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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 26th November 2019

Present

Councillor Chris Horsman (Chair)
Councillor Ray Kilham (Vice)
Councillor Berenice Wyke
2 Vacancies
Julia Tufnail Clerk
3 Members of the Public

Councillor Stuart Nash
Councillor Tesh Rai
Councillor Charlie Anson
PCSO Joe Devlin
Jim McCabe – Warden CBC

58/19-20 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Ian Mclees. It was noted that Cllr Jamera had resigned and that the required notices had been issued.

59/19-20 Cllrs Horsman, Rai and Killham declared an interest in item 65/19-20 and dispensations were granted for them to speak on the matter, but not to vote.

60/19-20 The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 24th September and 14th November 2019 were approved and duly signed.

61/19-20 **Public Participation Session** – None

62/19-20 Financial

1. Cllr Wyke reported that she had conducted the internal control checks without issue. Cllr Anson agreed to do the next checks prior to the January meeting.
2. The financial report, bank reconciliations and budget report were considered and agreed by the council. It was noted that old LSVA accounts were no longer active.
3. Following consideration, it was **resolved** to approve the payments between 27th September and 26th November 2019 as outlined in the financial report. Payments were authorised for payment at the bank.
4. It was **resolved** to approve the 1-Point uplift of the Clerk's salary following successful completion of Level 4 of Community Governance with De Montfort University as from 1.12.19. The clerk was congratulated and authorised to revise the standing order at the bank.
5. It was **resolved** to approve the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Practitioners' Conference 26-27th February 2020. Clerk to book a place.

63/19-20 Aim 3 - Reports

1. The Chairman reported on issues since the last meeting which were noted including CBC's emergency plan and flood management in the village.
It was agreed that the Chairman should write to Tata Steel suggesting uses for the triangular field Longcroft Road/A43 using the results of a residents' poll to be conducted.
2. Corby Borough Council – Jim McCabe, Warden CBC, gave a presentation outlining his role and working practices which were noted.
3. Northamptonshire County Council – not present.
4. Clerk – Members were asked to ensure their Members Interest forms were up to date
5. PCSO Joe Devlin confirmed that he had been moved back to Corby and outlined the present situation. He emphasised the need to keep vehicles secure.

64/19-20 **Aim 1**

Local Crime - It was noted that there had been insufficient volunteers to get a local StreetWatch scheme underway. Cllr Horsman to advise those who had volunteered.

65/19-20 **Planning Applications & Developer Issues**

17/00703/OUT 15 new homes Roman Road was discussed and it was agreed that the planning committee would send a letter to CBC outlining the Council's concerns.

66/19-20 **Communications Committee**

1. Cllr Killham reported on the website statistics and it was agreed they were moving in the right direction.
2. Cllr Killham reported on the new website project which was discussed. Cllr Nash suggested using University of Northampton which he would look into and report back. It was agreed that there should be a presentation from the prospective providers in March so that a decision could be made at the March Meeting.

67/19-20 **Resources Committee**

1. Following discussion, it was **resolved** to approve the Council's Budget for 2020-21 proposed by the Resources working party
2. Following discussion, it was **resolved** to approve the £20,000 Precept request for 2020-21 proposed by the Resources working party. The Clerk was authorised to complete and return the required forms to CBC.

68/19-20 **Little Stanion Village Committee**

1. The Chairman read the report on behalf the LSVc's Chair. The carol singing event was applauded and the other parts of the report noted. Following discussion, it was agreed that the resurrection of a historical LSVA/LSPC event in the report was unnecessary as a working agreement had subsequently been made.
2. Agreement of the Terms of Reference of the committee was moved to the next agenda.

69/19-20 **Welcome Centre**

It was agreed to move the makeover project for the Welcome Centre to the next agenda.

70/19-20 **Open Spaces in Little Stanion**

Cllr Horsman reported he was awaiting a response from Bovis.

71/19-20 **Christmas Lights Competition**

- a. Following discussion, it was **resolved** to approve prizes for the competition: M&S vouchers £30, £20, £10. Cllr Anson to purchase on the Council's behalf. It was agreed that the Brownies should judge the competition. Cllr Anson to co-ordinate.
- b. Following discussion, it was agreed to hold a Halloween doorstep competition next year.

72/19-20 **Dog Bins in Little Stanion**

Following discussion, Cllr Anson agreed to obtain stickers for the bins from CBC.

73/19-20 **Other Correspondence**

Nothing further.

It was noted that the next meeting would be **28th January 2020**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.