MINUTES

1: Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Banks and Burnage. Cllr Hill also tendered his apologies.

2: Declarations on Interest
Cllr Law declared an interest in planning application Ref: 21/03053/S73WM.

3: To consider any applications for dispensation

4: Public Participation
None

5: Minutes of the previous meeting

6: Matters arising from previous minutes
The Clerk advised that the Bedfordshire Football Association had confirmed that pitch rates for youth teams are between £20 - £25 and for adults up to £55.

Cllr Serino advised that he is seeking quotes for the Village Hall basement and the drains and path.

7: Chairman's Report
Cllr Melville advised that the caretaker roles had been advertised on Facebook and Indeed. Twenty applications have been received to date and at least half look hopeful. The HR Committee will do interviews on the 4th February 2022.

He also advised that litter in the village and at Kempston Hardwick was an issue. Cllr Serino said that he may know someone that can assist until we recruit a full-time caretaker. The rate of pay would be £10.50 an hour.

Cllr Melville will put a message out on Facebook over this weekend to let people know about the recent changes in the Parish Council.

8: Report from Bedford Borough Council
Cllr Hill's report was noted.

Cllr Melville requested further information about the incident with the Transport Police including any action points.

Cllr Law will follow up on the Forest of Marston Vale trees by the 23rd January 2022.

9: Clerk's Financial Report
9.1 Authorise payments for BACS transfer
The Clerk advised the meeting of the invoices that were due to be paid and talked them through the report.

9.2 Accounts
The balances of the Parish Council and Sports Fields account were shared with members. The Clerk advised that in future these would be sent out with the meeting papers.

9.3 Budget Monitoring Reports
The Budget Monitoring Reports were also tabled at the Finance Meeting on the 12th January 2022 to inform the precept for the 2022-23 financial year.

9.4 Precept 2022-23

9.5 Sports Pavilion Budget 2022-23

10: Quotations for authorisation
10.1 Annual Street Lighting Maintenance
The Council considered a quote from Andy Muskett Ltd for the annual street lighting maintenance from the 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2025.

10.2 Work on Football Pitches

10.3 Churches Fire Annual Contract

10.4 Village Hall Painting
Cllr Law presented a quote from DTM for painting skirting doors, doors and windowsills predominately in the bar area

10.5 Litter Picking at Kempston Hardwick
Currently the litter picking at Kempston Hardwick is done every twelve weeks however this needs to be increased to every six weeks. The Council has received a quote from Warners, each litter pick will cost £100.

11: Planning Applications

11.1 Ref: 21/03299/FUL Full Planning Application for removal of the existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension with flat roof and roof lantern at 68 Stewartby Way, Stewartby, Bedfordshire MK43 9LL
It was RESOLVED that the Council had no objections to this application.

11.2 Ref: 21/03294/FUL Full Planning Application for installation of new first floor windows to the side of the building at 20 Broadmead Business Park, Broadmead Road, Stewartby MK43 9NX It was RESOLVED that the Council had no objection to this application.
11.3 Ref: 21/03246/MAF Major Full and Change of Use Application for demolition of the existing buildings and redevelopment for a 70-bed care home and associated access, parking and landscaping (cross-boundary application with Central Bedfordshire Council) land South West of Railway Cottages, Ampthill Road, Kempston Hardwick, Bedfordshire It was RESOLVED that the, in principle, the Council had no objections to the development however there were concerns about the suitability of the B530. Section 106 monies should be requested to enable the speed limit to be changed to 30 and a pedestrian crossing should be installed. When
exiting the site onto the B530, this should be left turn only due to road safety concerns.

11.3 Ref: 21/03053/S73WM S 73 Waste/Minerals Application variation of conditions (Approved Plans), 11 (CCTV), 17 (Skip Storage) attached to planning permission BC/CM/2009/4 to increase annual throughput to 150,000 tonnes. Maximum daily vehicle movements to 340 and to extend operation hours on weekdays in the sorting shed. G Moore Haulage, Manor Road, Kempston
Hardwick, Bedford MK43 9NT It was RESOLVED that the Council objected to this application as Manor Road is totally unsuitable for
this level of increase in commercial traffic. The Council would like additional information about the specific operating hours.

Planning Decision

11.3 21/01307/FUL Permission granted for single storey side extension following the demolition of existing alterations to external wall at 107 Alexander Close, Stewartby, Bedford MK43 9LT

12: Amenities

12.1 Highways/Lighting
Cllr Law looking into this area.

12.2 Recreation Area
Cllr Law to ascertain whether there is a grant available to replace the play equipment.

12.3 Newsletter
Copy deadline notes as 18th March 2022. It was noted that this will be Cllr Birch's last newsletter. This will be tabled to discussion at a future meeting.

12.4 Sports Field/Pavilion
Cllr Melville raised concerns following an injury one of the players sustained during Football at the weekend.

Cllr Law advised that it maybe possible to secure a defibrillator for the Sports Pavilion at a discounted rate from Bowls England. It was agreed to go ahead with this as it can be funded from the Sports Pavilion Capital Fund.

12.5 Village Hall

12.6 Policing

Cllr Melville advised that he will be attending the Priority Setting meeting next week. It was agreed that the priority they should consider is vehicle crime and burglary. He also urged Councillors to complete the survey about the precept.

12.7 Covanta
Cllr Law is awaiting the minutes from the last meeting

13: Report from the Sports Pavilion Sub-Committee

Cllr Law advised that the initial meeting had been held. One of the key areas to look at is marketing and terms and conditions of hire.

14: Outdoor Gym Project

15: Parish Council Surgeries

16: Website, Facebook and communication within the community

17: Community Events in 2022

18: Close of Meeting and items for the next Agenda

Meeting closed at 8.33 pm.
Items for the next Agenda:
• Plaques

19: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th February 2022 @ 6.30 pm