

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 4th September 2017

Present:

Councillor Steve Gibson – Chairman
 Councillor Vicki McLean – Vice Chairman
 Councillor Paul Flowers
 Councillor Soo Hall
 Councillor Mike Horton
 Councillor Harry White

Ward Councillor Keith McLean

Mrs Virginia Tierney - Resident

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence - Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Cheney and Ward Councillors Peter Geary and David Hosking.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 24th July 2017 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

- 4.179 16/02999/LBC** – Repairs/restoration of listed buildings including works to house, outbuilding and boundary walls at Emberton House Farm, Newport Road for Mr & Mrs Mercer – Mrs Tierney addressed the meeting and stated that she had attended the Development Control Committee Meeting and understood that EPC objected on the design of the proposed application. Mrs Tierney commented that at the first DCC meeting held, the planning application was refused for the applicants to resubmit the design but there were not any new plans forthcoming from MKC. Councillor V McLean stated that the parish council did not object to the planning application but to the appearance of the development. Mrs Tierney asked Councillor Keith McLean why he abstained from voting and questioned the planning process as the application had been approved. Councillor K McLean responded that he did not have to justify to Mrs Tierney why he abstained from voting and suggested that Mrs Tierney could make a complaint to MKC if she wished to do so regarding the planning process.

Mrs Tierney left the meeting at 7.40pm

2. 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.

2.1 Councillor's Concerns from previous Minutes

- 2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – Awaiting update from MKC.
- 2.1.24 **Weeds** - The clerk reported that an email from Marcus Young Landscapes had been received offering weed spraying for £150 per day plus vat. It was agreed that the clerk would meet Marcus Young to discuss this further. KG
- 2.1.52 **No waiting signs, Olney Road** – Nothing to report.
- 2.1.63 **Village name signs** – Nothing to report.
- 2.1.82 **Residents' parking, Hulton Drive and Olney Road** – Nothing to report.
- 2.1.101 **Bus stop, triangle at Petsoe End** – Awaiting confirmation from MKC that funding will be made available for the signs.

Update from Ward Councillors

Emberton House Farm – Councillor K McLean reported that the planning application at Emberton House Farm was showing as “pending” as a legal process was being undertaken to draw up the Unilateral Undertaking for repair to the wall.

Trees in Gravel Walk - Councillor K McLean reported that he had spoken to Maurice Barnes regarding the trees in Gravel Walk and it was the housing department that were responsible for them. Councillor McLean went on to state that the resident raising the concern had actually offered to pay for them to be taken down.

Naval Cadets – Councillor K McLean reported that the Naval Cadets had been evicted from Emberton Park and went on to explain that there were a number of things that they were asked to provide to MKC and they had failed to do so.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 **Emberton Park** – An email was sent to Jeremy Beake with a copy to Nick Hannon. An response was received from Nick Hannon stating that he noted the concerns from the parish council and stated that Serco were working on site 5 days a week to litter pick. Mr Hannon stated that multi language signs would be considered but ultimately signage was meant to be pictorial in nature. Mr Hannon also asked the parish council to provide information how it could assist in the reparation of the issues such as a community clear up or any resources that could be deployed to assist in the long term cleaning and maintenance of the park. Councillor Keith McLean commented that Mr Hannon was probably not aware how small Emberton Parish Council was.

An email had been received from Jeremy Beake stating that the management of the park was under constant review and that MKC welcomed local partnerships with the parish council to help improvements. Mr Beake questioned the comments raised by the parish council regarding the number of visitors to the park being related to religious festivals. In his email, Mr Beake commented that the use of multi language signs was not necessary as the level of education enjoyed by

many citizens was adequate. Mr Beake went on to state that the Council “would continue to fulfil its duty in making all services accessible, promote the park to all, seek to foster good community relations without misunderstanding and innuendo, whilst maintaining our mature unspoilt parkland.”

3.2 Parish Partnership Fund – Nothing to report.

3.6 Parish related

3.6.15 Rat running and restricted access – Nothing to report. Councillor Gibson suggested that the clerk ask TVP to come out to enforce the restricted access.

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3.6.48 Alison Fraser Walk – The gate has been repaired and the weeds have been cleared. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

3.6.101 Christmas lights for Emberton – An email had been received from Glenda Logsdail regarding Christmas trees for Emberton. It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Hall that £150 be allocated from the 2017/2018 budget towards the purchase of one Christmas tree and lights, to be placed by the clock tower and to assess the situation the following year. The clerk to advise Mrs Logsdail.

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3.23 Field 13 – The clerk reported that she had spoken to the farmer leasing Field 13 who had commented that MKC’s agent had advised him that the land was being sold in 2018 and he would not be able to continue with leasing the field. Councillor K McLean suggested raising this with Duncan Sharkey and expressing the parish council’s disappointment that the Community Right to Bid was rejected and also that the parish council were not permitted to raise the issue at the Parishes Forum.

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3.62 Plan:MK – Nothing to report.

3.74 Emberton Neighbourhood Plan – Meeting to be held on 20th September.

3.84 Emberton Landscape Maintenance Contract with MKC – Nothing to report.

3.85 Proposed Federation of Emberton School, Newton Blossomville C of E School, North Crawley C of E School, Sherington C of E School, Stoke Goldington C of E First School and St Andrew’s C of E School – It was noted that the consultation had ended and had been approved. Councillor Flowers reported that he was attending a meeting on Thursday 7th September and a working party would be looking at the details.

3.88 Emberton Settlement Boundary Review – An email had been received from Aecom who were undertaking a review of settlement boundaries on behalf of MKC which will form part of Plan:MK. Aecom stated that there were no proposals to change the existing settlement boundary (map attached to these Minutes) of Emberton and hoped that the parish council agreed with the findings. It was noted that Petsoe End, Newport Road and Honey Hill were not included in the settlement boundary and a comment was received from MKC stated that this was because the development had not adjoined the existing development boundary of the village. It was agreed to respond that the parish council were happy with

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the current settlement boundary but with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, that the settlement boundary might be superseded.

Councillor Keith McLean left the meeting at 8.30pm

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that the committee would be meeting in October.

4.109 **Solar Farm & Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Hall reported that a meeting had taken place earlier in the evening and two grants awarded; £3,000 to Friends of All Saints’ towards their heating project and £1,000 to Emberton United Charity towards the purchase of a dishwasher, leaving £6,415 in the fund.

4.178 **16/02988/FUL** – Demolition of timber stable block and erection of two dwellings to enable repair/restoration of listed buildings including works to house, outbuilding and boundary walls at Emberton House Farm, Newport Road for Mr & Mrs Mercer – **awaiting decision notification**

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4.195 **17/01594/FUL** – Installation of shade sail canopy onto school playing field at Emberton School, Olney Road – **permitted**

4.196 **17/02066/PNAGC3** – Prior notification of change of use of existing agricultural barn to 2 x residential dwellings (use Class C3) at Rectory Farm, Newton Road for Mr J Croxford. There were no objections to this application.

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

5.1 **RFO’s Report** – The RFO’s Report for the 4th September 2017 was accepted.

5.2 **Bank Account – Change of signatories** – It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor White to include the clerk as a signatory to the accounts in order to access internet banking. The changes of signatories for the Co-operative Bank was completed by Councillors and the clerk. The clerk to send the application. It was noted that the clerk would only become a signatory to enable access to internet banking and that she would not be permitted to authorise payments as stated in the Internet Banking Policy.

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5.3 **Internet Banking** – It was proposed by Councillor Horton and seconded by Councillor Flowers that the Internet Banking Policy be accepted. Councillors and the clerk completed the Co-operative Bank Internet Banking application, which will be returned by the clerk.

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

A H Contracts – emptying dog waste bins for July	£77.47
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J V Hough – repair to gate in Alison Fraser Walk	£150.00

Getmpaping Plc – parish online subscription	£33.60
Mr W D Letts – landscaping in Alison Fraser Walk	£30.00
Mr T P Wibaut – bus shelter cleaning/emptying bins	£102.50
Mrs K Goss – clerk’s July/August salary	£514.05
Mrs K Goss – clerk’s computer/telephone/expenses for July/Aug	£19.95

Payments proposed by Councillors Gibson, seconded by Councillor White and unanimously agreed by all those present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – All correspondence previously circulated via email.

- 6.1 Smart Water** – The clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Thames Valley Police offering Smart Water at £8.95 per bottle for a minimum order of 20 bottles. It was noted that the normal rate for Smart Water was £60 per bottle. It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Hall that 20 bottles of Smart Water were purchased to be offered to residents.

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7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

- 7.1 Village publicity** – Rubbish in park, school, Smart Water, weeds, bonfires, noise.

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7.2 Councillors’ Concerns

Councillor Horton commented that residents in West Lane and The Paddock were disturbed by loud music being played until 2.45am on Saturday evening (2nd September). It was agreed to publish an article in the Well & Towers regarding noise nuisance.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute. Councillor Gibson gave his apologies for the next meeting.

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The Meeting closed at 9.10pm