

## Emberton Parish Council

### Minutes of Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Present:**

Councillor Steve Gibson – Chairman  
 Councillor Vicki McLean – Vice Chairman  
 Councillor Cynthia Cheney

Ward Councillor Keith McLean (part meeting)  
 Ward Councillor David Hosking (part meeting)

Neil Coolman – Temporary Manager of ASB team, Milton Keynes Council  
 (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Flowers, Councillor Hall, Councillor Horton, Councillor White and Ward Councillor Peter Geary. Late apologies were received from Ward Councillors Keith McLean and David Hosking.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**2.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

**254 - Dates for Commitment** – The dates for meetings were noted. The clerk reported that some planning applications had been received since the agenda had been circulated and it would therefore be necessary to call an Extra-Ordinary Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Councillor Vicki McLean asked the clerk if there was a training session for councillors that she would be able to attend. The clerk to make enquiries with MKC.

**KG**

**254 - Clerk's Report** - The Clerk's report was previously circulated.

**214 – EPFC** - Meeting held 2/6/15. The clerk reported that Paul Flowers had been appointed Chairman and that discussions had taken place with Olney Colts regarding bring football teams from Olney to play at Emberton.

**Update from Ward Councillors**

**A509** – Councillor McLean reported that the A509 resurfacing through Emberton had taken place last week.

**Library Consultation** – Event to be held at Olney Library on 25<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the future of the library service.

**Minerals Plan** – Councillor Hosking reported that the Minerals Plan was now moving to the next stage of development and consultation and that Cabinet had recommended that the final draft plan goes to full council on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. The sites were still as they were in the draft plan; two in Lathbury and one in Lavendon and further consultation will start in September. Councillor Hosking stated that he had asked for a peer challenge as a neighbouring authority had drawn up the plan and he

had concerns regarding the volume of gravel extraction.

Councillors McLean and Hosking left the meeting at 9pm.

## 2.1 **Councillor's Concerns from previous Minutes**

2.1.1 **Village Design Statement/Village Questionnaire** – Nothing to report on this matter.

2.1.13 **High Street footpath (opposite Cedar House)** – Nothing to report.

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – The consultant reported as follows:- “There has been progress in terms of the investigation I have been doing, along with interviewing witnesses. All I think I need to do now is to interview the Needhams and complete my report to MKC. I don't think that I want to comment publically at this stage as to what my recommendations will be but I hope to have the matter completed within the next 4 weeks.”

2.1.24 **Weeds** – Nothing to report.

2.1.73 **Confidential item**

2.1.86 **Directional signage to Emberton Country Park** – The clerk contacted Ringways on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, no response received.

2.1.88 **Water trough at allotments** – The clerk received an estimate from Andrew Sinfield in the sum of £600 who had spoken to allotment holders regarding the work to be undertaken. It was agreed to make a decision on this at the next meeting.

2.1.97 **Three Shires Way sign (entrance to Old Orchard)** – The brambles have now been removed from the sign and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

2.2 **High Street, resurfacing** – Nothing to report on this matter.

## 3.0 **SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

3.1 **Emberton Park** – Councillor V McLean reported that the meeting with MKC on the 29<sup>th</sup> May had been very positive. The café will be put out to tender and Harrold Park and Prior Country Park as well as Salcey Forest have been contacted. It is anticipated that the café will not be up and running until the start of the next season but could possibly be Christmas. MKC recognised that there has got to be a proper discussion about the parking charges otherwise the café won't work. The park were dismayed about the way the café had been left and a temporary arrangement had been put in place but there had been a few issues with regard to the service provided. There will be an additional café facility in the caravan park.

3.2 **234** – Local Government – The clerk confirmed that an application had been submitted for bi fold doors for the pavilion.

## 3.6 **Parish Related**

3.6.82 **Pothole, entrance to Emberton Park** – Nothing further to report.

- 3.6.83 **Raised footpath, Olney Road (opposite number 49)** – Nothing to report.
- 3.6.90 **Speed Indicator Devices** – The clerk reported that the issue with the SIDs seemed to be that the speeds were shown in Mph but recorded in Kph and that this would now be rectified.
- 3.6.93 **Action plan from village walkabout** – See attached sheet.
- 3.23 **Localism Bill and Community Right to Bid** – The clerk reported that the submission for Field 13 had been recommended for refusal.
- 3.39 **Notice on Neighbourhood Plan area for Stantonbury** – No objection to this. The clerk to respond accordingly. **KG**
- 3.51 **Traffic management and local safety schemes**
- Signage exiting Emberton Park** – The sign has now been erected and it was agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.
- Bus stop in Olney Road** – The clerk reported that funding for improvements had not been successful but that she had made contact with Adrian Cardern, Road Safety Team at MKC who had made a site visit and suggested that the hard standing could be widened and he would add this to the 2016/2017 programme. In the meantime, the clerk to contact Souls to see if they would be willing to change the route so that children could be dropped on the opposite side of the road. **KG**
- 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- 4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – The clerk had previously circulated a letter from BLEW in which they had stated that they were winding up the fund and were returning a percentage to the main contributors.
- 4.109 **14/00407/FUL** – Solar Farm and Community Benefit Fund. The clerk reported that £31,500 had now been received and would arrange for the sub committee to meet. **KG**
- 4.137 **15/00502/FUL** – Two storey side and rear extension to existing property and subdivision to create two 3 bedroom dwellings with gardens and parking at 32 Gravel Walk – **refused**
- 4.140 **15/01019/FUL** – Installation of external folding doors, re-positioning of fire door and associated fixtures and fittings at pavilion at Emberton Playing Field, Hulton Drive. There were no objections to this application provided there were no objections from neighbouring properties.
- 4.141 **15/01151/FUL** – Two storey front extension, insertion of dormer windows, first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, demolition of existing side extension and erection of single storey side extension, alterations to existing elevations at Springside Pasture, Petsoe End. There were no objections to this application, providing there were no objections from neighbouring properties and materials were as specified.

5. **ACCOUNTS** – to agree payments and items, as listed below
- 5.1 **RFO's Report and discuss banking arrangements with National Westminster Bank** – The RFO's report for the 8<sup>th</sup> June was accepted.
- 5.2 **Fixed Rate Deposit Account with Cooperative Bank** – The clerk reported that this was in hand.
- 5.3 **A H Contracts** – Payment for emptying dog waste bins for the month of May in the sum of £51.65. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present. It was noted that Councillor McLean was not yet a signatory and was therefore not able to sign cheques. It was agreed that the clerk would ask Councillor Flowers to sign the cheques.
- 5.4 **Mr A Sinfield** – Payment for repairing and painting flower troughs in the sum of £65.60. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present. Signing of cheques as in 5.3 above.
- 5.5 **Mr P Wibaut** – Payment for bus shelter cleaning for March, April and May in the sum of £75.00. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present. Signing of cheques as in 5.3 above.
- 5.6 **Mr K Harris** – Payment for clock tower minding in the sum of £60.00. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present. Signing of cheques as in 5.3 above.
- 5.7 **Mrs K Goss** – Payment for clerk's May salary in the sum of £449.60. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present. Signing of cheques as in 5.3 above.
- 5.8 **Mrs K Goss** – Payment for clerk's telephone/computer and expenses for May in the sum of £20.57. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present. Signing of cheques as in 5.3 above.
- 5.9 **Pension Scheme for Clerk** – The clerk reported that this would not come into effect until 2017 and that Councillor Horton had agreed to look into this. To be carried forward to the next meeting. **MH**
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – is now listed in the Wallet
7. **PARISH RELATED MATTERS**
- 7.1 **Village publicity** – A509 sign for the park, Solar farm community fund, Minerals Plan, anti social behaviour – report to 101
- 7.2 **Councillors' Concerns**  
**Councillor Cheney** commented that parking around the village was proving to be an issue. A discussion took place regarding parking in the village and not being able to have parking restrictions.

**Councillor Gibson** reported that he had received a telephone call from a resident who had found evidence of recreational drugs being used in the playing field and a separate conversation with another resident regarding a motor bike being ridden up and down Hulton Drive. The clerk to put an article in the Well & Towers regarding anti social behaviour.

**KG****8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING****All**

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.