

Emberton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held in The Pavilion
Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr Harry White – Chair
 Cllr Paul Flowers
 Cllr Colin Jamieson
 Cllr Angela Laval
 Cllr Guy Palmer

Ward Councillor Keith McLean (part meeting)

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Welcome by the Chair – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

To accept apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Duncan and Ward Cllrs Debbie Whitworth and Peter Geary.

Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – There were no declarations of interest.

Update of Register of Members' Interests – Cllrs Jamieson reviewed his Register of Members' Interest which was signed and dated.

Parish councillor vacancy – It was unanimously agreed that the application from Mr Joe Walker be accepted.

1. To confirm the **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on the 5th June 2023 – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2023 were agreed and duly signed by the Chair.
- 1.2 **Public questions** – No members of the public were present.
- 1.3 **Risk** – Nothing to report.
2. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND AGREE ANY DECISIONS/ACTION**
- 2.1 **Ward Councillors' Report** – report from Ward Cllr McLean as follows:

Wheelie bins – Wheelie bins have started to arrive in parts of the rural area. It was noted that the bins should not be used until the 6th September. It was also noted that Serco had missed the collection today (5th June) in Newport Road and Prospect Place but this had been reported to MKCC.

21 bus service – No date as yet for the start of the 21-bus service through Emberton. A meeting had taken place with the parish council, ward councillors, Graham Cox (head of MKCC highways) and representatives from EUC to look at parking issues near the clock tower and Bell and Bear. At that time, Graham Cox had suggested the installation of double yellow lines

10m south of the entrance to the Bell & Bear and 10m south of the entrance to Gravel Walk. A six-month temporary traffic order would be put in place. Cllr Flowers asked if the Bell & Bear were aware of this. Cllr Laval responded that there was a Bell & Bear management meeting tomorrow and she would raise this. **Action: AL.**

Travellers – It was noted that following on from the previous report, the injunction had now been granted and the group of travellers previously discussed, were not allowed into the borough of Milton Keynes for two years.

Cllr White asked who to complain to regarding the contractors who collected the waste and left glass all over the highway. Ward Cllr McLean responded that this should be directed to the waste and environment service on the portal or customer services.

2.2 **Thames Valley Police** – The report from PCSO Huckle was noted.

2.3 **Parishes Forum** – Cllr Duncan sent a report as follows:

The existing staff from Serco will be transferred across to start work as Suez. The new wheelie bins are starting to be rolled out. A complaint had been received regarding the way the new bins were being offloaded from lorries in a risky way, blocking visibility to junctions etc, and MKCC thought a bit of planning and risk assessment about this could be a good idea.

On weed spraying, MKCC are sticking to herbicides for grey infrastructure and transport corridors, where roots can cause damage, but avoiding herbicide for green corridors/wildlife areas and keeping herbicides away from schools. MKCC think strimming may become more used.

There will be ward boundary changes coming up in MKCC.

2.4 **Dates for Diaries** – The dates for diaries were noted.

2.5 **Clerk's Report**

2.1.17 **Bridleway claim at Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.

2.1.24 **Weed spraying** – Awaiting information from MKCC regarding weed spraying schedule.

2.1.50 **Pothole, Olney Road** – Pothole in Gravel Walk reported to MKCC.

2.1.55 **Fly tipping between Newport Road and Prospect Place** – Nothing to report.

2.1.82 **Residents parking – Hulton Drive** – For questionnaire.

3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – Cllr Jamieson reported that two speed watch sessions had been undertaken in June with two vehicles exceeding the speed limit on both occasions.

3.6.30 **Allotments** -An email had been received from MKCC asking whether the parish council wished to apply for a community right to bid for the allotments, bearing in mind that the transfer was progressing. It was agreed to continue with the transfer and not to go down the community right to bid route.

- 3.6.63 **Newton Road/Petsoe End – frequent collision issues** – nothing to report.
- 3.6.68 **Well at Petsoe End** – Update requested from Ward Cllr Geary.
- 3.6.115 **Questionnaire** – It was agreed that a questionnaire would be sent to residents along the same lines as the one distributed in June 2023 to largely target residents’ views on the residents parking scheme. The clerk to circulate the draft questionnaire. **Action: KG.** It was noted that vehicles were parking in Olney Road on the single yellow lines when traffic restrictions were in force. It was also noted that the yellow lines were very faded. The clerk to request that MKCC refresh the lines. **Action: KG.**
- 3.6.117 **Signage for Petsoe Manor Farm & Grange Farm** – Request made to MKCC to cut back hedge.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 **Emberton Park** – The PLUG meeting on the 15th June was attended by Cllr Laval and Cllr White. Cllr Laval reported that the rangers were creating opportunities for wildlife and biodiversity in the park. Funding was being sought for disabled facilities from the Changing Places fund.
- 3.74 **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan** – It was noted that the consultation on the neighbourhood plan ended on the 20th June. An email had been received from David Blandamer asking whether the parish council agreed with Louise Brooke-Smith being appointed as the independent examiner. This was agreed. The clerk to advise DB. **Action: KG.**
- 3.85 **Emberton School (School House Fund)** – The accounting information provided by the trustees were discussed. It was noted that the governing document requested had not been forthcoming.
- 3.97 **Sports & Recreation Committee** – Meeting held on the 9th June. Cllr Palmer reported that the Dolphins football team would no longer be playing at Emberton.
- 3.99 **Conservation area – review of 1997 Conservation Area Statement by MKC** – The clerk reported that Martin Ellison, the conservation officer at MKCC, had advised that it was more than likely that the consultation on the conservation area review would start at the beginning of September.
- 3.102 **Public footpaths in Emberton/cycle links from Emberton to Olney and Sherington** – Nothing to report.
- 3.103 **Demand Responsive Transport (21 bus service)** – Previously discussed.
- 3.113 **Climate Change** – Cllr Flowers reported that he was in the process of putting together an email to Anglian Water and the Environmental Agency regarding a project for the weir. **Action: PF.**
- 3.115 **Grit bins** – The clerk to chase highways for a response. **Action: KG**

- 3.116 **Access to playing field from residential properties and general access** – Cllr Duncan to draft a letter to the resident that had responded to the correspondence from the SRC. **Action: MD.**
- 3.117 **New wheelie bin service and parish council owned litter bins** – The clerk reported that currently the litter from the bins in the High Street and Olney Road was put out with the general household waste. A discussion took place and it was agreed to ask Mr Wibaut to continue with this. **Action: KG.**

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Nothing to report.
- 4.2 **Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Cllr White reported that the committee had met on the 3rd July and agreed a grant application in the sum of £453.05 being the sum left in the account. It was agreed now that the fund had been depleted, to remove this item from the agenda.

previous applications status

- 4.336 **21/00249/COMPCH** – Appeal by Mr Philip Solt against an enforcement notice served for Without planning permission, the unauthorised change of use of part of the land and operational development **Land** at Hollington Wood, Newport – **enforcement application invalid**
- 4.337 **21/00249/COMPCH** – Appeal by Special Ops HQ against an enforcement notice served for Without planning permission, the unauthorised change of use of part of the land and operational development **Land** at Hollington Wood, Newport Road – **enforcement application invalid**
- 4.352 **23/00342/OUT** – Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for the redevelopment of the Acorn (MK) Nurseries site for up to 29 no. dwellings including affordable housing, alongside access and other off-site highways improvements, following the demolition and removal of all existing structures and hardstanding from the site at Acorn MK Nurseries, Newton Road – **appeal for non-determination**
- 4.357 **23/00677/HOU** - The erection of a first-floor upwards extension, the conversion of the garage to living accommodation, front covered porch, and alterations to existing fenestration. The erection of a two-storey car port and alterations to existing driveway at Orchard End. 4 The Paddock – **permitted**
- 4.358 **23/00727/HOU** - External changes to the front elevation comprising the replacement of 2 external doors (ground floor and first floor), and matching paintwork to one external door and external timbers (window frames and recessed main entrance) at The Granary, 3 Manor Court, Olney Road – **permitted**

New applications

- 4.359 **23/01430/TCA** – The crown reduction of Apple Tree from 7-8m in height to 6m and reduction of spread from approx. 8-9m to 6m at 4 Manor Court, Olney Road. It was agreed to respond

that the parish council would be in agreement with the recommendations made by MKCC's tree officer. **Action: KG.**

5. ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 **To receive the RFO's Report for the 3rd July 2023** and approve payments. It was proposed by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Flowers that the payments be approved as per the RFO's Report. Cllr White to approve the payments online. **Action: HW.**
- 5.2 **Community Infrastructure Fund** – The clerk reported that a grant application for the SIDs had also been made to MK Community Foundation but this had been rejected.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 **Letter from EUC** – A letter had been received from EUC requesting approval from the pc for the retrospective appointments of Mrs Sue Soul and Mr Andy McGrandle. This was agreed. The clerk to notify EUC. **Action: KG**

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

- 7.1 **Village publicity** – 21 bus, double yellow lines, conservation area review, wheelie bins, school house fund, questionnaire, Solar farm fund, speed watch.
- 7.2 **Cllrs' concerns** – Cllr Flowers commented that the jubilee trees were not looking too bad but could possibly need watering in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Flowers to contact Ward Cllr Geary. **Action: PF.**

Cllr Jamieson – reported that the vegetation on West Lane by the pump field was overhanging the footpath, forcing pedestrians to use the highway. The clerk to notify MKCC. **Action: KG.**

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 7th August 2023 at 7pm to be held at the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9pm