

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 16th July 2018

Present:

Councillor Vicki McLean (Chairman)
 Councillor Paul Flowers
 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 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 11TH JUNE 2018** -
 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th June 2018 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.
2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

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

215 – Olney Ward Forum – Meeting held 13/6/18. Councillor V McLean reported that the main point that came out of the meeting was that there were also other parish councils that felt that planning applications were going out to consultation either incomplete or with discrepancies. Councillor V McLean stated that note was taken of the planning applications that Emberton had issues with. It was noted that Ravenstone Parish Council rejected a planning application if it was incomplete and they didn't look at it until they had all the paperwork. Councillor V McLean stated that she was inclined to support this initiative. Ward Councillor McLean stated that the clock was running too for the applicant. Councillor White commented that any incomplete application should be returned and the applicant notified. Councillor Laval stated that surely the process should start with a valid application. Councillor V McLean commented that the parish council had been asked to make decisions on incomplete applications.

Councillor V McLean stated that the other issue to come out of the forum was the setting up of a stakeholder group to look at development east of the M1. It had been decided that, as there were so many parishes that might be affected by the development, that it would be better to have a local stakeholder group to which the parish council would be invited to attend. Councillor V McLean stated that primarily it would be the infrastructure impact on routes into Milton Keynes.

127 – Parishes Forum – Meeting held 14/6/18. Councillor Gibson attended this

and will report at the next meeting.

Update from Ward Councillor

Milton Keynes East Local Stakeholder Group – Ward Councillor McLean reported that the group was going to consist of only the parishes nearby but the 17 parishes in the Olney Ward, Newport Pagnell, Broughton & MK, Campbell Park and Great Linford are to be invited. Ward Councillor McLean stated that it was important that Emberton was represented. Councillor Laval asked about the infrastructure fund. Ward Councillor McLean responded that this would be applied for before any development was secured. Councillor V McLean stated that she would be willing to attend these meetings.

2.1 Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes

- 2.1.25 **Parking around Institute** – The clerk contacted Redline buses to ascertain whether or not a bus service was operating on a Thursday evening. Redline to advise whether or not this was the case. MKC transport have now passed EPC’s email regarding parking restrictions to highways for them to come up with a solution. Councillor Flowers reported that there was an incident on the 12th July where a member of the Bridge Club parked so far away from the kerb that the bus was unable to get past. It was noted that Redline bus drivers were not permitted to reverse the bus if they had passengers on board. Councillor Laval stated that one solution was to get the Bridge Club to move to the pavilion but this was unlikely and to also request a meeting with the bus company and MKC highways. Councillors Flowers responded that there wasn’t an issue with parking on the bend but with the way vehicles were parked. Councillor V McLean stated that EUC needed writing to again asking them to monitor the parking outside The Institute when it was being hired out by the Bridge Club. Ward Councillor McLean suggested that one member of the Bridge Club should monitor the parking; if they were parked so far away from the kerb, this might be a traffic violation.

The clerk to: 1) write to EUC asking them to monitor the parking at The Institute, 2) request a site visit from the bus company and MKC highways, 3) request the PCSO to attend on a Thursday evening to monitor the parking.

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- 2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Estimate received from Signs of the Times in the sum of £3,963.17 excluding VAT, carriage and fixing. The clerk made enquiries for fixing costs with MKC.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 **Emberton Park** – Nothing to report.

3.6 Parish related

- 3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – The clerk reported that the SIDS should be up in the next couple of days. A discussion took place regarding Speed Watch. The clerk reported that Sherington were perhaps looking at buying Speed Watch. It was agreed to have a discussion with Sherington, Lavendon and Olney regarding the possibility of purchasing Speed Watch with a view to sharing the equipment.

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3.6.16 **Clock tower damage** – A cheque from Zurich has been received in the sum of £1,239, £950 for the repair to the clock towers and £289 for associated costs (road closure). The clerk advised Boden & Ward that their estimate was acceptable and a date for repair is awaited. The clerk to check with Zurich that insurance would be in place to cover any damage to the hire equipment for the road closure.

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3.62 **Plan:MK (Core Strategy) – update on 5 year housing land supply** – A briefing note had been received from MKC stating that (using the Liverpool method) the Council could only demonstrate a land supply position of 4.66 years, which is an approximate deficit of 890-900 dwellings. Ward Councillor McLean commented that the key next stage was to get Plan:MK through.

3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – Councillor Laval reported that the Steering Group were about to write to land owners attached to the settlement area and put up posters for sites for the plan. The next steering group meeting would go through the non housing part of the plan and then a further meeting in September to go through the housing part and look at sites put forward. Ward Councillor McLean commented that it was important to push on with the Neighbourhood Plan so that the parish could get the protection it wanted. It was noted that a grant had been received for the Neighbourhood Plan in the sum of £6,050.00.

3.85 **Confidential item**

3.90 **Parish and Town Councils Draft Framework (top up services)** – It was noted that the parish council did not wish to top up any services at the present time.

3.93 **Milton Keynes East Local Stakeholder Group** – Covered under previous items.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that the proposed meeting in June did not take place and the next one was in September.

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**.

4.214 **18/01237/FUL** – Amendment to approval reference 18/00290/FUL to widen side extension forming garage and to raise roof with new dormer to rear elevation to accommodate room with roof space over proposed new garage at 21 High Street for Mr P Flowers – **permitted**

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. There were no objections to this application. The clerk to respond accordingly.

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4.216 **18/01633/CLUP** – Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a pre-fabricated shed on field adjacent to 6 West Farm Way for Mr A Soul. There were no objections to this application. The clerk to respond accordingly.

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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. It was noted that although this planning application appeared on the planning portal, the application had not been validated.

Ward Councillor McLean left the meeting at 8.20pm

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

5.1 **RFO's Report** – The RFO's Report for the 16th July 2018 was accepted. Councillor Hall reported that she was not able to access the bank statement sent with the report. The clerk to look into this. Councillor V McLean reported that a grant for the Neighbourhood Plan had been received in the sum of £6,050.00 with a further grant being applied for in due course; the grants should cover all the expenses associated with the plan. The clerk commented that there were sundry expenses such as postage and the hire of the pavilion which perhaps the grant might not cover. It was proposed by Councillor Laval, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed to reduce the contingency set aside for the Neighbourhood Plan by the parish council to £1,000.

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

Emberton Sports & Social Club – pavilion hire for NHP Meeting	£15.00
Anglian Water Business Ltd – supply at allotments	£25.61
Alban Hill Nurseries – supply of hanging baskets/flower troughs	£600.00
Thomas Fattorini Ltd – supply of bar for chain of office	£58.83
Mrs K Goss – Clerk's June salary	£400.92
Mrs K Goss – Clerk's June comp/telephone expenses	£18.56
Town Planning Services – Neighbourhood Plan	£1,320.00

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

7.2 **Councillors' Concerns**

Councillor V McLean reported that the Alison Fraser Walk needed a trim. The clerk to arrange this.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm