

**Emberton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in The Pavilion**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Melanie Duncan - Chairman  
 Cllr Steve Gibson – Vice Chairman  
 Cllr Paul Flowers  
 Cllr Harry White

Zoe Raven – Acorn Early Years Foundation (part meeting via zoom)

Ward Cllr Keith McLean (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

**Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Colin Jamieson, Cllr Richard Logsdail, Cllr Fred Markland and Ward Councillors Peter Geary and David Hosking.

**Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda** – Cllr Duncan Declared an Interest in item 2.1.17 and item 4.317.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

- 1.2 **Public questions** – Ms Raven stated that Acorn Early Years Foundation had yet to receive the draft lease from MKC. However, there was a verbal agreement on the terms with the VSF. Ms Raven went on to state that Acorn now might have to adjust their timescales as they could not apply for Ofsted registration until the lease had been sorted out. There was work to do on the building such as the kitchen and toilets in readiness for the start of the school term in September. Ms Raven had raised the question of planning with Peter Beer at MKC and he had stated that this was not an issue.

Cllr Duncan stated that she assumed that the Acorn would be directly renting the building from MKC. Ms Raven responded that she believed the VSF would remain involved with the site throughout the term of the lease, but this was not confirmed in legal terms. Cllr Duncan asked if the VSF were responsible for maintaining the building. Ms Raven stated that the VSF would maintain the field until Acorn Early Years took over. Ward Cllr McLean was asked his views. He stated that he had not been involved in the process but it was imperative that Ms Raven got something in writing from Peter Beer as soon as possible. See agenda item 3.851.

- 1.3 **Risk – Flooding at Petsoe End** – It was noted that due to the recent heavy rainfall and a blocked patio drain, a house in Petsoe End was flooded on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. There was a prompt community response to assist the owners removing the water by bucket chain gang. A discussion took place regarding the potential of further flooding and what part the parish council could play in its prevention. The parish council would also ask for comments and

ideas from the residents through the website and Well & Towers. Ward Cllr McLean suggested contacting Ashish Patel at MKC to invite him to a site visit. **Action: KG**

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

### 2.1 Ward Cllrs' Report

**MK Connect** – Ward Cllr McLean reported that the feedback from residents was that MK Connect was good except where people were telephoning to book rather than using the app – people booking my telephone call were experiencing difficulties with the service.

**MK East** – Ward Cllr McLean stated that the outline planning application was available to comment upon. It was agreed that the parish council would send a response to this.

**The Forge** – A resident in The Forge had moved out due to antisocial behaviour and there was another on going matter between two other tenants.

**Household waste recycling centre** – Cllr Duncan asked if the booking system would continue for the rubbish dump. Ward Cllr McLean stated that it would continue for the time being.

2.2 **Dates for Diaries** – these were noted.

2.3 **Parishes Forum** – The clerk to circulate the Minutes when they become available. **Action: KG**

### 2.4 Clerk's Report

2.1.17 **Bridleway claim at Petsoe End** – It was noted that the case was being prepared to go to public enquiry.

2.1.24 **Weed spraying** – The contractor that sprayed the weeds had advised that in order for the weed spraying to be more effective, 3 sprays were required rather than the current 2 (£235 per spray). It was agreed to keep with two sprays per year and to review it at the end of the year.

2.1.82 **Resident's parking – Hulton Drive** – The plan for the resident parking scheme had been received from MKC. It was felt that the scheme should be in force for 24 hours rather than 10am to 10pm and that the double yellow lines for the northern end of Olney Road should not be included in the scheme. It was noted that the residents of Battle Close were included in the resident parking scheme. There had not been any reference to one hour parking being required from residents as intimated by MKC and therefore this should not form part of the scheme. Action: The clerk to notify MKC that 1) the resident parking scheme was acceptable with the amendment to a 24 hour scheme rather than 10am to 10pm. 2) the parish council did not wish for a 1 hour wait limit to be introduced along Olney Road (outside house numbers 57-69) and did not wish for double yellow lines to be painted in this area. 3) the parish council would wish to see the single yellow lines refreshed when the resident parking scheme was introduced.

2.1.95 **Milestone (A509 north)** – Nothing to report.

2.1.109 **Ash tree (junction of Petsoe End)** – Nothing to report.

- 2.1.110 **Anglian Water pumping station, Harvey Drive** – Nothing further to report.
- 2.1.111 **Harvey Drive nameplate** – No response received from MKC.
- 3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – nothing to report.
- 3.6.28 **Parking restrictions (Olney Road)** – See update under item 2.1.82.
- 3.6.30 **Allotments – servicing of mower** – The Allotments Holders Association purchased a mower in 2016 through a grant from the Solar Farm Fund. The equipment remained the property of the Allotment Holders Association. The mower was used to keep the strips between the allotment tidy. A request had been received via Cllr White to put in place a maintenance programme for the equipment – estimate of £75 per annum plus parts. Allotment rent received for 2020/2021 was £181.50, costs for water for 2020/2021 was £179.21. It was noted that MKC owned the allotment land and the parish council were responsible for administration of the allotments. Ward Cllr McLean suggested that the parish council wrote to MKC to ascertain ownership and liability. **Action: KG.** It was suggested that the Allotment Holders Association could apply to the parish council for a yearly community grant to contribute towards the cost of maintaining and insuring the mower and any other equipment that was required. Cllr Duncan stated that the tenancy agreement should state that any of the equipment at the allotments was used at tenants own risk.
- 3.6.68 **Well at Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.
- 3.6.109 **Newton Road** – Awaiting assessment by MKC.
- 3.6.110 (March 2021) – **Gritting at Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.
- 3.6.111 **Street light at junction with High Street and A509** – This has now been repaired and Cllr Flowers reported that it was working. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- 3.6.112 (March 2021) – **Dead trees Newton Road (to right of triangle)** – Nothing to report.

### 3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 **Emberton Park** – Cllr White reported that a group from the MK Youth Cabinet had a walk around the park and made some observations. There would be work taking place on the trees along the A509. Cllr Markland had sent out an email highlighting the poor condition of the poplar trees immediately at the entrance to the park. A discussion took place regarding the condition of the trees near the entrance to the park and it was considered by a majority that the Emberton Park management plan for the trees was reasonable, given the trees did not overhang the public highway. Cllr White reported that the trees in Field 13 were going to be re-planted. There was no further update on bbqs and byelaws and no further news on the Eco plan as the officer was unable to attend the meeting. The subject of volunteers was raised with MKC trying to recruit a volunteer co-ordinator to work with other volunteers. The discussion on the zoning plan would be tabled at the next meeting.
- 3.23 **Bell & Bear Public House** – Cllr Gibson reported that an increased offer of £350,000 was made by the Bell & Bear Limited to the Wellington Pub Company which was accepted.

Arrangements were now in hand for those people who had pledged money to come forward to make the payment. It was noted that the pub committee would not hold people to their pledges if their financial circumstances had changed over the long time that had passed since making the pledges, and with the impact of covid. It was noted that the plan was to open the beer garden for September and a wet bar moving to inside by Christmas. A meeting was being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July to update those that had made pledges.

- 3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Duncan reported that this had gone very quiet and that the clerk had chased the planning consultant, Chris Akrill.
- 3.85 **Emberton School** – School House Fund – Cllr Duncan reported that she had prepared a draft letter to the Trustees of the School House Fund about the direction they were suggesting for the fund. It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr White and unanimously **agreed** that the letter be sent with the amended wording “proposed takeover of the school by Acorn Early Years”. **Action: MD**
- 3.851 **Acorn Early Years proposal** – **Action: KMc** to email Bee Lewis and Peter Beer at MKC to progress the lease for Acorn Early Years.
- 3.97 **Sports & Recreation Committee** – The clerk reported that an estimate was awaited to replace the fencing in the car park.
- 3.99 **Conservation area – review of 1997 Conservation Area Statement by MKC** – Nothing to report. It was noted that the clerk had chased this.
- 3.105 **Public Spaces Protection Order – Alcohol** – It was agreed that no comment would be sent.

#### 4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Following an email sent to MKC regarding a signed copy of the S106 Unilateral Undertaking, response had been received from MKC stating that there was an issue in that there was not a signed copy of the agreement on record. Cllr White suggested contacting the wind farm committee directly to ask them what documentation they had. Cllr Flowers stated that when he was on the committee, there was a question of representatives and that he would be willing to be a committee member. It was agreed to continue to chase MKC and to source a copy of the wind farm committee’s constitution. **Action: KG**
- 4.2 **Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Nothing to report.

#### **previous applications status**

- 4.309 **21/01130/FUL** – Erection of one dwelling with attached single garage (re-submission of 20/00483/FUL) at 34 Gravel Walk – **pending**
- 4.312 **21/01373/FUL and 21/01374/LBC** (Listed Building Consent) New attic floor & roof to existing outbuilding including re-building of boundary wall (excluding garage) to provide ancillary habitable space/sewing room & gym. Existing window adapted to form a new doorway to kitchen (rear elevation). Replacement timber cart shed doors to south elevation (partly glazed), new services in connection. Alterations to garage including alterations to wall plate for new roof, internal division & new door at West Lane House, West Lane. – **pending**.

It was noted that an email had been received from a resident to ask if their comments on this application could be passed to MKC. It was agreed that as the parish council had voted in favour of the application that this request would not be granted.

- 4.313 **21/01441/ADV** – Advertisement consent for installation of new freestanding church noticeboard inside main entrance to the churchyard, on south side of church path, and removal of existing wooden notice board opposite at All Saints Church, Church Lane - **pending**
- 4.314 **21/01095/FUL** – Install of new freestanding church noticeboard inside main entrance to the churchyard on south side of church path and removal of existing wooden notice board opposite at All Saints Church, Church Lane - **pending**
- 4.315 **21/01672/FUL** – Single storey rear extension and new rear dormer window at 24 Olney Road - **pending**

### **New applications**

- 4.316 **21/00999/OUTEIS** – Hybrid planning application – Cllr Duncan commented that previous discussions had intimated that the parish council were not in favour of development east of the M1. It was agreed to prepare a draft response in relation to the impact on the A509 and in line with the response submitted by Moulsoe Parish Council. **Action: KG**
- 4.317 **21/01869/FUL** – Two storey side extension, first floor side and two storey rear extension, new front entrance, replacement pool enclosure with link to house, dormer windows to front elevation, replacement windows and internal alterations (re-submission of 20/00077/FUL) at Springside Pasture, Petsoe End. There were no objections to this application.

## **5. ACCOUNTS**

- 5.1 **To receive the RFO's Report for the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021** and approve payments. It was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by Cllr White that the payments be approved as per the RFO's Report. Cllr White to approve the payments online. **Action: HW**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 **Email regarding memorial for Dan Wheldon** – Cllr Flowers reported that he had messaged the family and no response had been received. It was therefore agreed not to pursue the matter. The clerk to notify the sender of the email. **Action: KG**
- 6.2 **Correspondence received from EUC** – It was agreed that the parish council would support the nominations for Trustees proposed by the EUC.

- 6.3 **7 Westpits** – Confidential

## **7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS**

- 7.1 **Village publicity** – flooding, MK East.

### **7.2 Cllrs' concerns**

**Cllr White** – stated that there was broken glass being left on the footpaths and highway following the emptying of the blue boxes by Serco. The clerk to raise this with MKC.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – confirmed as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 7pm to be held at the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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