

**Emberton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**  
**(A committee of Emberton Parish Council)**  
**Minutes of Meeting held virtually –1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

**Present:** Jason Bevan - Chairman  
Fred Markland – Vice Chairman  
Melanie Duncan  
  
Councillor Harry White – Emberton Parish Council  
  
Karen Goss – Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Colin Jamieson, Virginia Tierney and Chris Akrill.
2. **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda** - There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th January 2021** – The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 19th January 2021 were agreed. The clerk to provide the Minutes to the Chairman for signing at the next face to face meeting.
4. **Public comments, questions or representations** – Cllr White stated that he was at the meeting as a member of the parish council and was attending as an observer.
5. **Regulation 14 Submission** – It was noted that the Regulation 14 Submission consultation had closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> March and that a handful of responses had been received. Jason stated that he was not surprised to read the comment on The Institute. Fred responded that there was a fairly clear steer at a previous meeting from the Chair of EUC that they did want to put an opportunity forward for development. Historic England had put forward comments regarding The Institute and wanted a lot more detail of how any potential development would look like. It was noted that The Institute could not be put forward for development without the consent of EUC and it was felt that further discussions between both parties would be required.

Some of the comments regarding the site had been in relation to parking constraints around The Institute and a comment was made that the number 21 bus service was no longer operating in Emberton which would alleviate parking issues. One respondent had put forward the suggestion of using The Institute for employment use.

Comments regarding losing The Institute as a venue had been received stating that there could be a clash in dates for events with the pavilion.

Fred commented that parking for the village had been discussed at a previous parish council meeting when talks with Acorn Early Years Foundation had been tabled.

Melanie responded that overnight parking had not been felt to be a good thing due to security of vehicles being left. Fred stated that consideration should be given as to how Acorn Early Years used the field with regard to tree planting as it could compromise its future use.

There were a few comments received regarding green space and the field to the right of All Saints' Church, referred to as the "pump field". It was noted that this site had been looked at by MKC highways and had been ruled out due to access. Fred stated that this site would have many constraints on it through the conservation policies. Cllr White made reference to regulations in relation to development near churches. Melanie commented that the pump field was outside the development boundary.

It was noted that a response to the Article 14 Submission had not been received from MKC and the steering group questioned whether Chris Akrill had been in contact with David Blandamer.

It was felt that the plan needed to be updated with the latest news on the pub and also reflect the latest situation regarding the bus route.

6. **Next steps** – The clerk to contact EUC to arrange a meeting with the steering group.  
**Action: KG**
7. **Any other business** – There was no other business.
8. **Date of next virtual meeting** – To be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8pm