

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting –18th July 2016

Present:

Councillor Vicki McLean – Vice Chairman
 Councillor Cynthia Cheney
 Councillor Mike Horton
 Councillor Harry White
 Ward Councillor Keith McLean (part meeting)
 Mrs J Mercer – Resident
 Miss R Mercer – Resident
 Master Mercer – Resident
 Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Update of Register of Members' Interests – Councillor Horton completed his form.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Flowers, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Hall and Ward Councillors David 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 6th June 2016 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

- 4.153 **Possible development at Emberton House Farm** – Mrs Mercer explained to Councillors that her and her husband were now looking at the possibility of developing two properties on land adjacent to their property. Pre application advice had been sought and Mrs Mercer had also sought advice from Martin Ellison, MKC's Conservation Officer and would also be speaking to the neighbours. Councillor V McLean asked how much of the properties would be visible from the A509. Mrs Mercer responded that you would only see a bit. Councillors commented that they had no objection to Mrs Mercer submitting an application but the final decision would lie with MKC.

Mrs Mercer and her two children left the meeting at 7.40pm

2.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

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

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

255 – NAG – Meeting held 29/6/16. Councillor V McLean reported that most of the meeting had been about speeding. The clerk commented that the NAG had set its priority as speeding. It was noted that Adrian Carden was leaving MKC and that all SID data should now be forwarded to Tony Toynton.

215 – Olney Ward Forum – Meeting held 30/6/16. This was unattended. Ward Councillor McLean commented that this meeting was not very well attended.

Councillor V McLean stated that it had been mentioned at the Parishes Forum that more should be done to include the smaller parishes.

127 – Parishes Forum – Meeting held 14/7/16. Councillor V McLean reported that MK Futures 2050 was discussed with the comment made that there would now be 400,000 homes in MK instead of 350,000 due to the fact that if MK has a University, it will have to grow. Emphasis was made on the rural link and the fact that the A421 will become very significant. Councillor Horton what was happening to all the reports in terms of the redundancies at the Council. Ward Councillor McLean responded that officers were needed to undertake the plan.

Update from Ward Councillor

Ward Councillor McLean commented that recently appointed MKC officers had visited the ward.

Emberton Park – Ward Councillor McLean reported that he had spoken to Andy Hudson regarding the cleanliness of the park, with Andy Hudson responding that Serco were now involved on a regular basis.

MKC Officers – Ward Councillor McLean reported that Adrian Carden had left MKC and he was concerned about the handover of the schemes that Adrian was working on. John Price had also left MKC since the last parish council meeting.

Ward Councillor McLean left the meeting at 8pm

2.1 Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – The clerk requested an update from Andy Burton on 12th July, no response received. The clerk to send a reminder to Andy Burton.

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2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Drawings received from Susan Williams, MKC. Clerk requested MKC to go ahead with estimates from Ringways and would finalise the design and colours before manufacture (BS381 227 Deep Brunswick Green and BS381 352 Pale Cream with Times New Roman type face) on the 21st June. It was agreed to discuss funding when estimates had been received.

2.1.85 **Kerb stones, West Lane** – See item 2.3 below.

2.1.91 **Damaged fence around Field 13** – It was noted that the reason the fence was reported to MKC and the farmer leasing the land was to protect the playing field at Emberton from rabbits. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda and to reinstate it should there be any comments from Emberton Playing Field Committee.

2.1.98 **Dog Waste bin, Newport Road** – The dog waste bin has now been installed and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

2.2 **High Street, resurfacing** – It was agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.

2.3 **Highways issues – site visit by Mr K Hills (13th June 2016):-**
Kerb stones, West Lane – Mr Hills made a couple of suggestions, one of which

was to get in touch with John Frost to see if he could add some more shingle at the access so that vehicles had to swing out further to the left when exiting the farm entrance. This would stop vehicles mounting the kerb. There was also the suggestion of lowering the kerb stones. Ward Councillor McLean stated that the second option would be better as vehicles coming up West Lane to the farm entrance clipped the kerb rather than vehicles exiting the farm.

High Street (Bank by 5 High Street) – Mr Hills advised that the bank was not part of the highway and was therefore not included in the recent resurfacing. In order for any repair to be undertaken, it needed to fit the criteria and it did not.

High Street footpath (opposite Cedar House) – Mr Hills to check to see if it was in a programme for repair.

High Street footpath (steep drop on corner of Gravel Walk) – Mr Hills advised that there was not much that could be done with the steep drop, it was part of the character of the village and any work would alter the appearance of the area.

Gravel Walk footpath (opposite Thursby) – There was damage to the footpath in Gravel Walk. This has been reported on the MKC website and has been marked for repair.

Olney Road Footpath (opposite 49) – Mr Hills took some photographs of this area where a tree root had lifted the footpath. Repair would have to fit the 25mm criteria.

Olney Road (flooding) – Mr Hills was made aware of the recent issue with storm drains flooding with number 75 having water up to the air bricks. A resident had taken photos of the recent flooded gardens. The clerk to obtain and email them to Mr Hills. Suggestion was to widen the storm drains along Olney Road.

3.0 SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 **Emberton Park** - Councillor White commented that he had reported amplified music in Emberton Park to MKC and it was quiet after that. Councillor V McLean stated that MKC were supposed to be reinstating the Steering Group.

3.6 Parish Related

3.6.1 **Website** – The clerk met the website developer on the 18th July and amendments were made to the website.

3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – The clerk read out an email from PS Andy Paulden. It was agreed to publish the SID data on the website. **KG**

3.6.16 **Clock tower (flags)** – It was agreed to include the purchase of an Armed Forces Day flag in the budget. It was agreed this that item could be removed from the agenda.

3.6.50 **Dog fouling – We’re Watching You Campaign** – The clerk to place an order for “We’re Watching You” campaign notices (x 10). It was agreed that some of the signs would be displayed in the playing field and along Alison Fraser Walk. The clerk to publicise the campaign. **KG**

3.6.98 **Drainage investigation at Hulton Drive and Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.

3.6.99 **Confidential item**

3.23 **Localism Bill and Community Right to Bid** –The clerk reported that Olney Town Colts now only wanted the one pitch at the playing field. A discussion took place regarding the possible use of Field 13. The clerk to seek advice from Duncan Sharkey at MKC.

3.39 **Neighbourhood Plans** – Sherington and Stony Stratford. There were no comments made regarding the Stony Stratford plan. Councillors to provide their comments to the clerk for response regarding the Sherington plan.

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3.62 **Plan:MK** – Nothing to report.

3.71 **Landscape Character Assessment and an Assessment of the Landscape Sensitivity to Wind Turbine and Solar PV Development** – An update on the consultation was noted.

3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – The clerk reported that the application for the designation of a neighbourhood area for the parish of Emberton was now out for consultation, with the deadline for comments expiring on the 20th July.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that a meeting would be held on the 21st July although there was limited funding at present.

4.109 **Solar Farm and Community Benefit Fund** - The clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr Croxford regarding the projects benefitting from the solar farm community benefit fund. The clerk to email Mr Croxford to update him.

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4.170 **16/01602/FUL** – Removal of existing 10 metre high monopole and installation of 17.5 metre high Phase 5 monopole and 3900A RFC cabinet and associated development of telecommunication mast, Olney Road. There were no objections to this application.

4.171 **16/01696/TCA** – Notification of intention to reduce by around 10-12ft in height and potentially brace the two stems of 1 x mature Lawson Cypress tree (T1); totally remove the lower limb extending in a south easterly direction away from the main trunk or reduce in length by 5m with the remaining section of the branch braced back to a suitable anchor point of 1 x mature False Acacia/Robinia (T2) (Also applied for under a 5 day notice). Remove any smaller branches that cross through the main fork and reduce large lower limb by 2.5m of 1 x Mature Beech tree (T3); remove to ground level 1 x Mature High Bred Black Poplar (T4) located between the boundary wall and the path next to an Ash at 3 Battle Close for Mr N Adams. The clerk to respond that the parish council would be in agreement with the recommendations made by MKC's tree officer.

4.172 **16/01744/DISCON** – Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 3 (landscaping scheme), 4 (external materials), 7 (ground conditions assessment) and

8 (construction method statement) attached to application 13/02312/FUL at 6 Prospect Place, Newport Pagnell. No objections to this Discharge of Conditions

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

5.1 **RFO's Report** - The RFO's report for the 18th July was accepted. The clerk reported that the Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils was seeking subscriptions. It was agreed that as the parish council already subscribed to the Bucks Association of Local Councils that the offer would not be taken up.

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.

A H Contracts	106.52
Antrams Payroll Services	39.00
Anglian Water	12.09
Keep Britain Tidy	300.00
Mr W D Letts	31.50
ESSC	30.00
Miss S P Clark	1,007.16
Mrs K Goss	432.60
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Payments proposed by Councillor Horton, seconded by Councillor V McLean and unanimously agreed by all those present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – is now listed in the Wallet

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

7.1 **Village publicity** – Armed Forces Day, village signs, SID data, We're Watching You Campaign

7.2 Councillors' Concerns

Councillor Horton commented that when setting the budget, the giving of grants needed to be addressed. The clerk responded that it had already been agreed that applicants would have to attend a parish council meeting to put their case forward.

In the absence **Councillor Hall**, she had asked the clerk to report the weeds in the parking bays at Westpits. Councillor V McLean commented that the parish council might have to look at doing the weeds themselves and that Sherington had also undertaken this. The clerk to contact Sherington Parish Council.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 5th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm.