

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting –1st October 2018

Present:

Councillor Vicki McLean (Chairman)
Councillor Mike Horton
Councillor Harry White

Ward Councillor Keith McLean

Mr M Drury - resident
Mr A McGrandle - resident
Mr R Mynn - resident

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence - Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Gibson, Flowers, Hall and Laval and Ward Councillors David Hosking and Peter Geary.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018** - The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

Members of the public were invited to address the meeting.

Mr Mynn stated that there was a lot of activity going on behind the properties in Westpits and that his wife had spoken to David and Lavinia Soul and had been advised that there was going to be airsoft for children throughout the year and it could be for up to 20 days. Mr Mynn commented that he had looked up the details of the Hollington Wood application and gathered that 40 to 50 vehicles could be involved which could amount to 200 vehicle movements and this would be going on behind the houses in Stone Court.

Mr McGrandle gave a short presentation on his assumption of what could take place and the specific area in question and commented that the 28 day rule permitted farmers to use their land without any planning permission. It was noted that a meeting had taken place on the morning of 1st October between Mr Carlos Williams (the owner of the airsoft business), Councillor V McLean, Mr McGrandle and the clerk. During that meeting, Mr Williams was asked how far the pellets would go and responded that the pellets wouldn't be able to travel through the vegetation. Mr McGrandle pointed out to Councillors that a gun couldn't be fired unless it was in a north/south direction and he would have thought that the Police and MKC would have a view on this.

Mr Drury commented that during a conversation Mr Soul had stated that he was planning on widening the access by taking out the leylandii trees which he believed were part of a planning condition when Andrew Soul obtained permission to have floodlights on his tennis court. Mr Drury went on to state that if the leylandii trees were removed, the floodlights would shine directly into his garden.

Councillor Horton commented that the access needed to be looked at to see whether it was an adopted road. Ward Councillor McLean responded that West Farm Way was an adopted highway.

Mr Mynn commented that he would like to be kept up to date

Mr Drury and Mr McGrandle left the meeting at 8pm

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

254 - Dates for Commitment – The dates for commitment were noted.

214 – EPFC/ESSC – Meeting held 11/9/18. In Councillor Hall’s absence, Councillor V McLean reported as there were too many conflicts of interest with her being Chair of EPFC/ESSC, there had been a reversal of roles with George Proud acting as Chairman, Karen Goss as Vice Chair and bookings secretary and Vicki McLean as Secretary and the committee were still formally looking for a treasurer. The committee were continuing to progress the insurance claim and to get the pavilion back to how it should be.

127 – Parishes Forum – Meeting held 13/9/18 – Nothing to report.

215 – Olney Ward Forum – Meeting held 26/9/18 – The clerk reported that Debbie Taylor-Bond, MKC Head of Highways had given apologies and that Penny Fletcher (MKC Community Infrastructure Fund Manager) reported that restructuring was going on in highways. The CIF replaces the PPF and covers a variety of Public Realm schemes – highways, transport, environment, landscaping, play area or outdoor leisure schemes. Applications to be in by end of October – 50% funded up to £20,000. Parishes able to submit 3 schemes each year. Next year application between April and June. There were a number of initiatives around Community Speedwatch and all the information needed to be put into one place for parishes to access. Councillor Hosking spoke regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund and the impact that the potential development east of the M1 would have on the Olney Ward. A group has been set up to oppose what is going on. Cabinet Meeting on the 2nd October to propose the application to the HIF. Would urge parish councils to write to Simon Heap to cancel the application to HIF.

2.1 **Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes**

2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Enquiries made with MKC highways as to why the installation of the signs were so expensive. Explanation received that the costs were high due to the associated traffic management. Ringway was the only approved highways contractor. The clerk report that the PPF could only be used for the specific project the grant had been awarded to. It was agreed not to progress with this issue.

2.1.102 **Silent Soldiers** – Order placed for “Tommy” silhouette. Permission received from highways to site the Tommy by the clock tower, with the advice that it should be weighted at the base. The clerk reported on the information that had been received titled “Battle’s Over”. It was agreed that the beacon at the pavilion should be lit at 7pm on Sunday 11th November. Councillor V McLean to take this back to the

next EPFC meeting.

2.2 Update from Ward Councillor

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Housing Infrastructure Fund - Ward Councillor McLean reported that the decision was going to Cabinet on 2nd October; he expected the bid would come forward before Christmas and would be speaking against it for obvious reasons. Councillor V McLean commented that if MKC were successful with the bid, the money would have to be spent in a small time frame and the risk was that MKC could get the money and would not be in a position to spend it. It was agreed to write to Simon Heap to object to the bid, copying to Ward Councillors.

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A509 – Ward Councillor McLean commented that he was aware of the dip in the A509 (where the bridge goes to the farm) and that a survey had shown that the fault was below intervention level. Ward Councillor McLean to monitor this.

Anglian Water - Ward Councillor McLean reported that the recent water leak was the worse one that Hanslope Park had ever suffered. The water leak in Church Lane was still running and Anglian Water would be returning with some larger equipment to rectify the problem.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 **Emberton Park** – It was noted that some trees were cut back last week. Councillor Horton commented that nothing further had been forthcoming from Nick Hannon. Councillor V McLean to look into this.

