigate CBC's plans for the building. Cllr Jackson to send Cllr Gomm photos	HJ/CG
4.	THE DROVERS ARMS As stated above: A formal invitation to attend this meeting was sent to Salik Miah on 01/09/21 following his email of 25/07/21. Mr Miah sent an email saying he was unable to attend on 09/09/21. No update from CBC Planning.	
5.	EVENTS LICENSING AND PERMISSIONS Following the application for the Psymera Festival in the summer, the PC discussed whether the PC can see TENS licence applications; has the right to object to applications; who can object – Environment Agency and Police?. Cllr Jackson signed up to receive licensing emails from CBC however was told he is already signed up but, to date, has not received any notifications. Cllr Jackson to email Cllr Bunyan in his capacity as Chair, Licensing Committee.	HJ
6.	MINUTES OF 14 JULY 2021 AGM It was unanimously agreed the minutes represented a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.	
7.	REPORTS a) <u>Planning</u> Nothing to report b) <u>Highways</u> Cllr Wood reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglian Water (AW)/Flitwick Road – met with AW re closure of Flitwick Road from February 2022. Eight week closure – four weeks with four-way traffic lights at Steppingley roundabout and four weeks' closure of Flitwick Road. AW will be compensating businesses affected by the closure and have offered to hold a presentation for the village. It was agreed this offer should be accepted. • SIDS – policy is written and should be agreed by CBC this month. There will be match funding available. • Peakes End Bend – footpath and kerb need to be kept as they act as a barrier for floodwater. • New Gates at Entrances to Village – awaiting photo examples from Cllr Jordan. Once received Cllr Wood will discuss with CBC Highways. • 20 mph Speed Limit – would need police approval and this very unlikely • Speedwatch –. Steppingley would join with Flitwick Speedwatch and have 4/5 volunteers. Currently on hold as there is no co-ordinator at Flitwick Speedwatch. 	CW MJ

	<p>c) <u>Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Cllr Yarde reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees – Cllr Wood ordering native varieties which will be planted in November • Hedge – majority of plants have survived. Volunteers needed for weeding. • Tree Survey – coming up to three years since last survey. It was agreed to ask Wilby Tree Surgeons (who undertook previous survey) for quote. <p>d) <u>SVA</u> Cllr Jackson to review lease and lease to be registered.</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> Noting to report.</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>Invoice for payment: Phil Hynes – hedge cutting £280</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HJ/Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS St Lawrence Church – David Kelly visited the tower. John Heel, Bell Captain, has 3/4 trainee ringers. Tree work in the graveyard has been carried out by CBC. Next event: Hymns and Pimms.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday, 10 November 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