

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Wednesday, 10 March 2022

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Neil Bunyan - CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey – CBC

APOLOGIES

Lionel Yarde
 Cllr Charles Gomm - CBC

Agenda Item	ACTION
1.	APOLOGIES Cllr Yarde and CBC Cllr Gomm.
2.	MEMBERS' INTERESTS None
3.	<p>CBC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</p> <p>Cllr Mackey reported: <u>Crematorium off Fordfield Road</u> – will be discussed at DMC on 16/03/22. Cllr Mackey has requested that it be the first item on the agenda. Discussion followed re objections to application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC Sustainability Plan – crematorium does not comply – usage of gas as opposed to modern electrical technology; CBC aim to be carbon neutral by 2030 • CBC Business Plan – rising gas prices; financial sustainability • Unsuitable Site – road servicing site; blind bends • Site Assessment – only site considered by CBC; other more suitable sites exist • CBC Farms Policy – does not comply <p>It was agreed Cllr Jackson would speak on behalf of SPC and Cllr Webb would make a personal representation at DMC. Cllrs Mackey, Jackson and Webb to discuss presentations at Zoom meeting on 14/03/22.</p> <p>Clerk to find out if Ampthill TC are sending a representative to speak at DMC. <u>Flitwick TC/ CBC Joint Committee</u> – SPC to have visiting status to meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Bunyan reported: <u>EV Charging Points</u> – to be supplied by BP Pulse. There will be a consultation re siting. <u>Trees</u> – CBC contact is Steve Mooring. <u>Vincent's Farm, Froghall Road</u> – tarpaulin now covering roof.</p>

GM/HJ/MW

Clerk

	<u>Rectory Road</u> – Cllr Jackson has registered Rectory Road as a toad crossing with the DoT.	
4.	MINUTES OF 5 JANUARY 2022 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes represented a true account of the meetings and were duly signed.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING To be dealt with under Reports.	
6.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) <u>Planning</u> See 3. Crematorium above. <u>CB/22/00117/FULL Church View House</u> – SPC has no objection to this application however will request that PIR external lighting is used and noted that matching materials will be used.</p> <p>b) <u>Highways</u> Cllr Wood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS – applied for two traffic survey counts from CBC. Cost to be checked. • Village Entrances – funding could be available through CBC RMF. Cllr Jordan to give costing to Cllr Wood. • Flitwick Road– works currently scheduled for 04/04-27/05/22 – 4-way traffic lights subject to ground. Anglian Water to do a letter drop. • 30mph Sign Flitwick – Cllr Wood to report to CBC <p>c) <u>Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Cllr Wood reported on Cllr Yarde’s behalf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acer Campestre Queen Elizabeth – Cllrs Wood and Yarde have planted the tree (to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee) in the centre of the new tree crescent • Queen’s Green Canopy – Acer has been registered. • Hexagonal Seat – to be ordered • Plaque – it was agreed to purchase the RBL plaque for £119. To be mounted on a post. • Acacia Tree, Recreation Ground – blew down in February’s high winds. Richard Harris cleared away. It was agreed to plant two ornamental trees – one to be in memory of Phil Hynes. Cllr Wood to investigate varieties. <p>d) <u>SVA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband (Gigaclear) now in Village Hall • Meet the Neighbour evening on 12/03/22 • Village Hall needs new fire doors; window sills and work on the chimneys • Quiz night tba • SVA to fund Picnic on the Rec for the Platinum Jubilee 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CW</p> <p>MJ/CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>Clerk Clerk/CW</p>

	<p>e) <u>Recreation Ground</u> Awaiting safety inspection.</p> <p>f) <u>Steppingley Profile</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p>g) <u>Communications</u> Nothing to report</p> <p>h) <u>Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Balances: Current Account £5,815.86 Reserve Account £9,204.66</p> <p>Payments: 18.01.22 Fire & Security Solutions Ltd - Pavilion Fire Alarm Service - £219 21.01.22 CPRE Subscription 30.01.22 Richard Harris - Tree Surgery -£350 21.02.22 Chris Wood Jubilee Tree - 189.08 25.02.22 Fire & Security Solutions Ltd - Pavilion Fire Extinguisher - £198 27.02.22 Richard Harris - Tree Surgery - £220 01.03.22 Office Needs Direct Ltd - Tree Seat - £582.17 10.03.22 Julie Todd - Expenses (inc Office Allowance) - £172.32</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>POLICIES AND PROCURES The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessment • Asset Register • Financial Regulations • Standing Orders 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr Jordan raised the possibility of changing the envelope of the conservation area to include the field next to the bungalow and also the land/field behind Church End to the chapel.</p>	

10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30 pm – APM + AGM	
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The above are considered a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date