

Emberton Parish Council Annual Assembly 2023 Chairman's Report

20th March 2023

Melanie Duncan

EPC Parish Council Chair

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Emberton Parish Council

- Next Parish Council Elections on 4th May 2023
- Photographic id will be required to vote; photo driving licence, passport, older person's bus pass
- Melanie Duncan – Chair
- Paul Flowers
- Colin Jamieson
- Fred Markland
- Guy Palmer
- Harry White

Emberton Parish Council – past members

Gerald Mann sadly passed away in June 2022. Gerald served on the parish council for 45 years, 35 of which as Chair

Steve Gibson resigned in December 2022 after serving for 12 years, most of which either as Chair or Vice Chair

The parish council also acknowledged the passing of Mrs Soo Hall. Soo was a member for more than 5 years; chairing the Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund Committee as well as serving on the Playing Field Committee.



Precept 5 years

Year	Per Band D Household	Total	% Change on year
2018/19	£60.39	£17,000	0%
2019/20	£63.98	£18,000	5.85%
2020/21	£63.98	£18,000	0%
2021/22	£63.99	£18,000	0%
2022/23	£64.23	£18,500	2.77%
2023/24	£64.23	£18,500	0%

Total rateable properties 2010-11 = 267

Where do funds come from?

Payee	Amount	Comment/s
Milton Keynes Council	£18500 £600	Precept Warm hub grant
Current account	£4063	Carried forward from 2021/22 Includes £825 vat income
Groundworks	£5152	Grant for neighbourhood plan
Ward Councillor's	£250	Grant for clock tower repair
Allotment rent	£204	Inc Wave refund £47
TOTAL	£28769	

How are funds spent?

Details	Amount	Comment/s
ADMINISTRATION	£8405	Clerk's salary, computer & telephone expenses, admin costs, Chair's expenses
SERVICES & MAINTENANCE	£3997	Clock tower, planting, tree planting, Christmas tree, weed spraying, dog waste bins
ADMIN SERVICES	£8519	Consultant fees, website, insurance, payroll, audit of accounts, subscriptions
GRANTS	£6703	Playing field, Senior's Christmas party, History Society, Well & Towers, All Saints' Church, Newport Pagnell Lions
TOTAL	£27624	

Meetings Attended during 2022/23

- EPC Councillors attended the following external meetings (some via Zoom) to represent your interests:
 - Emberton Park Liaison User's Group Meeting
 - MK Parishes Forum
 - Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting
 - North East Rural Community Forum

Ongoing parish related matters

Conservation area review being undertaken by MKCC conservation officer. Consultation expected in July 2023

Outline planning application for 29 properties at Acorn Nurseries, Newton Road

PC wrote to Ousedale School regarding lack of places for year 7 pupils and raised concern with MKCC

Drainage issues outside Emberton School raised with MKCC

Potholes in Olney Road raised with MKCC. Now marked for repair



Traffic and transport issues

21 bus service; parish council in discussions with Red Rose and MKCC to reinstate.

Thank you to the residents that spoke at the meeting on the 21st February at MKCC

Community Speedwatch undertaken in February; volunteers are required please

Residents parking scheme will be reviewed in July

A sign is to be installed in Newport Road advising HGV's that the access is not suitable

Advice being sought from highways regarding Petsoe End triangle

Ongoing work on improving cycle and footpaths serving Emberton



Village questionnaire results

- The results from the questionnaire showed:
- Need for 21 bus service
- MK Connect unreliable
- CCTV for village not supported
- Parking issues around village, short term parking for ECP would help
- Landscaping around the village was very good



What has the parish council achieved?

- Although not yet fitted, a grant has been approved for a handrail for the High Street by the steep bank
- Mary's Well listed as a non-designated heritage asset to secure grants for repair
- Solar lights in school field changed from being on all night to movement sensor lights, minimising pollution
- Grant applied for and received from MKCC for warm hub spaces
- Pump in pump field listed on the Historic Environment Record



Climate Change

Parish Council adopted a
Climate Change Policy in
January 2023

Tree planting in April 2022

Support for electric vehicle
charging point schemes

Working with ESSC to provide
battery storage for solar panels
on pavilion roof



Emberton Allotments

12 Plots (some have been divided into smaller ones)

2 residents on the waiting list

All currently being worked

Allotment rent covers water costs and some annual work where necessary

Discussions with MKCC to take over ownership of land still ongoing



Playing Field

- Field used by Olney Town Colts for 4 youth teams and two adult teams
 - Cricket played by two long serving regular teams on Saturdays and
 - Ad hoc cricket on Thursdays and Sundays
 - Groundsmen do an excellent job of looking after the facilities for which the parish council is very grateful
- Redundant goal posts removed from main pitch for safety reasons



Village Website and Communication

www.embertonparishcouncil.co.uk

- Emberton Parish Council website source of:
- Community information
- Latest village news
- Parish council facebook page
- Monthly updates in W & T
- Urgent information on Emberton Echo What's App Group, Emberton Connect & Protect What's App Group and Emberton Friends Facebook group



Emberton School

- Planning permission granted for a day nursery run by Acorn Early Years Foundation. Opened in September 2022
- Emberton Parish Council in discussion with the Village Schools Federation and EUC regarding administration of the School House Fund. Complaint made to Charities Commission from EPC regarding overdue accounts.



[Acorn Early Years Foundation](#)

Emberton Neighbourhood Plan

- Consultation on Regulation 15
Submission of the neighbourhood plan started on the 10th March 2023 and will conclude at 5pm on Friday 21st April 2023
- Copies of the plan can be found at All Saints' Church, The Institute, The Pavilion and The Bell & Bear
- Details of how to respond can be found on the parish council website under the neighbourhood plan heading



Emberton Neighbourhood Plan

2019 to 2031

Regulation 15 Submission

February 2023

Wind Farm Community Fund

- One Parish Councillor is a fund committee member:
 - Harry White
- Applications linked to energy conservation or energy education in the community are needed
- So please bring your ideas to the fund



Solar Farm - Petsoe

- Committee
 - Harry White
 - Paul Flowers
 - Colin Jamieson

- Grants given 2022-2023 to:

Jubilee Committee (bunting and village photograph)

Sports & Recreation Committee
(defibrillator at playing field)

Future funding is limited



Emberton Park

Councillors Harry White and Fred Markland attend the meetings chaired by one of the Ward Councillors and attended by MKC officer who has Emberton Park within his remit

Volunteering sessions in the park are advertised on their facebook page and in the Well & Towers



Jubilee – June 2022

Thank you to the community members involved in organising the street party, village photo and the lighting of the beacon to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee



Police & Crime Figures



Emberton Crime Figures

Other News:

- PCSO David Huckle is the rural officer for Emberton
- If you see anything suspicious call 101 or emergency 999
- Also advise fellow residents via Emberton Connect & Protect Whatsapp group

Volunteering – can you help please?

Emberton Sports & Social Club
Sports & Recreation Committee (Playing field)
History Society
Emberton Country Park
All Saints' Church
Emberton Parish Council

Thank you to those volunteers
that helped to make the footpath
between the park and playing
field safer to use



Thank Yous

- Parish Councillors
- Ward Councillors
- . Andy Harris for looking after the clock tower
- . Volunteer staff that take care of the playing field
- ‘ Richard Logsdail for organising the Xmas tree
- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group chaired by Jason Bevan
- . Peter Wibaut for watering plants and emptying litter bins
- ESSC committee members
- Clerk – Karen Goss

Thank you and please ask your questions!

