

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 9th February 2015

Present: Councillor Doreen Cooper – Chairman
 Councillor Cynthia Cheney
 Councillor Steve Gibson
 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 Councillor Flowers and Ward Councillors Peter Geary and David Hosking.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

1.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 12th January 2015 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

2.0 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.

210 – PLUG – Meeting held 22/1/15. Councillor White reported that the Park would be celebrating its 50th anniversary on 6th June and were looking for ideas. It was noted that the Café had closed for financial reasons. The transfer of the Park to The Parks Trust had not progressed, mainly due to the £1m shortfall.

215 – MKALC – Meeting held 28/1/15 – Minutes circulated and also in the correspondence wallet.

214 – EPFC – Meeting held 3/2/15. The clerk reported that since the meeting, Helen had stood down as Chairman and that the committee were rather low on numbers. The AGM will be held on the 10th March and the clerk asked for support from the parish council.

Update from Ward Councillors

Budget - Councillor McLean reported that the reader's service had been reinstated and Citizen's Advice Bureau and Age UK had also been reinstated but only for a year. The library service at Olney would be reduced by 25%. The number 21 bus service through Emberton would remain.

Ousedale School – Councillor McLean reported that David Hosking had noticed comments on the Olney Noticeboard Facebook site that Ousedale School would be changing their intake policy without any consultation; the recommendation was for 36 places to be allocated on an aptitude for music even if the child was outside the catchment area. Ousedale School will now be calling a meeting on the 24th February.

2.1 **Councillor’s Concerns from previous Minutes**

2.1.1 **Village Design Statement/Village Questionnaire** – Nothing to report on this matter.

2.1.13 **High Street footpath (opposite Cedar House)** – MKC advised that the highways list of issues was being worked on at the moment and MKC would advise a date for when the work was to be undertaken.

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – A letter had been received from Mike Walker, a consultant, who had been appointed by Milton Keynes Council to establish whether or not there were public rights in existence at Petsoe Manor Farm. Mr Walker needs to investigate any documentary sources that might show or infer the presence of such rights and, as is the case here, examine evidence that has been provided by local horse riders of their long term use of the route. This is work that Mr Walker will be undertaking with a view to MKC determining whether or not it decides to make an Order to modify its Definitive Map and Statement (by showing the route in question on it). The parish council has been asked whether it has knowledge or use of the route through the farm, which might be of value in reaching an understanding, whether that favours its use by the public or supports the alternative argument that no such rights exist.

The clerk to speak to Andy McGrandle for further information. Councillor McLean commented that it might be worth speaking to a long term resident. Councillor Horton suggested also contacting Astwood and Hardmead Parish Council.

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2.1.24 **Weeds** – Nothing to report.

2.1.73 **Confidential item**

2.1.86 **Directional signage to Emberton Country Park** – Email request send again on 4/2/15 and general website enquiry also made on 4/2/15.

2.1.88 **Water trough at allotments** – Councillor White to ascertain the views of allotment holders regarding re-siting the current water trough.

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2.1.96 **Confidential item**

2.2 **High Street, resurfacing** – Nothing to report.

3.0 **SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

3.1 **Emberton Park** – Reported on under PLUG.

3.2 **234** – Local Government – The clerk commented that the playing field committee

would more than likely wish to utilise this grant to develop facilities at the pavilion.

3.6 **Parish Related**

- 3.6.81 **Stone bus shelter, guttering and roof tiles** – Nothing to report.
- 3.6.82 **Pothole, entrance to Emberton Park** – The clerk requested an update from MKC on 27th November stating that the pothole was filling up with water in the rain. (Update request 453268).
- 3.6.83 **Raised footpath, Olney Road (opposite number 49)** – An email was received from MKC on the 9th January stating that this was now on the list of planned works.
- 3.6.85 **Blocked surface water drain (4 Gravel Walk)** – The clerk requested an update from MKC on 27th November asking what action had been taken to resolve the issue. No response has been received but the issue has been logged as closed on the MKC portal on 27th January. It was agreed that this item could now be removed from the agenda.
- 3.6.90 **Speed Indicator Devices** – SIDs were deployed in Emberton between 11th and 19th January. Unfortunately, due to an error with the equipment, there was no data available to download. Chicheley had the same issue following a deployment in December, whereby the data did not compare to the previous deployment. The equipment has now been passed to Moulsoe and will be tested. It has been suggested that each parish is provided with their own SD cards to download data. At the present time, there are two separate SD cards, one for 30mph and one for 40mph.
- 3.6.93 **Action plan from village walkabout** – See attached sheet.
- 3.7 **Minerals Local Plan** – Councillor McLean commented that the consultation came out and MKC tried to identify further areas for gravel extraction by requesting that land owners put forward possible sites.
- 3.23 **Localism Bill and Community Right to Bid** – The clerk reported that an application for Field 13 had been made under Community Right to Bid. Councillor McLean commented that MKC were assessing all land across the borough.
- 3.43 **Local Investment Plan 2015** – No comment.
- 3.51 **Traffic management and local safety schemes**
Signage exiting Emberton Park – Nothing further to report.
- Bus stop in Olney Road – Confidential item**
- 3.69 **Highway Guide for Milton Keynes** – No comment.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Councillor Horton reported that two applications had been received; one for Olney Church hall and the second for Chicheley village hall.
- 4.79 **12/02611/FUL** – Erection of one 500kw wind turbine at Dovecote Farm, Turvey Road, Astwood – **pending consideration (appeal permitted)**
- 4.109 **14/00407/FUL** – Solar farm – Nothing to report.
- 4.131 **14/02513/FUL** – Garage conversion to create a kitchen with the insertion of a new door at Stone Court Cottage, West Lane for Mr Wheldon – **pending**
- 4.132 **14/02640/FUL** – Two storey side/rear extension at 32 Gravel Walk for Mr D Martinez - **pending**
- 4.133 **14/02836/FUL** – Prior notification of change of use from agricultural building to 2 x residential dwellings (use Class C3) at Rectory Farm, Newton Road for Mr J Croxford – **pending**
- 4.134 **14/02650/CLUP** – Certificate of proposed lawful use or development for the installation of a new window into an existing wall at Hill Farm, Petsoe End for Mrs L Winstanley – **permitted**. The clerk to ascertain why notification of this application had not been received.
- 4.135 **15/00071/TCA** – Notification of intention for the removal of existing overgrown yew hedge and replacement with new hedge plants at All Saints’ Church, Church Lane. There was no objection to this application.

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Councillor McLean left the meeting

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

- 5.1 **RFO’s Report and discuss banking arrangements with National Westminster Bank** – The RFO’s report was accepted. The clerk reported that National Westminster Bank had returned the application form for further completion, which was undertaken.
- 5.2 **A H Contracts** – Payment for emptying dog waste bins for the month of January in the sum of £51.65. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.3 **Emberton United Charity** – Payment for hire of The Institute in the sum of £21.40. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.4 **Smith of Derby** – Payment for annual maintenance of clock at clock tower in the sum of £243.60. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed by all those present.

5.5 **Mrs K Goss** – Payment for clerk’s January salary in the sum of £450.50. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed by all those present.

5.6 **Mrs K Goss** – Payment for clerk’s telephone/computer and expenses for January in the sum of £20.21. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed by all those present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – is now listed in the Wallet

6.1 Letter from Olney Town Council regarding Citizen’s Advice Bureau – Nothing to report. It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda.

Email from John Croxford – The clerk read out an email from Mr John Croxford who stated that he would like it recorded that the regular burning coming from his vicinity, was definitely not emanating from Rectory Farm.

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

7.1 Village publicity – The clerk to compile a report to include reporting any suspicious incidents to 101. **KG**

7.2 Councillors’ Concerns

There were no Councillors’ concerns.

The clerk report that PC Andy Perry would be retiring later in the year and asked if the parish council would like to acknowledge his work in the community by presenting him with a gift at the Annual Assembly. It was agreed that the clerk buy a suitable gift up to the value of £50.

8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 9th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute. The meeting closed at 8.55pm. **All**