

Emberton Parish Council Annual Assembly 2022 Chairman's Report

22nd March 2022

Steve Gibson

EPC Parish Council Vice Chair

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Emberton Parish Council

- Next Parish Council Elections in May 2024
- Melanie Duncan – Chairman
- Steve Gibson – Vice Chairman
- Paul Flowers
- Colin Jamieson
- Fred Markland
- Guy Palmer
- Harry White

Precept 5 years

Year	Per Band D Household	Total	% Change on year
2017/18	£60.28	£17,000	3%
2018/19	£60.39	£17,000	0%
2019/20	£63.98	£18,000	5.85%
2020/21	£63.98	£18,000	0%
2021/22	£63.99	£18,000	0%
2022/23	£64.23	£18,500	2.77%

Total rateable properties 2010-11 = 267

Source: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits-council-tax/council-tax-information-2014-15>

Expenditure 2021-2022

Running costs

- Clerk including payroll service
- Dog bins
- Valuation of fixed assets
- Playing field maintenance
- Grants to community groups
- Bus shelter cleaning
- Insurance
- Clock tower maintenance
- Annual subscriptions
- Audit of Annual Return
- Website (Domain name and hosting)
- Flower troughs and hanging baskets
- Emptying litter bins in the High Street
- Weed spraying
- Parish on line subscription
- GDPR compliance

All expenditure over £100 detailed on parish council website as per Transparency Code

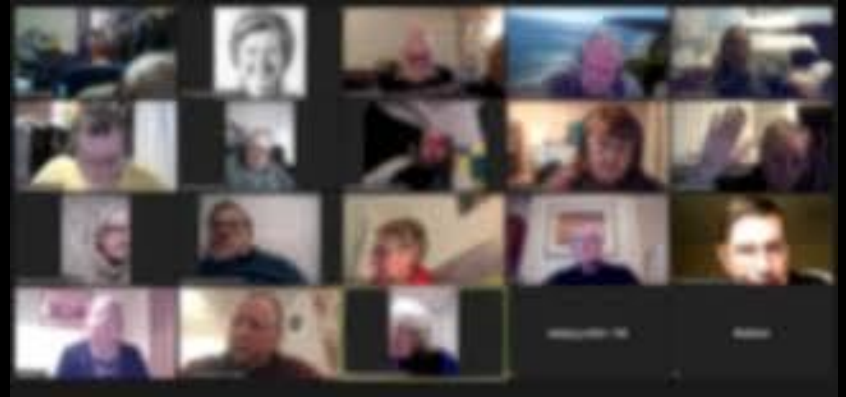


Grants Given 2021/2022

Grantee	Value	What for
Well and Towers	£750	Annual running costs
Dr J Taylor	£650	Pensioners' Xmas dinner
SRC	£3480	Playing field maintenance
History Society	£600	Rent for archive room
All Saint's Church	£1000	Noticeboard

Parish Council Meetings

- Face to face meetings returned in May 2021
- All residents welcome to join either in person or via zoom
- Please contact the clerk for more details



Meetings Attended during 2021/22

- EPC Councillors attended the following external meetings (some via Zoom) to represent your interests:
 - Emberton Park Liaison User's Group Meeting
 - MK Parishes Forum
 - Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting
 - North East Rural Community Forum

Emberton Allotments

11 Plots

All currently being worked

Allotment rent covers water costs and some annual work where necessary

Discussions with MKC to take over ownership of land

Councillor Jamieson met with MKC officer to ascertain boundary and request that chain link fence was replaced



Playing Field

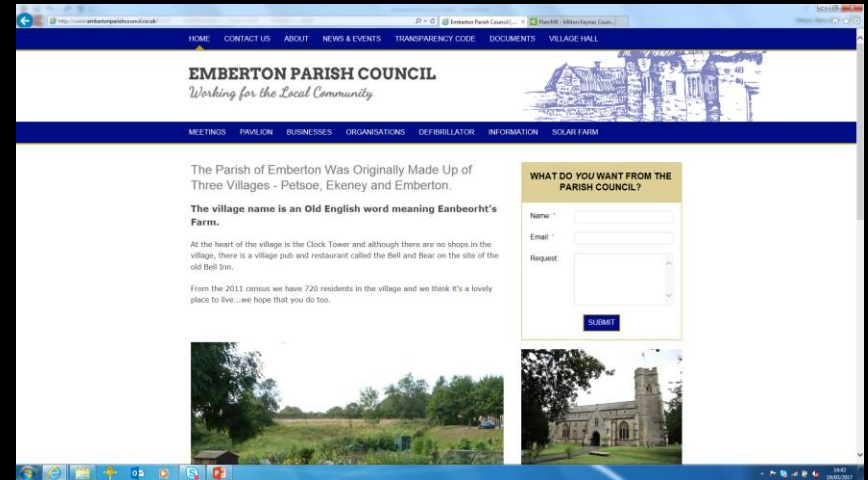
- Playing field now managed by the parish council under the Sports & Recreation Committee
- Parish council has responsibility for the administration and finances of the committee led by the clerk
- Field used by Olney Town Colts for 4 youth teams, playing on Saturdays
- Two adult teams playing football on Sunday mornings
- Cricket played by two long serving regular teams on Saturdays
- Ad hoc cricket on Thursdays and Sundays
- Groundsmen do an excellent job of looking after the facilities for which the parish council is very grateful



Village Website and Communication

www.embertonparishcouncil.co.uk

- Emberton Parish Council website source of:
- Community information
- Latest village news
- Parish council facebook page
- Monthly updates in W & T
- Urgent information on Emberton Echo What's App Group, Emberton Connect & Protect What's App Group and Emberton Friends Facebook group



Emberton School

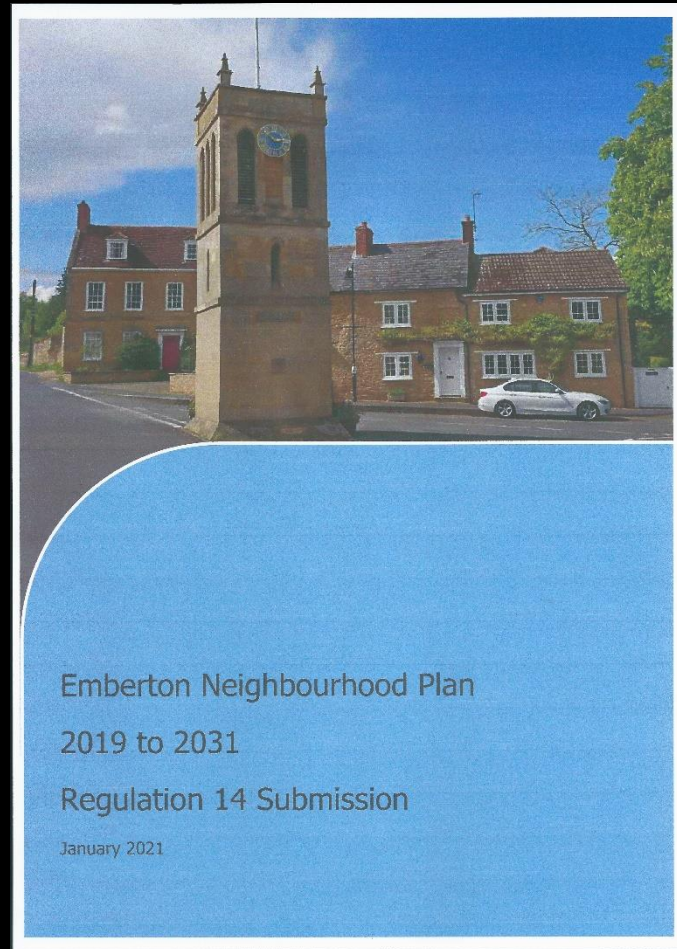
- Approach to MKC from Acorn Early Years Foundation to use the school as a nursery and the school field for a forest school/ holiday club. Planning application lodged with Milton Keynes Council for change of use.
- Emberton Parish Council in discussion with the Village Schools Federation and EUC regarding administration of the School House Fund.



[Acorn Early Years Foundation](#)

Emberton Neighbourhood Plan

- Edit 9 of the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted shortly to the parish council for approval at the April meeting
- The final version of the plan will be shared with residents, with the consultation starting at the beginning of May 2022



Bell and Bear

www.thebellandbear.co.uk

Bell and Bear closed May 2019

EPC registered it as a community asset 2012

Community campaign launched to buy the Pub and
1st bid submitted in 6 month window

August 2021 – Success Bell and Bear is
community owned

Committee members:

Maddi Forester
Richard Laval
Richard Logsdail
Paul Noone
Mitesh Patel
David Barton
Helen Billingham

Opening Hours

Wed/Thurs: 4-10.30pm

Fri: 4-11pm

Sat: 12-11pm

Sun: 12-7pm



DOORS
OPEN

10 / 12 / 2021

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SEE YOU THERE!



Wind Farm Community Fund

- One Parish Councillor is a fund committee member:
 - Harry White
- Applications linked to energy conservation or energy education in the community are needed
- Limited funds available for future ideas
- So please bring your ideas to the fund.



Solar Farm - Petsoe

- Committee
 - Harry White
 - Paul Flowers
 - Melanie Duncan
- Grants given 2021-2022 to:
- Tip Top exercise class
- Emberton Toddler Group
- Tots Outdoors (Hollington Wood)
- Emberton Park Sailing Club



Emberton Park

Councillors Harry White and Fred Markland attend the meetings chaired by one of the Ward Councillors and attended by MKC officer who has Emberton Park within his remit

Work starts on Thursday 24th March to remove 29 large poplar trees within Emberton Park along the border of the A509. They are being removed for health and safety purposes. A re-planting plan will be finalised after the trees are removed and will factor in a spectrum of native species



Other items being addressed by EPC

- . Tree planting for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- . Addressing parking restrictions in Olney Road and residents parking only in Hulton Drive and the service road
- . Rat running – Councillor Jamieson looking into Speed Watch scheme; in discussion with Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council. Parish Council awarded a grant to purchase equipment



Police & Crime Figures



Emberton Crime Figures

Other News:

- PCSO David Huckle is the rural officer for Emberton
- If you see anything suspicious call 101 or emergency 999
- Also advise fellow residents via Emberton Connect & Protect Whatsapp group
- Crime figures between 8th February 2022 and 7th March 2022
- 1 x burglary, 1 x road related incident

Planning applications considered by EPC

- Full applications – 15
 - 3 withdrawn, 3 pending,
 - 1 appeal for non determination
- Tree applications – 5
- Other applications – 5
 - 2 Listed Building Consent
 - 2 Discharge of conditions
 - 1 Non material amendment
- The MK Planning process continues to give local parish councils concerns



Thank Yous

- Parish Councillors, in particular Melanie Duncan
- Ward Councillors
- Andy Harris for looking after the clock tower and flag
- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group chaired by Jason Bevan
- Peter Wibaut for watering the troughs and hanging baskets and emptying litter bins
- Clerk – Karen Goss

Thank you and please ask your questions!

