

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 6th November 2017

Present:

Councillor Vicki McLean – Vice Chairman
 Councillor Soo Hall
 Councillor Mike Horton
 Councillor Richard Laval
 Councillor Harry White

Ward Councillor Keith McLean (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

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

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

Register of Members' Interest & EPC Written Undertaking – Councillor Laval was welcomed to the parish council and duly signed the Register of Members' Interest and the Emberton Parish Council Written Undertaking.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 2nd October 2017 were agreed and initialled by the Vice Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

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

214 – EPFC/ESSC – Meeting held on 9th October. Councillor Hall reported that the committee had received two estimates to replace the chiller in the cellar and a question had been raised whether the parish council were able to purchase the chiller on behalf of ESSC to claim back the Vat. The clerk commented that if the parish council received payment for the chiller, the vat would have to also be passed on. Councillor McLean commented that there was someone in Hulton Drive who dealt with refrigeration and could possibly be approached for a third estimate. Councillor Hall reported that UK Astronomy would not be coming back anymore. The committee were trying to find someone to provide an estimate to replace the toilets in the main entrance. The television has been purchased and installed. The issue of dog fouling was raised and reference made to a Dog Control Order in Castlethorpe. The EPFC had asked if the parish council could look into this. Resignations had been received from the Chairman (Angela Laval) and Emma Gibson. Councillor V McLean commented that the parish council needed to wait and see how the EPFC/ESSC would get out of this particular mess. Councillor Hall reported that Angela had stated that she would continue as Bookings Secretary but according to the Constitution, the bookings secretary had to be on the committee. Councillor V McLean strongly recommended that the committees look at the constitutions to allow Angela to continue as bookings

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secretary. Councillor Hall to speak to Councillor Flowers, who was vice chairman of the committees.

215 – Olney Ward Forum – Meeting held 16/10/17. Unattended.

255 – NAG – Meeting held 16/10/17. The clerk reported that it was generally agreed that although the SIDS were useful in capturing data, they did not act as a deterrent for speeding in the rural area. ANPR cameras (which recorded speed and registration numbers) were discussed and it was agreed to look further into these.

127- Parishes Forum – Meeting held 19/10/17. Councillor Gibson attended this meeting and had previously reported that the main topic discussed was the Draft Framework.

Update from Ward Councillor

A509 – There were a few issues during the recent resurfacing of the A509 with lack of clear signage. Ward Councillors and parish councils should have been spoken to prior to works being undertaken.

Plan:MK – Consultation on Plan:MK starts on the 6th November; potential for 5,000 homes at Moulsoe for the next 5 years.

Buses – There were changes to the bus timetables but this did not affect Emberton.

One Stop – It had been noted that lorries were causing congestion in Olney High Street and a lorry loading bay was being looked at.

2.1 Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – MKC legal department have now received the final piece of information from MKC highways and an order should be made on either Thursday 2nd or Thursday 9th November following which the Order will be advertised. There is then 42 days in which an appeal can be raised.

2.1.24 **Weeds** – Weeds to be sprayed on Wednesday 8th November.

2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Awaiting revised design from MKC.

2.1.101 **Bus stop, triangle at Petsoe End** – MKC had put forward some designs for warning signs at Petsoe together with costings. The clerk had spoken to the resident raising the issue who had asked whether there could be a no overtaking restriction on the bend by the triangle or changes to the road markings. The clerk had taken this up with MKC who stated that a Traffic Order for no overtaking would be in the region of £1,500 and it was also highly unlikely that this would be enforced by Thames Valley Police. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Souls buses to ask them their views.

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3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Emberton Park – Awaiting consultation on the future of the park. The clerk read

out an article in The Phonebox regarding the possibility of a skate park in Emberton Park. The article stated that an officer from MKC “broadly supported” the idea. The clerk to ask Olney Town Council the name of the officer at MKC.

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3.6 Parish related

3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – Nothing to report.

3.6.16 **Clock tower damage** – The clerk reported that some damage had appeared to the clock tower when an articulated lorry attempted to reverse back down West Lane after taking the wrong turn into Westpits. The clerk to put an article in the Well & Towers asking for further information and to obtain 3 estimates for rendering.

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3.6.101 **Christmas lights for Emberton** – The clerk submitted an Application to Install Seasonal Decorations over the highway to MKC, together with a plan showing the location of the Christmas tree and a copy of the current insurance certificate.

3.6.104 **12 The Forge** – A letter had been received from MKC stating that an inspection of the garden had been made and no littered furniture, carpet or similar household rubbish were located. MKC confirmed that the garden was slightly overgrown but in a manageable condition and the officer was working with the residents to agree a future maintenance plan, which they would monitor. Councillor Hall agreed to have a look at the garden the next time she was in school.

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3.62 **Plan:MK** – Councillor V McLean asked councillors to have a look at the document for the next meeting in terms of the impact on Emberton and the fact that there were 5,000 homes proposed for Moulsoe between junction 14 and the Newport Pagnell roundabout.

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3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – Councillor Laval reported that the steering group were in the process of putting together a questionnaire with the intention of it being circulated to residents and stakeholders in January. A Housing Needs Assessment will be dependant upon the results of the questionnaire.

3.89 **Review of Polling Stations** – A consultation regarding the suitability of polling stations for the disabled had been circulated. It was agreed that The Institute was a suitable location and no comments had been received by the parish council to state otherwise. The clerk to respond accordingly.

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3.90 **Parish and Town Councils Draft Framework** – Councillor V McLean commented that the parish council were not in a position nor did it have the expertise to take on any services from MKC. It was agreed that a “no comment” response would be sent.

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3.91 **Milton Keynes Mobility Strategy 2018-2036** – The clerk reported that this consultation would start on the 5th December.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that the committee met last week and there was £7,200 in the bank account. An application had been received from Astwood Village Hall for lighting and funds

would be released when the work has been done.

- 4.109 Solar Farm & Community Benefit Fund** – Nothing to report.
- 4.178 16/02988/FUL & 16/02999/LBC** – Emberton House Farm- **permitted (awaiting Unilateral Undertaking)**
- 4.196 17/02066/PNAGC3** – Prior notification of change of use of existing agricultural barn to 2 x residential dwellings (use Class C3) at Rectory Farm, Newton Road for Mr J Croxford – **required and approved**
- 4.197 17/02334/FUL** – Proposed front extension incorporating new entrance with three dormers in the front elevation and one to the rear and a detached garage at 21 High Street, Emberton for Mr P Flowers - **permitted**
- 4.198 17/02489/TCA** – Crown reduction of Silver Birch by 4m at 29 Olney Road for Mrs L Pethick – **no objection to tree works in conservation area**
- 4.199 17/02583/TCA** – T1 Apple central stem with decay – crown reduce by approximately 1.5 metres in height and laterally to balance pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy. Crown thin by 20%. Crown clean removing all dead, diseased, dying, crossing, rubbing and duplicate branches. Remainder of tree – crown reduce by approximately 1.5 metres laterally and 1.5 metres in height pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy. Crown thin by 10%. Crown clean removing all dead, diseased, dying, crossing, rubbing and duplicate branches. T2 Apple; Crown clean removing dead, diseased, dying, crossing, rubbing and duplicate branches. T3 Cherry; Crown thin by 15%. Crown clean removing dead, diseased, dying, rubbing and duplicate branches at Church House, West Lane for Mr G Proud – **no objection to tree works in conservation area**
- 4.200 17/02744/TCA** – Notification of intention to remove to ground level 1 x Hawthorn (T5) at Manor Farm House, Olney Road for Mr & Mrs Barker. It was agreed that the parish council would be in agreement with the recommendations made by MKC’s tree officer. The clerk to respond accordingly. **KG**
- 4.201 17/02633/NOTECC** – Notification of intention to replace north porch bird gates with a new solid timber door and replace the north porch inner door with a new etched plate glass door at All Saints Church, Church Lane for Mr A Williamson – **no objection**
- 6 Prospect Place** – It was agreed to look at this permitted application at the next meeting. The clerk to provide Councillors will the decision notice. **KG**

Councillor K McLean left the meeting at 8.50pm

- 5. ACCOUNTS** – to agree payments and items, as listed below
- 5.1 RFO’s Report** – The RFO’s Report for the 6th November 2017 was accepted. The clerk reported that the budget would be set in January and asked what the procedure should be for community groups applying for a grant to the parish council. It was agreed that community groups should be invited to the next

meeting on the 4th December. The clerk to send out the invitations.

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5.2 Bank Account – Change of signatories – The clerk reported that this was on going.

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

A H Contracts – emptying dog waste bins for October	£77.47
Alban Hill Nurseries – hanging baskets & flower troughs	£600.00
Antrams Payroll Services – quarterly payroll	£39.00
Spoton.Net Ltd – website hosting	£288.00
Anglian Water – supply at allotments	£36.84
Mrs K Goss – clerk’s October salary	£491.70
Mrs K Goss – clerk’s computer/telephone/expenses for Oct	£21.90
Tom Hilikus Design – Neighbourhood Plan artwork	£270.00

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE – All correspondence previously circulated via email.

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

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7.1 Village publicity – Hatched white lines, damage to clock tower, Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire, review of Polling Station, Councillor

7.2 Councillors’ Concerns – There were no Councillors’ concerns.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute.

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The Meeting closed at 9pm