

Emberton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
(A committee of Emberton Parish Council)
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion and virtually
on Monday 24th May 2021 at 7pm

Present: Jason Bevan - Chairman
Fred Markland – Vice Chairman
Melanie Duncan
Chris Akrill (virtual)

Mr A McGrandle - EUC
Dr J Taylor – EUC
Mr W Clarke – EUC (virtual)
Mrs S Soul – EUC (virtual)

Karen Goss – Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Colin Jamieson and Virginia Tierney.
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 1st April 2021** – The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 1st April 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Discussions with Emberton United Charity** – A discussion took place regarding the allocation of The Institute for potential development within the Neighbourhood Plan. EUC stated that they wished for The Institute to be retained as a “village asset” and did not wish for it to be the only site identified in the neighbourhood plan for potential development. Jason commented that although The Institute had been identified as a site for potential development within the plan, it might not happen. It was noted that the neighbourhood plan was not all about housing; it was about planning for the village and using the current assets. There was some feedback to the draft plan with some ideas put forward for using the current community facilities. EUC commented that Emberton School was the main user of The Institute. It was noted that over the previous ten years, there had been 12 new properties developed and a slight change to the boundary would probably bring forward the one property identified in the plan.

Chris confirmed that, as per the request from EUC, that The Institute would be removed from the housing allocation within the plan and put in as a community asset which would limit how it could be used in the future. Chris commented that if The Institute was identified as a community asset, it would be difficult to change this in the future.

Dr Taylor and Mr McGrandle left the meeting at 7.40pm

5. **Next Steps** – A discussion took place as to the next steps with Chris stating that he probably needed to seek advice from David Blandamer at MKC as it would probably make the plan weaker if there was not a housing allocation as sites had been put forward by landowners. Chris commented that he would also speak to David Blandamer regarding the process for redefining the settlement boundary to ensure this was transparent. The sites that were put forward by landowners were discussed but it was noted that the settlement boundary had not been extended far enough for these to be considered. The school field was discussed and noted that MKC had categorically stated that this would not come forward for development.
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6. **Any other business** – There was no other business.

Date of next meeting – To be agreed.

7. The meeting closed at 8pm