

Emberton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
(A committee of Emberton Parish Council)
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion
on Monday 31st January 2022 at 7pm

Present: Jason Bevan - Chairman
Fred Markland – Vice Chairman
Melanie Duncan
Colin Jamieson
Harry White
Chris Akrill

Karen Goss – Clerk (via zoom)

1. **Introductions and Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Virginia Tierney.
2. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda** – Fred Markland Declared an Interest in item 5 as the applicant of a Call for sites put forward. Melanie Duncan Declared an Interest in item 5 as a friend of an applicant that had put forward a Call for sites.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th November 2021** – The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 30th November 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Resolution to exclude members of the public from Agenda Item 5** – It was **resolved** to exclude members of the public from Agenda item 5 due to its sensitive nature. The resolution was proposed by Jason, seconded by Harry and unanimously agreed. There were no members of the public present for the meeting.
5. **Confidential item**
6. **Next steps** – Chris to draft the next version of the Neighbourhood Plan (V9). Jason commented that the group needed to have a proper read through of the plan. Melanie asked if the plan needed to go to the parish council following this with the next meeting being on the 8th February? Chris stated that a decision needed to be made whether to print the plan off again. Melanie suggested printing a few copies with a flyer in the Well & Towers as this worked well last time. Fred commented that the “Business and employment” section centred on creating business and employment opportunities but not retaining it which was important as the plan was about retaining things for the greater benefit of the community and asked if the policy could be strengthened. Acorn was one employer we knew of, but the general statement needed supporting. Chris to look at this and make sure it was not duplicated in other parts of the plan. **Action: CA** It was agreed that the amendments could be approved via email within the steering group. Melanie commented that the plan needed to be checked under the transport section as the number 21 bus no

longer operated (section 8.4). Melanie referred to the MK connect electric vehicle service that was now in operation. The clerk made reference to the resident parking scheme and whether this should be referenced in the plan under highways? Melanie asked if the plan could include the aspiration to create a bus stop off the A509 where the 21 bus would be able to pull in?

- 7. Any other business – grant application.** Chris reported that a grant was not available to apply for until the new financial year.

Chris to send David Blandamer at MKC a copy of the revised plan. **Action: CA**

- 8. Date of next meeting –** Date to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm