

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Present:

Councillor Victoria McLean (Chairman)
 Councillor Paul Flowers
 Councillor Soo Hall
 Councillor Mike Horton
 Councillor Harry White

Ward Councillor Keith McLean

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence - Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Gibson and Logsdail and Ward Cllrs David Hosking and Peter Geary.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – Cllr Flowers Declared an Interest in item 4.238.

1. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING** held on 4th June 2019. These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 1.2 **Register of Member's Interest** – A Register of Member's Interest was received from Cllr Flowers.
- 1.3 **Public questions, comments or representations** – No members of public present.
- 1.4 **Dates for Commitment** – These were noted.
- 1.5 **Risk – to identify and action where necessary** – No risks identified other than the ones that the parish council had been made aware of by the internal auditor.

2. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND AGREE ANY DECISIONS/ACTIONS**

Parishes Forum (20/6/19) – The clerk to circulate the minutes when they are received.

Olney Ward Forum (26/6/19) – Cllr White commented that the meeting was quite informative. The closure of Newport Pagnell Police Station was discussed and officers would be relocated to Wolverton in the short term. A422 closure will take place between 5th and 18th August with the diversion being around the A509.

EPFC/ESSC - Cllr Hall reported that the temporary bar was on going and proving successful. Cllr V McLean reported that a draft had been circulated to EPFC and also to ESSC and the members of the parish council had sight of it at the last meeting outlining the proposal to transfer the EPFC to the parish council and the reasons and background for it. Cllr Hall responded that the EPFC had agreed to the proposal in principle. Cllr V McLean reported that she had spoken to BALC and NALC and advice had been given by the internal auditor and that some money would have to be spent to put a legal agreement in place. Cllr Flowers commented that this had to be a good move going forwards. The clerk commented that the proposals and recommendations made by the EPFC would have to be minuted. It was proposed by Cllr Horton, seconded by Cllr Hall and unanimously agreed to proceed with

the proposal as agreed in the draft document. Cllr V McLean commented that EPFC needed to start the process of discontinuing their charitable status. Cllr Hall reiterated that when the EPFC held their meetings, minutes must be taken. **Action KG** to obtain estimate for legal advice.

Ward Councillors – ME East – HIF bid was still in. The cabinet member decided that he would take the decision that the consultation would start on the Development Framework for MK East. The decision has been called in and will be held on the 7th July. **A422** – will be closed for two weeks in August.

Clerk's Report

- 2.1.124 **Weed spraying** – It was agreed to a further spraying in August.
- 2.1.55 **Fly tipping in Prospect Place** – Nothing to report.
- 2.1.94 **Dog bin (West Lane)** – the clerk to arrange for the bin to be replaced. **Action KG**
- 2.1.103 **WW1 commemorative bench** – Community Infrastructure Bid unsuccessful. Application has been put forward to Supplementary Fund, decision to be made late August.
- 2.1.104 **WW1 commemorative litter bin** – This has been delivered. The clerk emailed MKC on the 11th June to ask for permission to site the bin on the highway and for details of a recommended contractor. Awaiting response.
- 2.1.105 **Newport Road (speed limit)** – The clerk to take this back to highways. Cllr White commented that a weight limit and speed limit were the way to go. **Action KG** to contact MKC highways.
- 3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – Speed watch undertaken in June. 26 vehicles were exceeding the speed limit – two vehicles were travelling at 56mph and 57mph respectively. The clerk sent the data to TVP for action.
- 3.6.16 **Clock tower** – Repair to the clock tower has now been undertaken. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- 3.6.28 **Parking restrictions (Olney Road)** – Nothing to report. It was agreed to take back the concerns regarding parking in Hulton Drive to the PLUG meeting.
- 3.6.68 **Well at Petsoe End** – The clerk to arrange an estimate for the tree to be removed behind the well. **Action KG**
- 3.6.105 **Tree in Hulton Drive (10 Hulton Drive)** – Nothing to report.
- 3.1 **Emberton Park** – Cllr Flowers reported that there were no representatives from the sporting events or Sailing club and no minutes were taken. Parking in the village came up as an issue and MKC were looking at ANPR and parking. BBQs was a big talking point; a proposal was being put forward for two bbq areas. Cllr White commented that the park needed to go away from how it was now and to how it was. Cllr Flowers reported that it was felt that as the gate was only manned between 9am to 5pm, visitors could do what they liked after this time. An open fire had been attended by the fire service. Discussions also revolved around the lack of toilet facilities and the £46,000 funding. Next PLUG meeting – 18th July.

- 3.23 **Bell & Bear Public House** – A letter had been received from Criterion Asset Management stating that it was hoped that a new tenant would take on the pub in the near future but timescales could not be given. The clerk to complete the Community Right to Bid application. **Action KG**
- 3.85 **Emberton School** – Cllr Horton reported that he had attended the Delegated Decision Meeting on the 18th June and he felt that EPC had not been consulted regarding the decision to close Emberton School and there was very little the parish council could do about it. Cllr Horton stated that he had concerns regarding the charitable fund as this should not be absorbed by the federation as the fund was set up for the children of Emberton. Cllr V McLean commented that the fund had to be transferred to the village and the Community Foundation should be approached with an opportunity to manage it. The parish council should be consulted on the property itself as it was interested in what was going to happen to the building and the playing field. It was noted that the 5 other schools in the federation were C of E and Emberton was not. Cllr Flowers commented that this was looked at when he was a governor and it was felt that there was no need for Emberton to be a C of E school to be part of the federation. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Chairman of the federation asking for the money to be returned as they couldn't provide financial provision for children of Emberton that didn't go to federation schools. **Action VMc** to draft letter.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.45 **Local Council Tax Reform** – parish funding consultation 2020/2021 – The clerk commented that three proposals had been put forward. It was agreed to go with option A. **Action KG** to respond.
- 3.74 **Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan** – Noted and no comment.
- 3.91 **Draft Mobility Strategy** – transport infrastructure delivery plan – It was noted that the by pass east of Emberton had been put back in as a medium term plan. No comment to make.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Cllr Horton reported that there was £12,835 in the fund and there were no outstanding applications. Next meeting will take place in September.

previous applications status

- 4.236 **19/00993/FUL** – partial removal of wall and gates to re-instate previous vehicular access to front garden; installation of new gates at 2 Gravel Walk for Mrs L Pauley - **refused**
- 4.237 **19/00994/LBC** – listed building consent for above application- **refused**
- 4.238 **19/01177/FUL** – erection of rear balcony (amendment to approval reference 18/00290/FUL) at 21 High Street for Mr P Flowers - **pending**
- 4.239 **19/01123/FUL** – new single storey ground floor extension, replacement roof, skylights, new cladding materials and associated alterations at Hollington Wood Cottage, Newport Road for Mr & Mrs Lawrence – **pending**

new applications

- 4.240 **19/1606/FUL** – Two storey rear and side extensions and 1 ½ storey front entrance porch extension at 19 Westpits for Mr and Mrs Pye – There were no objections to this application. **Action KG** to advise MKC.

5. ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 **To receive the RFO's Report for the 2nd July 2019 and approve payments.** The RFO's Report was received. It was proposed by Cllr Horton and seconded by Cllr White that the payments be approved as per the RFO's Report. It was agreed that if the parish council were not meeting in August, that the clerk's salary could be approved by email. A discussion took place regarding amending the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to allow the clerk to make payments up to a limit of £200 and to allow for invoices to be paid up to 5% of their estimate, without approval at parish council meetings provided that the expenditure was within budget. **Action KG** to look into this.

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

- 7.1 **Village publicity – Action KG**

7.2 **Councillors' concerns**

Cllr White queried what Mr Williams was and wasn't permitted to do as part of the Airsoft on land to the rear of West Farm Way. Cllr V McLean responded that he was allowed 28 days in one year in which to undertake events or maintenance.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – confirmed as Tuesday 3rd September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.