

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 5th September 2016

Present:

Councillor Steve Gibson – Chairman
 Councillor Vicki McLean – Vice Chairman
 Councillor Cynthia Cheney
 Councillor Paul Flowers
 Councillor Mike Horton
 Councillor Harry White

Ward Councillor David Hosking (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Hall and Ward Councillors Keith McLean and Peter Geary.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 18th July 2016 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

Clarification of MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 9th May 2016 (item 7.2 – Emberton United Charity) – The clerk had received an email from Warwick Clarke on behalf of the Trustees of Emberton United Charity who required clarification on item 7.2 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th May. The clarification is as follows; “The trustees of Emberton United Charity (EUC) have asked me to clarify an item recorded in Councillors’ Comments in the May minutes. It was recorded that Councillor Horton commented that EUC gave away money at Christmas to senior citizens who were capable of looking after them selves and that the whole grant process of the parish council giving away money should be looked at.

It is believed this refers to the “Sam's Fund” Christmas gift distribution made in the spirit of the trust established by Kenneth Sams in 1925 in memory of his mother and father. The trustees of EUC are also trustees of the Sam's Fund which is a charity separate from the EUC charities, with funds which are managed separately. Income from the fund is used in accordance with the trust deed set up when the fund was established.

Thus any grant funding received by EUC cannot (should not and is not) be used in support of the separate charity, Sam's Fund. The trustees would not wish any grant application that might be made to the parish council to be misconstrued on account of the misinformation previously recorded.”

The clarification to the Minutes of the 9th May were noted.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

254 - Dates for Commitment – The dates for meetings were noted. A discussion took place regarding there having not been a PLUG meeting since the last one in January. Councillor Hosking to make enquiries. **DH**

254 – Clerk’s Report – The Clerk’s report was previously circulated.

Update from Ward Councillor

Tom Blackburn-Maze – Councillor Hosking reported that he would be meeting the Head of Public Realm, Tom Blackburn-Maze in September with a view to giving him a tour of the Ward. Councillor Hosking requested that faulty street lights were reported. The clerk to put this in the Well & Towers. **KG**

Emberton School – Councillor Hosking reported that a meeting was being held on the 8th September at MKC to discuss Emberton School and that he would update the parish council when he had further information. **DH**

2.1 Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – The clerk requested an update from Andy Burton on the 31st August. Councillor Keith McLean addressing this issue with Tony Toynton.

2.1.24 **Weeds** – The clerk contacted Sherington Parish Council who advised that Milton Keynes Groundcare undertook their landscaping. The clerk reported the weeds in the parking bays at Westpits to MKC on the 16th August. The clerk commented that the clearing of the weeds could perhaps be undertaken through the community payback scheme. The clerk to make enquiries. **KG**

2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Estimates have been received from Ringways (via MKC) in the sum of £3,629.14 which includes installation but not vat (£725.82). Total cost £4,354.96. Funding was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would apply for 50% of the cost through the Parish Partnership Fund. **KG**

2.1.85 **Kerb stones, West Lane** – Mr Kim Hills, MKC had advised that a further discussion with the farmer to fully understand the dynamics at this junction would be helpful. Mr Hills has asked that the parish council instigate a meeting which he would be happy to attend. It was agreed that the clerk arranges a meeting between Mr Gary Pibworth, Mr John Frost and Mr Kim Hills. **Post meeting note;** Mr Warwick Clarke is the owner of the bell mouth of this junction and therefore will also be asked to attend a meeting. **KG**

2.1.99 **Kerb stones in High Street (opposite Bell & Bear)** – Councillor Gibson reported that the buses were clipping the kerb stones opposite the Bell & Bear. The clerk to report this to MKC. **KG**

2.3 Highways issues – site visit by Mr K Hills (13th June 2016):-

Kerb stones, Olney Road – Mr Hills advised that there was no follow up planned and that the corner was being cut by large vehicles. MKC advised the parish council to work with local residents to be more mindful of how they park. It was agreed that the clerk would put this in the Well & Towers.

High Street (Bank by 5 High Street) – Nothing to report.

High Street footpath (opposite Cedar House) – Although this was not on the original footway programme, Mr Hills has been able to have this added and it should be resurfaced in September.

High Street footpath (steep drop on corner of Gravel Walk) – Mr Hills advised that there was not much that could be done with the steep drop, it was part of the character of the village and any work would alter the appearance of the area.

Gravel Walk footpath (opposite Thursby) – This has now been repaired.

Olney Road Footpath (opposite 49) – Mr Hills advised that this had been checked by the Highways Inspector but was not above intervention at the current time and would therefore not be repaired at this stage. Should this be above intervention levels at future inspections, it would be picked up for repair.

Olney Road (flooding) – Mr Hills advised that there were no plans to widen or provide additional storm drains and asked that photographs be taken during rain so that MKC can discuss/understand the problem further. The clerk to put this in the Well & Towers.

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3.0 SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 **Emberton Park** - Councillor White commented that the gate at Emberton Park had been broken for a few days and the parts required for repairing the barrier were no longer available so the park is not being monitored. Councillor Gibson responded that there needed to be some sort of pro active security at the gatehouse. The clerk commented that she had reported loud music in the park to environmental health, MKC who had stated in an email that as the park was council owned there was nothing that could be done. The clerk to send a copy of the email to Councillor Hosking.

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3.2 **Parish Partnership Fund** – The clerk to apply for funding for the village signs.

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3.6 Parish Related

3.6.1 **Website** – Photos taken for the website and to be uploaded.

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3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – It was agreed to wait until further enforcement was undertaken before any discussion/decision was reached.

3.6.50 **Dog fouling – We’re Watching You Campaign** – The clerk to arrange for the posters to be put up. The clerk commented on a dog fouling issue in the village and reported that a resident had been requested to pick up dog mess.

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3.6.98 **Drainage investigation at Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.

3.6.99 **Confidential item**

3.23 **Localism Bill and Community Right to Bid** –The clerk received an email stating that Andy Hudson would be dealing with this. The clerk to arrange to meet Andy

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Hudson.

3.39 **Neighbourhood Plans** – Nothing to report.

3.62 **Plan:MK** – Councillor Hosking reported that there had been a delay in the consultation process and the next stage would probably be next year.

Councillor Hosking left the meeting at 8.30pm

3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – The clerk had previously emailed the decision for the designation of a neighbourhood area for the parish of Emberton which was agreed on the 20th July. The clerk reported that James Williamson had been assigned as the officer to speak to regarding the plan. The clerk to contact Mr Williamson for advice.

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3.75 **Open Space Assessment** – The clerk to see clarification relating to area 458 (field 13) which was shown on the map as Emberton Park.

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4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that there was currently £11,000 in the fund and a meeting would be held in October. The clerk to put details of the fund in the Well & Towers.

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4.109 **Solar Farm and Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Vicki McLean reported that a meeting had taken place earlier in the evening and the Emberton Playing Field Committee had been awarded £2,359.80 towards the purchase of a mower for the cricket square. Councillor Gibson reported that the landlord of the Bell & Bear had approached him for advice regarding the sign and façade of the pub and whether he would be able to apply to the solar farm. The clerk to contact MKC conservation for advice regarding the sign and pass the information to Jon at the Bell & Bear.

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4.170 **16/01602/FUL** – Removal of existing 10 metre high monopole and installation of 17.5 metre high Phase 5 monopole and 3900A RFC cabinet and associated development of telecommunication mast, Olney Road – **permitted**

4.171 **16/01696/TCA** – Notification of intention to reduce by around 10-12ft in height and potentially brace the two stems of 1 x mature Lawson Cypress tree (T1); totally remove the lower limb extending in a south easterly direction away from the main trunk or reduce in length by 5m with the remaining section of the branch braced back to a suitable anchor point of 1 x mature False Acacia/Robinia (T2) (Also applied for under a 5 day notice). Remove any smaller branches that cross through the main fork and reduce large lower limb by 2.5m of 1 x Mature Beech tree (T3); remove to ground level 1 x Mature High Bred Black Poplar (T4) located between the boundary wall and the path next to an Ash at 3 Battle Close for Mr N Adams – **no objections**.

4.172 **16/01744/DISCON** – Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 3 (landscaping scheme), 4 (external materials), 7 (ground conditions assessment) and 8 (construction method statement) attached to application 13/02312/FUL at 6 Prospect Place, Newport Road – **approved**

- 4.173 **16/01504/FUL** – Erection of stable building at Rectory Grange, Petsoe End for Mr M Lawrence. There were no objections to this application, provided there were no objections from neighbouring properties.
- 4.174 **16/01932/NMA** – Non material amendment to application 14/01592/FUL to add new window to side elevation and to change French doors to bi fold doors at 23 Hulton Drive for Mr I Malcolm – **permitted**
- 4.175 **16/02074/FUL** – New first floor rear extension to create additional bedroom, new porch, bi folding doors and kitchen door to front elevation, new windows throughout to include additional velux to kitchen, internal alterations as detailed on plans at Lunn End House, Newton Road for Mr A Hatter. There were no objections to this application, provided there were no objections from neighbouring properties.

5. ACCOUNTS – to agree payments and items, as listed below

- 5.1 **RFO's Report** - The RFO's report for the 5th September was accepted.
- 5.2 **Cooperative Bank, second current account**– The clerk reported that the second current account with the Cooperative Bank was in hand.

Cooperative Bank interest rates – The clerk reported that the interest rates were changing from the 1st November with the current account no longer receiving interest and the 14 day Business Saver Account interest would decrease from 0.09% to 0.06%.

5.3 Schedule of Payments – to approve the Schedule of Payments.

A H Contracts	275.02
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Mazars LLP	360.00
Emberton United Charity	54.20
Getmapping plc	33.60
Mr T P Wibaut	80.00
Mr A Sinfield	23.90
Mrs K Goss	447.02
Mrs K Goss	21.52
Emberton Playing Field Committee	2,359.80

Payments proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Horton and unanimously agreed by all those present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – emailed to Councillors

- 6.1 Email from Mrs Louisa Pauley – The clerk had previously circulated the email from Mrs Pauley relating to traffic issues along Newton Road. It was agreed that the clerk write to Mrs Pauley to advise the speed along Newton Road was National and that as far as the parish council was aware, there had not been any accidents along this road. The clerk to notify Mrs Pauley that the horse riders signs issue was raised in 2012 and the parish council asked for traffic signs from MKC.

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7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

- 7.1 **Village publicity** – Kerb stones (Olney Road), flooding photos, street lighting, wind

farm fund, solar farm fund.

7.2

Councillors' Concerns

Councillor Cheney commented that she had concerns regarding Emberton Park but these had been addressed.

Councillor Flowers reported that there were branches along the footpath walking into Olney near to the bridge. The clerk to report this.

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8.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm.