

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 3rd October 2016

Present:

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

Mr James Williamson – MKC Senior Planning Officer

Ward Councillor Keith McLean (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Hall and Ward Councillors Dave Hosking 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 5th September 2016 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

254 - Dates for Commitment – The dates for meetings were noted. The clerk to forward the dates for parish council meetings to the Ward Councillors. **KG**

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

214 – EPFC – Meeting held 6/9/16. Councillor Flowers reported that a stock take of the bar had been performed and was much improved. A new mower for the cricket square will be purchased over winter through grants. The committee had also been looking at card readers.

127 – Parishes Forum – Meeting held 22/9/16. This was unattended.

215 – Olney Ward Forum – Meeting held 28/9/16. Councillor V McLean reported that there was a new Director of Public Realm, Tom Blackburne-Maze who stated that £11m savings needed to be made within public realm and that MKC would be looking to parishes to consider how they might take on some of the services. For instance, the weed killing contract was £50,000 per year. There was a new and improved “Report It” facility on the MKC website. The next meeting would be held on the 5th December and someone from the finance department would be talking to the parishes. The clerk to write to Tom Blackburne-Maze to ascertain what services were delivered now and their costs. **KG**

Update from Ward Councillors

Development Control – Councillor K McLean reported that there were proposals to reduce the speaking time at DCC meetings from three minutes to one minute and that there would be a consultation for 8 weeks on this.

2.1 Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – The clerk received an update from Andy Burton as follows; “I have been allocated a date for the Committee that the report will be reviewed. It is too large an issue/report to fit in with a normal DCC agenda so it has been granted an extra date for itself (which will be the 25th October, 7pm Civic Council Chamber). Along with presenting the report and evidence from Mike Walker, I will also present my own report with a recommendation whether or not to make the Order. Should the committee decide to make the Order this will be drawn up, published in the press and posted on site. This gives a time period of no less than 28 days for anyone to object. If so the matter would normally then be sent to the Secretary of State for determination, most likely through a public enquiry. I can’t comment on the timings for this as they set their agenda relating to their current workloads.” The clerk to forward the information to Councillor Flowers to provide to Olney Runners. KG

2.1.24 **Weeds** – The clerk contacted community payback and received response email on 14th September stating that the nomination for weed clearing had been passed to the relevant probation area who would be in touch in due course. MKC reported that the weeds in the parking bays at Westpits had been cleared on the 2nd September.

2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Application to PPF made on the 13th September in the sum of £1,814.57.

2.1.85 **Kerb stones, West Lane** – Email received from Mr Warwick Clarke with photos of large vehicle exiting farm entrance. Mr Clarke reported that the concrete apron to the entrance was his property and that there was a covenant registered at Land Registry restricting its use to agricultural use only. The clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr Frost, Mr Pibworth, Mr Clarke and Mr Hill. KG

2.1.99 **Kerb stones in High Street (opposite Bell & Bear)** – The clerk reported the damaged kerbstones to MKC on the 6th September.

2.1.100 **Overhanging trees (A509)** – The clerk reported the branch on the footpath between Emberton and Olney on the 6th September. Councillor Flowers reported that this had been cleared on the 7th September. Item to be removed from the agenda.

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

Kerb stones, Olney Road – Nothing to report.

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

High Street footpath (opposite Cedar House) – The clerk to find out a date when this will take place. KG

High Street footpath (steep drop on corner of Gravel Walk) – Nothing to report.

Olney Road Footpath (opposite 49) – Nothing to report.

Olney Road (flooding) – Nothing to report.

3.0 SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 **Emberton Park** - Councillor White stated that the barrier was still not fixed although a new one was on order. It was also reported that the Cadet's hut was broken into. The clerk made reference to the noise issue in Emberton Park that was reported to Councillor Hosking at the September meeting. The clerk to email the details to Councillor K McLean. **KG**
- 3.2 **Parish Partnership Fund** – The clerk reported that an application had been made.
- 3.6 **Parish Related**
- 3.6.1 **Website** – Nothing to report.
- 3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – Awaiting SIDs.
- 3.6.50 **Dog fouling – We're Watching You Campaign** – The clerk reported that four posters had gone up in the playing field and Alison Fraser Walk and that the other posters would be going up soon. **KG**
- 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 reported that a meeting to look at Field 13 had been set up with Andy Hudson and Rod Aitken from MKC. The clerk to attend and also ask Councillor Hall to attend. **KG**
- 3.62 **Plan:MK** – The next stage of Plan:MK should be early 2017.
- 3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – James Williamson, Senior Planning Officer at MKC introduced himself and stated that he had some standard emails and would send these to the clerk. The next stage would be to prepare the plan. There would need to be an understanding of why the parish council wanted a neighbourhood plan, what issues there are and what the parish council wants to achieve and the way of doing this would be through public engagement. James went on to state that most of the recent neighbourhood plans had some sort of land allocation in them and the parish/town councils have had to explain why they are putting forward the sites. Councillor Horton asked how the parish council could cope with the A509 which inhibited development in the village. Mr Williamson responded that one of the aspects of looking at policy was that you needed also to look at infrastructure. Councillor Gibson commented that you could have a plan that was against policy with regard to housing. James responses that if the parish council had undertaken a housing needs survey and local evidence was different from MKC's policy, this would be taken into consideration. Emberton Park was in the Linear Park Policy and could not be developed. Councillor Cheney referred to the article in The Citizen whereby housing sites were put forward by developers. Councillor Horton

continued, stating that 300 homes were planned for Olney and asked what consideration would be given for parking. James responded that he could not talk specifically about Olney but understood the concerns. Councillor K McLean commented that Milton Keynes was set to grow from a population of 268,000 to 450,000 but the highways infrastructure needed to be reviewed and went on to state that in response to Councillor Horton's issue of parking, car spaces for each house was defined by policy. A discussion took place regarding engaging residents in the neighbourhood plan with James suggesting that the parish council holds an open day to which residents were invited to come along. A plan of the village should be made available (MKC can help with this) and residents invited to highlight areas on the map where they believe are issues and identify what they are. Councillor White raised the question of what if a developer turned up? Mr Williamson responded that if a developer turned up, the parish council lets them have their say as it might be to the parish council's advantage as it would be good to have a developer who understood what was trying to be achieved. Councillor Gibson asked how this should be publicised. Mr Williamson commented that it should be publicised under Neighbourhood Planning on the MKC website, the parish council website, the parish council noticeboard and the Well & Towers. Councillor Gibson thanked Mr Williamson for attending the meeting.

3.75 **Open Space Assessment** – Councillor V McLean to attend a workshop on the 31st October. **VM**

3.76 **2017/2018 Local Government Finance Settlement** – The clerk to email Councillors regarding this. **KG**

Ward Councillor McLean left the meeting.

3.77 **Confidential item**

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor White reported that he had spoken to David Moth of the Sea Cadets regarding the possibility of resubmitting an application.

4.109 **Solar Farm and Community Benefit Fund** – The clerk to set a date for the next meeting. **KG**

4.173 **16/01504/FUL** – Erection of stable building at Rectory Grange, Petsoe End for Mr M Lawrence - **pending**

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 – **pending**

4.176 **16/02669/NMA** – Non material amendment to planning permission 13/00427/FUL to remove French doors to south elevation and replace with windows, removal of window in east elevation and replace with French door, and amendment to glazing treatment of windows to south and east elevations from Georgian panelled glazing to plain glazed sashes (except new large window to sitting room) at Clay Farm

House, Petsoe End for Mr & Mrs Duncan. There were no objections to this application, provided that 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 3rd October was accepted.

5.2 **Cooperative Bank, second current account**– The clerk reported that the second current account with the Cooperative Bank was in hand.

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

Spoton.net Ltd	£288.00
Anglian Water	£17.02
Antrams Payroll Services	£39.00
Mrs K Goss	£354.51
Mrs K Goss	£20.56
A H Contracts	£77.47
Alban Hill Nurseries	£393.08

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE – emailed to Councillors

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

7.1 **Village publicity** – MKC “Report it”, dog fouling

7.2 **Councillors' Concerns**

Councillor Cheney reported that a resident, Mrs Slinger had reinstated the blue brick footpath along Olney Road by taking back the grass verge. The clerk to send a thank you letter.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm.