

STEPPINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Tuesday, 30 January 2024

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Ian Adams - CBC

APOLOGIES

Chris Wood

| Agenda Item | | ACTION |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Wood. | |
| 2. | Members' Interests None | |
| 3. | CBC Councillors' Reports Ward Councillor Adams reported: <u>Licensing</u> – if a public body does not share information, how can objections be made? <u>2024/25 Budget</u> – reserves of £94m have been depleted with overspend in current financial year. Children's has a £10m overspend with £6m being spent on transport. 2024/25 Precept – there will be a 5% increase. <u>Amphill Station</u> – Wixams station is more likely. <u>Amphill Heights</u> – a thousand trees have been felled due to potential flooding risks. This work was undertaken without consultation. <u>Flitwick Road Potholes</u> – Cllr Adams to follow up with CBC Highways re potholes opposite Revelstoke. <u>Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans</u> – Cllr Webb attended a meeting re proposed new rural bike ways and raised concerns about suitability and whether it was a good use of CBC budget. Cllr Adams to investigate. | IA IA |
| 4. | Minutes of Last Meeting: 14/11/23 Cllr Webb proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Henninger seconded and it was unanimously agreed. Cllr Jackson signed the minutes. | |
| 5. | Reports <u>a. Planning</u> Nothing to report. <u>b. Highways</u> - Flitwick Road – see (3) above. - Flitwick Road SID - is not working. | CW |

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| <p>- Flitwick Road Narrow Road Sign – needs to be turned back.</p> <p><u>c. Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u></p> <p>- FP1 is closed.</p> <p>- Inclusive Farm Ltd – it is believed Mr and Mrs Duxbury have moved to Scotland. Councillors wondered whether the visits from MK College would continue and what the arrangements were for the animals. It was agreed the Clerk would contact MK College.</p> <p><u>d. SVA Liaison</u></p> <p>- Quiz night was held at end of 2023.</p> <p>- Village hall clock has now been fixed.</p> <p>- Pavilion – it was agreed a key pad system for the key would be beneficial.</p> <p><u>e. Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>- Rabbit fencing has been completed.</p> <p>- Martin Staples has kindly replaced the new tree and been thanked.</p> <p>- Play equipment – it was agreed to include “life expectancy” on this year’s safety inspection which will take place in March. It was agreed that at the meeting following the report, the future plan for the area would be discussed.</p> <p><u>f. Steppingley Profile</u></p> <p>It was agreed the Christmas lights on the tree on The French Horn triangle were very festive.</p> <p><u>g. Communications</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>h. Finance</u></p> <p>The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Accounts</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£18,521.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> </table> <p>Invoices paid/agreed for payment:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>07/12/23</td> <td>Tim Buckingham</td> <td>Cricket Ground Rabbit Fencing</td> <td>£1,140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29/11/23</td> <td>Hugh Jackson</td> <td>Tree Lights + Battery</td> <td>£259.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31/12/23</td> <td>Julie Todd</td> <td>October-December Salary + Back Pay</td> <td>£464.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31/12/23</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Clerk’s Tax</td> <td>£116.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22/12/23</td> <td>Fire & Security Solutions</td> <td>Pavilion Alarm, Lighting + Extinguisher Servicer</td> <td>£222.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£2,201.21</td> </tr> </table> <p>- Unity Trust Bank – both accounts are now with Unity. It was agreed:</p> | Current Account | £18,521.17 | Reserve Account | £0 | 07/12/23 | Tim Buckingham | Cricket Ground Rabbit Fencing | £1,140.00 | 29/11/23 | Hugh Jackson | Tree Lights + Battery | £259.11 | 31/12/23 | Julie Todd | October-December Salary + Back Pay | £464.10 | 31/12/23 | HMRC | Clerk’s Tax | £116.00 | 22/12/23 | Fire & Security Solutions | Pavilion Alarm, Lighting + Extinguisher Servicer | £222.00 | Total | | | £2,201.21 | <p>Clerk</p> |
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