

STEPPINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Tuesday, 9 September 2024

PRESENT

Pauline Henninger
 Hugh Jackson
 (Chair)
 Melissa Jordan
 Lionel Yarde
 Julie Todd (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Ian Adams – CBC

APOLOGIES

Keith Herring
 Marcus Webb
 Chris Wood
 Cllr Heather Townsend – CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey - CBC

Agenda Item	ACTION
<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Herring, Webb and Wood and Ward Cllrs Townsend and Mackey.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Members' Interests None</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>CBC Councillors' Reports Ward Cllr Adams reported: <u>Health Hubs</u> – spoke at Executive stating big need in Ampthill/ Flitwick and proposing Steppingley Hospital as a suitable site. <u>School Catchment</u> – boundary changes will affect transport funding. CBC has decided to conduct further research and review again next year. Education transport costs have risen from £9m to £20m. <u>Tidy Tip</u> – proposal for new charges for some DIY waste. <u>Oakfield Gardens Crematorium Lighting</u> – awaiting response from CBC to Ward Cllr Adams' emails. <u>Steppingley Road Field</u> – Steppingley Fields Action Group's letter was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that SPC support the issues raised and would write separately to CBC. <u>Flitwick Road</u> – hard core is being washed away. Ward Cllr Adams to visit and raise with Dmitri Maluga, CBC Highways Technician North</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Minutes of PC Meeting: 09/07/24 Cllr Jordan 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.</p>

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<p>5.</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p><u>a. Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steppingley Field – see (3) above. - Froghall Farm – CBC’s response of 22/08/24 was circulated to councillors together with Cllr Jackson’s reply. It was agreed to revisit at future meetings and to keep the pressure on CBC. CB/TCA/24/00403 22 Church End – tree works – no objection. <p><u>b. Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SID on Flitwick Road does not always react to cars. Cllrs wondered whether the post is too tall. Cllr Wood to investigate. - Speedwatch – five sessions have taken place by The Drivers and stable yard on Eversholt Road. Details of speeding cars are sent to the police for a follow up letter. The team would ideally like a station to catch cars coming in to village from Eversholt. - Coloured tarmac – it was agreed coloured zones especially on The French Horn bend would be of great benefit to the village and drivers. Cllr Wood to contact CBC re next steps. <p><u>c. Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree Survey – it was agreed to accept Richard Harris’ quote for medium priority work as detailed in June 2024 report and have a two metre clearance around play equipment - £450. - Rectory Road Hedges – Richard Harris to cut. <p><u>d. SVA Liaison</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Village Hall – ladies/disable toilet has been refurbished and new fire doors fitted. Windows – toilet windows are not heritage and will be replaced, the other windows will be refurbished. - New Village Website – awaiting booking system. - Current Village Website – pavilion details need to be included together with option to hire. - Beer Festival –21/09/24. - SPC/SVA Lease – lease to be submitted to Land Registry at a cost of £45 to SVA. - Cricket Club Lease – Cllr Jackson to redraft. <p><u>e. Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>Play equipment report together with Cllr Webb’s views were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to accept CPM’s quote for repairs. Swings – with both the toddlers’ and flat seat swings needing to be replaced it was agreed to investigate whether a combined three swing option is available.</p> <p><u>f. Steppingley Profile</u></p> <p>Coloured tarmac for bend by French Horn – Cllr Jordan to discuss with Cllr Wood and obtain an outline quote.</p> <p><u>g. Communications</u></p> <p>Speedwatch group – a number of residents have volunteered to start a group. Training will be from Beds Police.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>MJ/KH</p> <p>HJ HJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>MW</p> <p>Clerk/MW</p>
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	<p><u>h. Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Accounts – as of 28/08/24</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£3,235.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>£15,131.41</td> </tr> </table> <p>Invoices agreed for payment</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1 August 2024</td> <td>Julie Todd</td> <td>2023/24 Expenses + Office Allowance</td> <td>£198.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Richard Gates</td> <td>Recreation Ground Grass Cutting</td> <td>£360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£558.45</td> </tr> </table>	Current Account	£3,235.21	Reserve Account	£15,131.41	1 August 2024	Julie Todd	2023/24 Expenses + Office Allowance	£198.45		Richard Gates	Recreation Ground Grass Cutting	£360.00	Total			£558.45	MJ
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6.	<p>Reserves Policy Draft circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Henninger proposed and Cllr Yarde seconded to adopt the policy.</p>	Clerk																
7.	<p>Cannabis Tipping It was agreed to write to the PCC re this issue – some nine tips already this year.</p>	Clerk																
8.	<p>Correspondence Distributed by email.</p>																	
9.	<p>Matters to be Brought Forward to Next Meeting Coloured Tarmac Zones New Village Website Play Equipment - Swings</p>																	
10.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday, 12 November @ 7.30 pm in the village hall</p>																	

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

Signed

Date