

Emberton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 20th July 2015

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

Ward Councillor Peter Geary (part meeting)
 Ward Councillor David Hosking (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Ward Councillor Keith McLean and late apologies were received from Ward Councillor David Hosking.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 8th June 2015 were agreed and initialled by the Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 6th July 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. The clerk reported that the next PLUG meeting was due to take place on the same date as the MK NE Area Forum. It was agreed that the clerk should advise John Price.

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254 - Clerk's Report - The Clerk's report was previously circulated.

127 – Parishes Forum - Meeting held 18/6/15. Nothing to report.

215 – NE Area Forum – Meeting held 25/6/15. Councillor Hosking reported that one of the speakers was David Hall, the new Head of Highways who had come from Kent County Council. The second speaker was Martin Smith who provided an update on broadband and reported that two new contracts had been signed in mid May. It was noted that the name of the forum had been changed to Olney Ward Forum.

255 – NAG – Meeting held 9/7/15. The clerk reported that there was still an issue with the data produced by SID and Steve Waters was working on this. It was noted that there was a new PC, PC Andy Hipkins who would replace PC Andy Perry.

210 – PLUG – Meeting held 16/7/15. Councillor Geary reported that one of the main issues was the litter dropped by the triathletes, which had been raised by Councillor Keith McLean. Councillor Geary went on to state that MKC needed to work out how much the litter picking cost after the event and factor this in. The café was on going and the closing date for tender was the 26th August. The River Palooza was discussed and it was noted that the facebook site had been shut down. Measures were in place in case the event still went ahead. Councillor Geary stated that there was no movement regarding the Parks Trust and a Notion to Council would get it highlighted. Councillor Cheney commented that Diane Evans had stated that the 50th Anniversary event would be spread out over the year which seemed to be getting away from the “quiet Country Park” feel. Councillor Geary commented that MKC were able to get grants for the park but not for maintenance and he felt that the Parks Trust had a very good idea of how to use the park.

Update from Ward Councillors

Minerals Plan – Councillor Geary reported that the Minerals Plan was withdrawn from Council last week. He went on to state that there was nothing in the report that directly affected Emberton but there would be between 30 and 50 more lorry movements per day. A public meeting would be organised in Olney in October.

Councillors McLean and Hosking left the meeting at 9pm.

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)** – The clerk sent an email to Michael Kerrigan, MKC stating that it had been some 18 months since the parish council had been notified that this was a on a list of planned works. No response received. The clerk to copy in Councillor Geary and Councillor Hosking on correspondence. **KG**

2.1.17 **Footpath, Petsoe End** – Update from MKC on 7th July that the consultant’s report had not been received. Once it is received, the parish council will receive a copy together with the report produced by MKC and will be included in any formal consultation. Councillor Geary confirmed that the process was on going and would take a long time.

2.1.21 **No cold calling** - This issue was raised by a resident in an email on the 11th June. The clerk responded to the resident that the parish council had looked at the issue in October 2007 and had produced a questionnaire in the Well & Towers which had received little response. At that time, the parish council had agreed not to pursue the matter.

2.1.24 **Weeds** – The clerk emailed Heather Baker, MKC on the 13th July to request a copy of the weed killing schedule but had not received a response. The clerk to send a copy of the email to Councillor Hosking. **KG**

2.1.73 **Confidential item**

2.1.86 **Directional signage to Emberton Country Park** – The clerk contacted Ringways

on the 7th May, no response received.

- 2.1.88 **Water trough at allotments** – The clerk received an estimate from Andrew Sinfield in the sum of £600 who had spoken to allotment holders regarding the work to be undertaken. It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Vicki McLean that the estimate be accepted, unanimously agreed. Councillor White abstained from voting. Councillor White suggested that the clerk write to allotment holders notifying them and to ask their permission. **KG**
- 2.2 **High Street, resurfacing** – The clerk commented that the latest update was that the High Street would be resurfaced in the 2016/2017 financial year.
- 3.0 SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3.1 **Emberton Park** – Reported on under PLUG.
- 3.2 **234** – Local Government – The clerk confirmed that an application had been submitted for bi fold doors for the pavilion.
- 3.6 **Parish Related**
- 3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – This issue was raised by a resident in an email on the 11th June. The clerk responded that the issue was widely debated in 2010 and MKC undertook a statutory consultation with residents and came up with the current solution even though Thames Valley Police had stated that it would be difficult to enforce. There was nothing further to report on this issue.
- 3.6.82 **Pothole, entrance to Emberton Park** – Nothing further to report.
- 3.6.83 **Raised footpath, Olney Road (opposite number 49)** – The clerk sent an email to Michael Kerrigan at MKC stating that it had been some 18 months since the parish council had been notified that this was a on a list of planned works. No response received. The clerk to copy in Councillor Geary and Councillor Hosking on correspondence. **KG**
- 3.6.90 **Speed Indicator Devices** – The clerk reported that SIDs were due in Emberton at the end of July.
- 3.6.93 **Action plan from village walkabout** – See attached sheet.
- 3.6.94 **A509 crossing – pedestrian crossing** - This issue was raised by a resident who had requested that consideration be given to traffic measures to allow pedestrians and horse riders to cross the A509 more easily. Councillor Vicki McLean commented that there would have to be four sets of traffic lights. Councillor Horton commented that it was difficult to get out of the junction because of the volume of traffic. Councillor Geary commented that this issue was the sort of thing that could be considered for the Capital Scheme. The clerk to look into this. **KG**
- 3.23 **Localism Bill and Community Right to Bid** – The clerk reported that the submission for Field 13 had been recommended for refusal. The clerk commented that the sheep had been removed from the field as the fence had been broken. Councillor Geary commented that the income from renting the field would be in the region of £50 per acre per year.

3.27 **Library Consultation – Sharing Libraries, Have your say** – Councillor Vicki McLean commented that the sensible thing would be to talk to Bedford and Northampton Council. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should respond stating the library service should be outsourced to a more efficient organisation and that their internal system at MKC required addressing as Olney Library had to bear £32,100 of shared staff costs.

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3.51 **Traffic management and local safety schemes**

Bus stop in Olney Road – The clerk wrote to Souls Coaches on the 7th July to make them aware of the issue at the bus stop in Olney Road and asked if the coach route could be changed to address the issue. Response received from Souls stating that the parish council needed to contact the MKC school transport. The clerk contacted MKC school transport who stated that they would need to speak to Souls but were confident that this could be in place for September 2015.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – A discussion took place regarding the lack of communication from MKC. It was agreed that the clerk write to Johnathan Robinson asking what measures were being taken to rectifying the accounting errors, bearing in mind that the EPFC were promised a grant of £6,000 but funds have yet to materialise. The clerk to also request that the committee receives copies of statements so that they can check fund levels and also ask MKC what their intention was regarding the £60,000 grant they received from Your Energy.

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Councillors Geary and Hosking left the meeting at 8.55pm.

4.109 **14/00407/FUL** – Solar Farm and Community Benefit Fund. The clerk reported that £31,500 had now been received and would arrange for the sub committee to meet.

4.138 **15/00574/FUL** – Change of use of land to create an outdoor riding arena, and the installation of three timber stables and tackroom at land north of Chaff Barn, 2 Manor Court – **permitted**

4.140 **15/01019/FUL** – Installation of external folding doors, re-positioning of fire exit door and associated fixtures and fittings at pavilion at Emberton Playing Fields, Hulton Drive - **permitted**

4.141 **15/01151/FUL** – Two storey front extension, insertion of dormer windows, first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, demolition of existing side extension and erection of single storey side extension, alterations to existing elevations at Springside Pasture, Petsoe End – **pending**

4.142 **15/01146/FUL** - Single storey conservatory and replacement of garage roof at Lisheen Charity Cottages, Petsoe End – **pending**

4.143 **15/01254/FUL** – Variation to condition 5 of planning permission 13/02312/FUL to remove Code for Sustainable Homes Level 6 Star and replace with a 100% reduction in CO2 emissions, to be confirmed by an EPC Certificate at 6 Prospect

Place, Newport Road – **pending**

- 4.144 **15/01349/TPO** – Tree preservation order consent for removal of fire damaged 1 x false Acacia (T1) at manor Farm House, Olney Road – **pending**
- 4.145 **15/01351/TCA** – Notification of intention to fell 1 x holly tree damaged by fire at Manor Farm House, Olney Road – **no objections**
- 4.146 **15/01393/FUL** – Proposed conservatory at 2 Gravel Walk – **pending**
- 4.147 **15/01394/LBC** – Listed Building Consent for proposed rear conservatory at 2 Gravel Walk – **pending**
- 4.148 **15/01462/FUL** – Two storey rear and side extension at 2 Newport Road - **pending**
- 5. ACCOUNTS** – to agree payments and items, as listed below
- 5.1 **RFO’s Report and discuss banking arrangements with National Westminster Bank. Co-operative Bank change of signatories.** – The RFO’s report for the 20th July was accepted. The clerk commented that Councillors should consider transferring the grant from the solar farm to the National Westminster Bank account once it was up and running.
- 5.2 **Fixed Rate Deposit Account with Cooperative Bank** – The clerk reported that this was in hand.
- 5.3 **A H Contracts** – Payment for emptying dog waste bins for the month of June in the sum of £51.65. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.4 **Alban Hill Nurseries** – Payment for hanging baskets in the sum of £331.49. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.5 **Emberton United Charity** – Payment for hire of The Institute in the sum of £32.10. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.6 **Anglian Water** – Payment for supply at allotments in the sum of £10.96. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.7 **Mrs K Goss** – Payment for clerk’s June salary in the sum of £365.30. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.8 **Mrs K Goss** – Payment for clerk’s telephone/computer and expenses for June in the sum of £49.40. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.
- 5.9 **Pension Scheme for Clerk** – The clerk reported that this would not come into effect until 2017 and that Councillor Horton had agreed to look into this.

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5.10 **Antrams Payroll Services** – Payment for payroll for clerk in the sum of £99.00. Payment proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Flowers and unanimously agreed by all those present.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE – is now listed in the Wallet**

7. **PARISH RELATED MATTERS**

7.1 **Village publicity** – Solar farm community fund, Minerals Plan, School bus (change in direction)

7.2 **Councillors' Concerns**

Councillor White reported that three fence posts around field 13 had been knocked over. The clerk to report this to John Price and Andy Hudson.

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Councillor White commented that there was a tree from Stone Court overhanging the footpath in West Lane. The clerk to speak to the resident concerned.

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Councillor Horton reported the damaged kerbstone in High Street opposite the Bell & Bear. The clerk commented that she had reported this to MKC.

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8.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Institute. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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