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3.6 Parish related

3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – The clerk requested that the restricted access be enforced. Speedwatch equipment booked for w/c 8th October.

3.6.16 **Clock tower damage** – Waiting for date for repair from Boden & Ward.

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3.2 **Community Infrastructure fund** – No application to submit.

3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – Councillor V McLean reported that the sites that came forward were reviewed and the group went through in some detail the first draft of the plan. Next meeting on the 30th October.

3.93 **Milton Keynes East Local Stakeholder Group** – Councillor White reported that the whole of the meeting focused on the Housing Infrastructure Fund. Councillor V McLean commented that at the meeting prior to that a comment was made that just because representatives were at the meeting, it did not mean that the proposal would be supported.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that the meeting scheduled for September was cancelled. No applications had been received and Councillor Horton believed that the £7,000 was still sitting in the account. Councillor Horton to contact MKC. Councillor V McLean spoke

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regarding the work of the MK Community Foundation who had experience of managing funds and it might be worth exploring this option.

- 4.109 **Solar Farm & Community Benefit Fund** – Nothing to report.
- 4.206 **17/03386/FUL** – Public airsoft events scheduled for once every two weeks throughout the year (with a break in Winter of variable length according to weather conditions). Occasional private bookings (retrospective) at Hollington Wood, Newport Road for Mr C Williams – **pending**.
- 4.210 **18/00643/FUL** – Conversion and extension of an existing stone barn to a two bedroom residential property at barn set back from West Farm Way for Mr D J Soul – **pending**. Awaiting flood risk assessment.

Mr Mynn left the meeting at 8.40pm

- 4.215 **18/01522/DISCON** – Details submitted pursuant to the discharge of condition 3 (Schedule of Works) attached to planning permission 16/02999/LBC at Emberton House Farm, Newport Road for Mrs J Mercer – **pending**. The clerk read out the email received from Mrs Mercer regarding the reason the work had started on the wall prior to the discharge of conditions and also stated that Mr & Mrs Mercer were happy to be approached directly to answer any other concerns raised.
- 4.217 **18/01331/FUL** – Details submitted pursuant of variation of condition 5 (Decommissioning Method Statement) attached to planning permission 14/00407/FUL at Emberton Solar Park, Newton Road for Next Energy Capital – **pending**.
- 4.219 **18/02054/FUL** – Notification of intention to reduce: Cedar reduce 1 x heavy lateral branch in the upper crown over public highway by approx. 1.5-2m, Copper Beech reduce 4 x extended lateral branches over public highway by approx. 2-3m at The Old Rectory, Olney Road for Mr Ford - **pending**
- 4.220 **18/02151/TCA** – Notification of intention to reduce 1 x Acacia to a pollard approx. 4-5m above ground level, 1 x low limb towards the neighbouring garden to be retained at Old Rectory Coach House, Olney Road for Mrs Crocker – **pending**
- 4.221 **18/02325/FUL** – Proposed pitched roof to existing flat roof garage and entrance attached to house, tiled roof to existing attached store, detached double carport with hardstanding for cars at Church House, West Lane for Mr G Proud. There were no objections to this application. **KG**
- 4.222 **18/02351/FUL** – Partial removal of front wall and installation of new gates to re-instate previous vehicular access to front garden at Thursby, 2 Gravel Walk for Mrs L Pauley. There were no objections to this application. However the clerk to point out that part of the wall had already been removed. **KG**
- 4.223 **18/02352/LBC** – Listed building consent for the partial removal of front wall and installation of new gates to re-instate previous vehicular access to front garden at Thursby, 2 Gravel Walk for Mrs L Pauley. Response as 18/02351/FUL. **KG**
- 4.224 **18/02392/LBC** – Retrospective listed building consent for replacement porch at 2

Gravel Walk for Mrs L Pauley – There were no objections to this application.

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

5.1 **RFO's Report** – The RFO's Report for the 10th September 2018 was accepted.

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

ESSC – hire of pavilion for NHP Meeting on 30/10/18	£15.00
Town Planning Services – Neighbourhood Plan	£3,960.00
GeoXphere Ltd – Parish online service	£36.00
Anglian Water – supply at allotments	£23.49
PKF Littlejohn – Audit of Annual Return	£240.00
Antrams Payroll Services – quarterly payroll	£39.00
Mrs K Goss – Clerk's September salary	£547.41
Mrs K Goss – Clerk's September comp/telephone expenses	£115.65

The clerk reported that her September expenses was for the shredding of the documents from the parish council archive cabinets which were now in a position to be moved to the Pavilion. Payments proposed by Councillor Horton, seconded by Councillor White. The clerk to make the payments by BACS transfer.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE – previously circulated.

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

7.1 **Village publicity** – The clerk to draft. – Beacon lighting

7. Councillors' Concerns

Councillor V McLean stated that the parish council needed to understand the 28 day rule and a Certificate of Lawfulness and some advice needed to be sought from Thames Valley Police regarding the potential airsoft site. After a short discussion, it was agreed to write to Duncan Sharkey, Head of Place, MKC stating after meeting with the applicant and residents, Councillors had concerns for users of Emberton Park and would like to discuss this.

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Councillor V McLean commented that she had provisionally booked MK Dons for half term.

Councillor Horton congratulated the clerk on the concise Minutes.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed at Monday 5th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm