

STEPPINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Tuesday, 26 September 2023

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Gareth Mackey – CBC

APOLOGIES

Melissa Jordan
 Cllr Ian Adams - CBC
 Cllr Heather Townsend - CBC

Agenda Item	ACTION
<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Adams, Jordan and Townsend.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Members' Interests None</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>CBC Councillors' Reports Cllr Mackey reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan Review 2027 – to include effect of East/West Rail. • FP1 – closure has been announced for repairs to bridge. Request for gate onto Fordfield Road to be moved and be a kissing gate still to be actioned by CBC. • Steppingley Road Traffic Lights – frustration expressed – likely to be in place until Christmas.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Flitwick Lodge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC Licensing are aware of the complaints following recent events.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting: 11/07/23 Cllr Wood proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Yarde seconded and it was unanimously agreed. Cllr Jackson signed the minutes.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising None</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p><u>a. Planning</u> No applications.</p> <p><u>b. Highways</u> Eversholt Road – pothole has been reported. Flitwick Road 30mph Sign – now facing the correct way. Flitwick Road SID – needs lowering and the angle adjusted.</p> <p><u>c. Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Recreation ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New trees – the Council thanked Martin Staples for donating the trees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree/hedge work – Richard Harris is scheduled to carry out this work shortly. • Rabbit fencing – once hedge has been cut back, three quotes to be obtained. <p><u>d. SVA Liaison</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Ground Lease – expired in July. It was agreed the rent needs to be increased. • SPC/SVA Relationship – it was agreed this needs to be revisited. Cllr Jackson to action. <p><u>e. Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>Due to an error, two safety inspections were undertaken – both reports raised same issues. Clerk to cancel future inspections by ROSPA Play Safety.</p> <p>Quotes to be obtained for hooped metal railings for play area perimeter.</p> <p><u>f. Steppingley Profile</u></p> <p>Village triangle – solar panel to power tree lights was discussed.</p> <p><u>g. Communications</u></p> <p>WhatsApp village group continues to thrive.</p> <p><u>h. Finance</u></p> <p>The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Accounts – as of 30/06/23</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="419 1256 914 1330"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£10,076.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>£9,261.67</td> </tr> </table> <p>Invoices agreed for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="419 1395 1278 1500"> <tr> <td>18/07/23</td> <td>AED Donate</td> <td>Defibrillator Pads and Battery</td> <td>£417.59</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unity Trust Application – opening new accounts – application completed. 	Current Account	£10,076.93	Reserve Account	£9,261.67	18/07/23	AED Donate	Defibrillator Pads and Battery	£417.59	<p>Clerk</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>MJ</p>
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<p>8.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>CBC Leisure Parish Schedules for Recreational open space and outdoor sport – Clerk to complete.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>								

9.	Matters to be Brought Forward to Next Meeting SPC/SVA Relationship The Pavilion	
10.	Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday, 14 November 2023 @ 7.30 pm in the village hall.	

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

Signed

Date