

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 5th November 2018

Present:

Councillor Vicki McLean (Chairman)
 Councillor Steve Gibson
 Councillor Soo Hall
 Councillor Mike Horton
 Councillor Richard Laval
 Councillor Harry White

Ward Councillor Keith McLean

Mr A Hartshorn - resident
 Mrs S Hartshorn – resident
 Mr Pauley – resident
 Ms L Pauley - resident
 Mr R Mynn - resident

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence - Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Flowers 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 1ST OCTOBER 2018** -
 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

Members of the public were invited to address the meeting.

Ms Pauley stated that she was attending the parish council meeting to generate some support for her three planning applications and produced a photograph relating to the gates previously installed at her property. Ms Pauley commented that permission was given in 1958 to install the gates and they were present when the building was listed in 1984. Ms Pauley went on to state that she wanted the gates re-instated to provide a parking space and that she was happy to comply with highway's recommendations. Permission was granted in 2003 to re-instate the gates but the then owner, did not undertake this. Councillor V McLean commented that the three applications came forward at the last meeting and the parish council had no objections.

Mr Hartshorn produced a copy of his plan for a garage complex and stated that it was to provide under cover parking which was not currently available. Some trees would require removal; a report has been undertaken and none of the trees are of any value and have limited life left in them. Mr Hartshorn commented that he had discussions with most of the neighbours and they were supportive of the application.

Mr & Mrs Hartshorn left the meeting at 7.42pm

Mr Pauley and Ms Pauley left the meeting at 7.45pm

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

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

214 – EPFC/ESSC – Meeting held 9/10/18. Councillor Hall reported that the flood had been dealt with. Gates for the car park were discussed; £250 in donations had been received towards the project and the EPFC would like to approach the parish council to meet the shortfall (£1,300). It was noted that the EPFC were responsible for the boundaries of the field and not the parish council. It was felt that this should form part of the grant application. Councillor Gibson made reference to the Solar Farm Fund. Councillor Hall responded that the playing field and All Saints' Church were the main recipients of the grants and it would be nice to have someone else.

2.1 Councillor's Concerns from previous Minutes

2.1.24 **Weed spraying** – Marcus Young Landscapes were unable to offer a contract for weed spraying. The clerk approached Serco to ask for a quotation which is awaited. It was agreed to wait until the Spring to spray the weeds.

2.1.102 **Silent Soldiers** – “Tommy” is now in place in The Forge for the near future. A more permanent place was needed and it was agreed to give this some thought.

2.1.103 **WW1 Commemorative bench** - Two estimates have been received; Mant Leisure £915 (excluding vat) and David Ogilvie £876 (excluding vat). The clerk contacted MKC regarding cost for removing the bench in Olney Road (outside the Institute) and moving it to Westpits and for the siting of the new bench. Estimate received in the sum of between £600 and £1300. The clerk applied for a grant to the Community Infrastructure Fund in the sum of £1,088 (50% of the cost excluding vat). Delivery time for the bench was 8-10 weeks. During a discussion, it was felt that the existing bench would be better sited in the playing field. It was proposed by Councillor V McLean, seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed that the parish council would fund the 50% purchase of the bench.

3.6 Parish related

3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – Unfortunately, Speedwatch did not take place. Councillor V McLean commented that the clerk did not receive any volunteers to help with Speedwatch. SIDs have arrived in Emberton and will be put up on the 31st October and will be covered for one week and uncovered for the second week.

3.6.16 **Clock tower damage** – Waiting for date for repair from Boden & Ward. The clerk to chase this. **KG**

3.6.101 **Christmas tree** – The clerk reported that Sandy Palmer had kindly offered to organise the Christmas tree to be sited next to the clock tower. The clerk to obtain the necessary licence from highways. **KG**

2.2 Update from Ward Councillor

NAG - Ward Councillor McLean reported that Olney had always had their own NAG and would like to now join the Rural East and North NAG which would mean that the group would cover the whole of the Olney Ward.

Street lighting – Ward Councillor McLean commented that MKC had started changing the street lighting in September in West Lane and the Ward Councillors had asked MKC why the scheme had stopped. The clerk reported that three street lights in Olney Road had been reported out more than 6 weeks ago. The clerk to escalate this to the Ward Councillors.

Olney Phonebox HIF – Ward Councillor McLean stated that he still felt very strongly that the development east of the M1 was in the wrong place, at the wrong time. The two MPs for MK have spoken to the Housing Minister to put forward their concerns.

Recycling sacks – Ward Councillor McLean reported that Ward Councillor Hosking had sent an email to officers regarding the software and problems with the “request it” system to obtain recycling sacks. The clerk reported that she also had problems with the request it system for the same. Councillor Gibson commented that Serco broke his green bin and he requested a new one and received an email to say that it had been done and it hadn’t.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 **Emberton Park** – An email had been received from Diane Evans regarding a site for a pond in Field 13 for great crested newts. Two tests pits would be dug in the south east corner of the site on the 31st October and covered with heavy duty plastic pedestrian covers, pegged down to minimise any risk of animals falling into them. Water levels would be monitored during Autumn/Winter to help MKC decide upon how deep ponds would need to be dug in order for them to hold water with a small cluster of (probably 3) ponds being dug in the spring. It was noted that there was no sight of the Stakeholder Consultation referred to at the 13th August parish council meeting by Nick Hannon. Councillor V McLean commented that the fact that MKC were actively looking at Field 13 would suggest that it would remain under the ownership of the park. The clerk to write to Mr Hannon to ascertain when the consultation document was likely to be received.

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3.2 **Community Infrastructure fund** – The clerk reported that an application to the CIF had been sent in time for the closing date of the 31st October.

3.72 **Plan:MK** – It was noted that the modifications for Plan:MK were out for consultation. Councillor V McLean commented that MKC had an aspiration for Milton Keynes to have 500,000 homes.

3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – Councillor Laval reported that there was a meeting on the 6th November to look at the plan apart from the housing side. The Call for Sites applications and the process to look at allocations will be discussed at the following meeting on the 27th November. The draft plan will then be put forward to the parish council meeting for comment on the 3rd December. The draft will go out to consultation in mid December through to mid February. Following this, the draft will be lodged with MKC for comment. Councillor V McLean stated

that she would like to suggest that a separate meeting was held to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that this would take place on the 3rd December and the parish council meeting would be held on the 10th December. The clerk to invite Chris Akrill, Town Planning Services to the 3rd December meeting.

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- 3.93 **Milton Keynes East Local Stakeholder Group** – Councillor V McLean reported that the group had not formally met since her last report although some workshops had taken place which had included some planning sessions facilitated by planning consultants. The object of the workshops was to determine the parameters within the development if it were to go ahead and what it might look like. Councillor V McLean commented that she didn't believe that the group had addressed the traffic plans as they only went as far back as Olney and that the traffic issues started in Bozeat. There was no change in the timings and talks around the bypass continue. Newport Pagnell Town Council were keen for the project to go ahead as they saw it as a means of reviving the town.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that the committee would not meet until December. Councillor V McLean requested an application form from Councillor Horton for funding for the chiller project at the pavilion.
- 4.109 **Solar Farm & Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Hall reported that a meeting had taken place on the 5th November and a grant awarded to All Saints' Church in the sum of £164.32 for a trade triple extension ladder, leaving £7,096.29 in the fund. Councillor Hall commented that the committee had a discussion and agreed that it would be good to receive grants from individuals in the village to put forward requests to help with anything in the parish.
- 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.
- 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 – **approved**
- 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 – **permitted**. The clerk to write to Next Energy Capital to enquire whether there would be any funding following the granting of permission to extend the life of the solar park for an additional 15 years.
- 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

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reduce 4 x extended lateral branches over public highway by approx. 2-3m at The Old Rectory, Olney Road for Mr Ford – **no objection**

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- 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 – **no objection** **KG**
- 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 – **pending**
- 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 – **pending**
- 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 - **pending**
- 4.224 **18/02392/LBC** – Retrospective listed building consent for replacement porch at 2 Gravel Walk for Mrs L Pauley – **pending**
- 4.225 Potential Airsoft site at West Farm Way for Mr Carlos Williams. Councillor V McLean commented that it was vaguely advertised that this would be happening during half term. The field was being cut and Councillor V McLean spoke to Andrew Soul who had been advised that the field was cut for set aside and not airsoft. The parish council has been in touch with Duncan Sharkey, MKC’s Director of Place who advised that at this stage there was little that could be done but he had taken the necessary steps to ensure that officers were aware that this could be happening. Councillor V McLean commented that Mr Williams was not forthcoming with the documents that had been requested on the advice of Thames Valley Police.
- 4.226 **18/02502/FUL** – Construction of a glass conservatory and associated works at 2 West Farm Way for Mr & Mrs A Bretheton. The parish council had no objection to this planning application. The clerk to respond accordingly. **KG**
- 4.227 **18/02590/FUL** – Erection of an oak framed garage complex to rear garden at Stonepits House, West Lane for Mr & Mrs Hartshorn. The parish council had no objection to this application. The clerk to respond accordingly. **KG**
- 4.228 **18/02591/FUL** – Listed building consent for the erection of an oak framed garage complex to rear garden area at Stonepits House, West Lane for Mr & Mrs Hartshorn. The parish council had no objection to this application. The clerk to respond accordingly. **KG**
- 5. ACCOUNTS** – to agree payment and items as listed below;
- 5.1 **RFO’s Report** – The RFO’s Report for the 5th November 2018 was accepted.
- 5.2 **Grant applications from Community Groups** – It was agreed that community groups should be invited to the parish council meeting on the 10th December. **KG**

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

ESSC – hire of pavilion for NHP Meeting on 6/11/18	£15.00
Mrs K Goss – Clerk’s October salary	£555.12
Mrs K Goss – Clerk’s October comp/telephone expenses	£38.65

Payments proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Laval. The clerk to make the payments by BACS transfer. **KG**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – previously circulated.

7. **PARISH RELATED MATTERS**

7.1 **Village publicity** – The clerk to draft. **KG**

7. **Councillors’ Concerns**

Councillor White asked what was happening with the proposed training ground in Sherington for MK Dons. Ward Councillor McLean responded that he did not know was happening although they have applied for change of use of the land.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is confirmed at Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9pm