

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the November 2016 Meeting**

### **EMBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10am to 3pm, The Pavilion, Hulton Drive, Emberton, MK46 5BS**

Emberton Parish council has decided to develop and publish a Neighbourhood Plan with the support of Milton Keynes Council.

The purpose of the Plan is to enable the residents of Emberton parish to express and record their views on how developments in the parish should be managed in the future in accordance with national and local policies and strategies covering but not limited to the following items:

- Residential Housing developments
- Commercial developments
- Transport developments
- Access to Public Transport
- Access to Health care
- Access to education
- Access to leisure and sporting facilities

A key part of the process of developing the Plan is engagement with residents to record their views and opinions on the proposed Plan to ensure that it is in accordance with the resident's requirements.

All residents are therefore invited to attend the Neighbourhood Plan open day; refreshments will be available.

**X10 BUS SERVICE** – As a trial, the current X10 bus service which operates a Sunday service from Lavendon to Milton Keynes (via Olney) will be diverted through Emberton from 16<sup>th</sup> November. The X10 will also be operating on most Bank Holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day excepted). Timetables are awaited from the printers and will be made available at bus stops as soon as possible.

**MK50** – On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, Milton Keynes will be 50 years old, and throughout 2017 local celebrations will take place. If you have any ideas or thoughts how Emberton Parish Council can get involved, please speak to the clerk or a member of the parish council.

**DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS SESSIONS** – The South Central Ambulance Service has kindly agreed to hold two awareness sessions covering basic CPR, the recovery position and use of the defibrillator. The sessions will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10am and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10am at the Pavilion, Hulton Drive. Sessions will last for 1.5 hours. Please contact Karen Goss if you would like to attend.

**COMMUNITY FUND FROM SOLAR FARM** – Applications for grants are sought from community groups and individuals within Emberton to utilise the community fund from the solar farm; the projects do not have to be related to energy efficiency. There are two types of grants available, small grants up to £1,000 (no match funding) and community grants up to £3,000 (match funded). Application forms, together with the terms and conditions of the grant are available from the clerk. Deadlines for applications are 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. If you are not sure whether your project meets the criteria or you would like more information, please contact Karen Goss. Projects that have been supported so far are bi fold doors for the pavilion, a computer and projector for the History Society, soft furnishings and paint at the pavilion, a grant towards printing of the Well & Towers, refurbishment of the playing field tennis court, a dishwasher for the Church, a lawn mower and other equipment for the allotments, a dishwasher for the Church, a grant towards updating the toilets at The Institute, a lawn mower for the cricket square at the playing field and a grant towards replacing the skylights in The Institute.

**GREEN BIN CAMPAIGN** - MKC are starting a scheme to engage with parish councils to focus on getting more food waste out of black sacks and into green bins. The campaign will be a reward/recognition scheme with parish councils being awarded 35p per household if the green bin waste is increased. The money will then be spent in the community. Emberton Parish Council has signed up to the scheme and will be advising households how to get involved in due course.

**BT CONSULTATION – CLOSURE OF 65 PUBLIC PAYPHONES** – BT are undertaken a consultation in the Milton Keynes area regarding the closure of 65 public payphones. One of the payphones highlighted for removal is in the High Street. The parish council has responded stating that it has no objection to the removal of the payphone on the condition that the area is left in a tidy state following its removal.

**KERB STONES, WEST LANE** – The parish council has been in talks with Milton Keynes Council Highways and landowners regarding the kerb stones at the farm entrance in West Lane with a view of realigning the access. The kerb stones are regularly dislodged by large vehicles turning into the farm entrance. Unfortunately, due to the cost of any scheme having to be met by Milton Keynes Council and no other viable solution acceptable, the parish council will no longer be pursuing the matter.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR