

## **STEEPLE MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm in Steeple Morden Cricket Pavilion**

**Present:** Councillors: J Clayton (Chairman), K Austin, N Sharkey, N Badger, C Upchurch, S Traverse-Healy, M Bird, M Carroll  
In attendance: Mrs S Walmesley (Clerk), District Cllr Williams with no members of the public.

#### **1 Apologies For Absence And Declarations Under The Code Of Conduct And Requests For Dispensations**

Apologies were received from Cllr Parsons.  
There were no interests declared.

#### **2 Comments And Observations From Parishioners And Members Of The Public**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **3 Proposal to consider adopting the General Power of Competence**

It was proposed by Cllr Traverse-Healy, Seconded by Cllr Upchurch, and resolved that Steeple Morden Parish Council exercises the General Power of Competence as it meets the criteria of the electoral mandate and a qualified Clerk.

#### **4 Price Setting for Use of EV Chargers**

It was noted that the Bowls Club had managed to get a better arrangement which also gave them the opportunity in March 2024 to look for something more attractive.

Cllr Bird had distributed a paper on proposed charges which was discussed. Councillors agreed that they should not subsidise the service which was aimed at casual top ups for users of the recreation area and those residents without charging facility in their own home. Councillors also agreed not to offer a discounted rate for the first month believing this could cause problems when increased to the standard rate.

After further discussion on a proposal by Cllr Badger, seconded by Cllr Bird, it was agreed to charge 49p per unit from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. All Councillors in agreement.

Cllr Bird then expressed concern over the spaces in the car park designated for vehicles using the EV chargers being used for general parking. It was suggested that under normal circumstances there was plenty of room in the car park and if any problems were to arise they would be dealt with.

#### **5 Councillors' items for information and requiring the urgent attention of the Clerk**

##### **5.1 Latest Newsletter**

Cllr Williams advised that there had been an item in the latest newsletter stating that paper bags should be used in the food caddy. This was not the case. Only biodegradable bags purchased through South Cambridgeshire District Council should be used. The newsletter had been amended.

##### **5.2 Recreation Ground Topsoil**

A request had been made by the cricket club for an area outside the village hall to receive some attention with topsoil and grass or turf. There was some string netting on the ground put there years ago to prevent cars from damaging the ground.

Cllr Badger was reminded of the Recreation Ground budget which would cover the cost of top soil and grass seed. Cllr Badger advised that he would seek assistance from the Cricket Club with the work.

**-Cllr Badger**

There was no further business. The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50 pm