

**MINUTES**

For: Steppingley Parish Council  
 Held on: Thursday, 30 July 2020

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr Charles Gomm - CBC  
 Cllr Gareth Mackey - CBC  
 Andrew McIlhatton

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr Neil Bunyan - CBC

<b>This meeting was held over the internet using Zoom due to COVID-19</b>		
<b>Agenda Item</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Cllr Neil Bunyan.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>MEMBERS' INTERESTS</b> None	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORT</b></p> <p>Cllr Mackey:  <u>Aldi Store, Flitwick</u> – approved at the recent 2 day DMC meeting. Will now be sent to Minister of the Environment for ratification as building is on Green Belt. Opening Summer 2021. Entrance will be on Ampthill Road. No S106 monies – Hugh Jackson expressed disappointment and requested that Cllr Mackey look in to the triggers for S106 money.</p> <p><u>Health Hub</u> – Flitwick earmarked for a health hub – Steppingley Hospital a potential site. This would be possibly in 2025. It was agreed Lionel Yarde would raise this at next PPG meeting together with how many doctor consultations were now held virtually and on the telephone.</p> <p>Cllr Gomm:  <u>July Traffic Management Meeting</u> – speed limits of 30 and 50 mph approved for Fordfield Road. This will be monitored over next 12 months.</p> <p><u>Frogmore Road</u> - CBC will undertake another study. Not sure road has been adopted by CBC yet.</p> <p><u>Steppingley Roundabout</u> – traffic lights were frozen – best action to report to police using 101 and call CBC Highways Emergency number. Works extended to 3 August 2020.</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>LY</b></p>

	<p><u>CBC Highways Reporting Portal</u> – CBC to adopt new system in September – Fix My Street which is currently used by 19 local authorities.</p> <p><u>One Network App</u> – shows all roadworks information.</p> <p><u>Rectory Road/Cobblers Lane</u> – being used as a race track. The police are aware and have mounted a number of action days resulting in a couple of apprehensions.</p> <p><u>Crematorium</u> – both councillors reported that there was no further news.</p> <p><u>New Homes Bonuses</u> – CPRE reported that CBC tops league for this Government scheme - £1.3/4m over last 3/4 years. CBC use this money across the county as opposed to in the area of construction.</p> <p><u>Impact of Covid-19 on CBC Finances</u> – reportedly a £29m hole in budget due to loss of income and increased expenditure on certain services. Have received a £13.7m grant from Government. CBC in “healthier” position than two neighbouring authorities.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF 4 JUNE 2020 MEETING</b>            One amendment:            3. Fordfield Light – “nuisance” should be added.            Duly approved and duly signed.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b>            6e. Hugh Jackson has spoken with The French Horn and they do not wish to use part of the recreation ground.</p> <p>Other matters to be covered in reports.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b>  <b>a) Planning</b>  <u>CB/20/02325/FUL The Drovers</u> – Erection of Marquee            SPC councillors reported that feedback from the village is overwhelming against this application. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marquee is a temporary structure whereas the application is for a permanent facility</li> <li>• Noise outside the marquee has not been accounted for. Does a sound system fall under planning? Sound report is with marquee flaps/doors closed. Generators would be needed and these have not been accounted for.</li> <li>• Licensee responsible for limiting sound – would this be enforceable/is it realistic?</li> <li>• Land – is it garden or agricultural land? Enforcement Notice stated land should be reinstated and trees planted neither have been carried out</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways – anomalies between application and sound report which states a car park at the back.</li> <li>• 2m Fence – this would necessitate digging up shrubs/trees</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SPC councillors would email HJ with points</li> <li>2. SPC would object to this application</li> <li>3. CBC Ward Councillors would be asked to call application in to DMC</li> <li>4. Village would be informed of SPC’s decision to object to application and ask villagers to register their views with CBC</li> </ol> <p>Woofstop – No objection.</p>	<p><b>ALL HJ CG/ NB/GM PH</b></p>
	<p><b>b) Highways</b> Chris Wood attended recent CBC Highways meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Radar Speed Sign – awaiting approval from CBC as they are responsible for the verges/installing.</li> <li>2) Verges + wild flowers – reported that “wild” verges result in slower traffic. Can SPC scatter seeds?</li> </ol>	<p><b>CW</b></p>
	<p><b>c) Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Trees &amp; Conservation</b> <u>Rectory Road Hedge</u> – hedge on roadside + up to pavilion has now been cut. Invoice for works £240 – approved. <u>Village Hall Clock</u> – two motors replaced under guarantee. <u>Hedge opposite Steppingley Hospital</u> – Lionel Yarde has reported to CBC.</p>	
	<p><b>d) SVA</b> No report</p>	
	<p><b>e) Recreation Ground</b> <u>Play Equipment</u> – It was agreed Marcus Webb would contact SVA re best time for annual ROSPA inspection to take place.</p>	<p><b>MW</b></p>
	<p><b>f) Steppingley Profile</b> Flower planter is on order to be sited on “triangle”. As a new planter installed and planted up by Indi Jackson and Julie Neilson (from funds raised by the Dickensian Fayre) is now in situ, it was agreed that the planter money could be diverted into, possibly, a noticeboard by the church. Melissa Jordan to investigate and report back.</p> <p>Defibrillator has been cleaned.</p> <p>Village library is overflowing. Possible future purchase – larger shelves.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p>
	<p><b>g) Communications</b> Village WhatsApp group continues to be a great success.</p>	

	<p><b>h) Finance</b>                  Finance spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.                  Balances:                  Current Account: £3,328.31                  Reserve Account: £6,453.34</p> <p>2019/20 Accounts – submitted to external auditors, Mazars.                  Copy posted on Steppingley website together with notice of inspection on both the website and village noticeboard.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>                  Distributed by email.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  <u>St Lawrence’s Church</u> – north wall of the aisle replastering has now been completed. More plastering of NW and SE corners to be carried out in September.                  Cherry tree on boundary wall – review again in Spring.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>                  Thursday, 10 September 2020</p>	

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

Signed .....  
 Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date .....