

## LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes.

**Present:**

Cllr G Bushell  
 Cllr J Moseley  
 Cllr D Lewis  
 Cllr T Wheaton  
 Cllr D Hopkins (Ward Councillor)  
 Cllr A Bramall (Ward Councillor)

**In attendance:**

Mr A Kemp (Clerk)  
 Mr C Roberts (Local Resident)

1. Apologies for Absence:	ACTION
Cllr S Lewis and Cllr V Hopkins (Ward Councillor).	
<b>2. Public Open Session: 2490</b>	
<b>2.1 – New Issues:</b> A concern was raised regarding some dangerous horses in the fields that run from the playing field behind the former Green Man public house. The Clerk stated that he had reported this issue again to MKC's Right of Way Team and read out a response that he had received. <u>In order that more evidence can be obtained an article in the next Newsletter will be included giving details how to report any incidences to MKC.</u>	Clerk
<b>2.2 – Ongoing Local Issues:</b>	
<b>2.2.1 - Trees in Wyness Avenue:</b> It was noted that John Price (MKC Countryside Manager) had apologised for the delay in completion of this work and it was anticipated that work will start shortly. The delay has been caused by the need to satisfy a local residents concerns and illness to a MKC staff member. <i>On-going.</i>	
<b>2.2.2 – Speeding traffic through the village:</b> The Parish Council was asked if anything could be done to stop vehicles speeding along Watling Street.  The Clerk was asked to invite someone from MKC to attend a Parish Council meeting in either March 2015 or April 2015 to provide guidance on this issue.	Clerk
<b>3. Declaration of Interest: 2491</b> None.	
<b>4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014.</b>  Minutes signed and approved.	
<b>5. Progress Report on matters from last Minutes: 2492</b>	
<b>5.1 - (Item 12 of meeting 07/04/14) - WREN Grant Application (Play Equipment).</b> The layout of the new equipment was agreed by all present at the Parish Council meeting tonight and the Clerk was tasked with communicating the decision to <u>our contractor (Play Ground Supplies) as soon as possible.</u> It was noted work would be completed by the end of March 2015.	Clerk
Clerk advised that the trees within the designated play area were in need of a prune. <u>Clerk to liaise with the Chairman to obtain costs for this work / approval.</u>	Clerk
Included in the project costs were for two new seats to be installed and the Clerk stated that he would make some recommendations for a decision to be made at the next meeting.	Clerk
<b>5.2 – Development of the Website:</b> Clerk confirmed that he had started work but needed to arrange another meeting with Steve Lewis and Paul Simpson before populating the site which will be held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2015. <i>On-going.</i>	Clerk

<p><b>5.3</b> - Email dated 20/11/14 from <b>South Central Ambulance Service</b> regarding Community First Aid Responders. It was noted that the Clerk had obtained further information and would forward this to Cllr Bushell for this to be publicised in the next issue of the Newsletter. <u>Item closed.</u></p>	
<p><b>6. Correspondence: 2493</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> - Email received 10/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>Corporate Property Strategy 2014-19</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.2</b> - Email received 11/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>Consultation – Highway Guide for MK</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.3</b> - Email received 12/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>MK Budget Consultation 2015/2016</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.4</b> - Letter received 13/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding the <b>Electoral register for 2014</b>. <u>Clerk to keep on file.</u></p> <p><b>6.5</b> - Letter received 15/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>Discretionary Rate Relief for the Community. Centre</b>. Clerk advised the meeting that he had responded to this request to MKC on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015. <u>Item closed.</u></p> <p><b>6.6</b> - Email received 16/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>Site Allocations Plan – Consultation on additional sites</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.7</b> - Email received 19/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>Landscaping Enquiries and Winter Pruning Update</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.8</b> - Email received 19/12/14 regarding <b>VF 1092 – Proposed Base Station Upgrade</b>. <u>Clerk was asked to obtain more information on this issue.</u></p> <p><b>6.9</b> - Email received 19/12/14 from <b>MKC</b> regarding the <b>Local Investment Plan 2015</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.10</b> - Legal Briefing received 23/12/14 from <b>NALC</b> regarding <b>Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2015/2016</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.11</b> - Email received 12/01/15 from <b>MKC</b> regarding help for <b>MK Citizen Advice Bureau</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p><b>6.12</b> – Email received 08/01/15 from <b>MKC</b> regarding <b>Plan 4 MK Minerals Local Plan call for sites</b>. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p>	Clerk
<p><b>7. Clerks Report / Local Issues: 2494</b></p> <p><b>7.1 – Overhanging Bushes:</b> Clerk confirmed that he had reported to MKC (ref 365703) that the hedge near the notice board on Great Brickhill Lane was overhanging the pavement and that MKC had confirmed that this issue will be addressed by them, the next time they are in the village during week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p><b>7.2 – Playing Field Gate Post:</b> Clerk advised that this repair will now be completed in February / March 2015. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p><b>7.3 – Item 2.2.7 of meeting 01/09/14) –</b> It was highlighted that the <b>barrier on the island at the top of the village</b>, was still waiting to be repaired, despite being damaged a long time ago. <u>Clerk confirmed that MKC had closed this fault report down in error, but that he would re-log the issue again. No change.</u></p> <p><b>7.4 - Footpath on the border of Great Brickhill:</b> Clerk confirmed that a local resident had highlighted that this footpath was in a dangerous state and that he had reported the problem to Buckingham County Council (reference 472551). An update was provided by the Clerk that he had been informed that it would be 6 months (i.e. April 2015) before this footpath will be repaired. <u>No change.</u></p> <p><b>7.5 – Dates for MKC activities in Little Brickhill:</b> Obtained by Cllr D Hopkins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaping winter maintenance due w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.</li> <li>• Street Cleansing Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>7.6 - The parking problem on Watling Street at the Great Brickhill Road junction:</b> Clerk confirmed that he had submitted another new application to MKC Highways department on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 requesting them to come up with some recommendations for this junction. <u>To be actioned in conjunction with item 2.2.2 of these minutes.</u></p> <p><b>7.7 – X31 Bus Services:</b> It was noted that MKC are currently reviewing this service and at this moment in time we are waiting for further details. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p><b>7.8 – Watsons Field:</b> Clerk advised that he had been approached by the National Playing Field Association and had established that our playing field has protected recreational land status and that he had obtained copies of the legal paperwork, which are now held on file.</p> <p><b>7.9 – Complaint regarding Watling Street:</b> It was noted that Cllr Bushell had received a complaint from a local resident regarding the state of the footpaths on Watling Street and that the Clerk had reported this issue to MKC (Reference 501400) on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p><b>7.10 – Damaged Manhole Cover:</b> It was noted that MKC had now undertaken this repair.</p> <p><b>7.11 – Parish Forum:</b> Clerk advised that the next Parish Forum would be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Cllr J Mosely agreed to represent LBPC and the <u>Clerk was asked to forward the details to him.</u></p> <p><b>7.12 – Dog Bin Complaint:</b> Clerk stated that he had receive a complaint from a local resident stating that the dog bins were not emptied in January 2015 and that he had reported the problem to MKC on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015. <u>Following discussion the Clerk was asked to investigate further with MKC to ensure that this does not happen again.</u></p> <p><b>7.13 – Parish Elections:</b> Clerk advised that he had booked himself on a training course on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 run by MKC to learn about the procedures regarding this topic.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																		
<p><b>8. Unitary Councillors' Report: 2495</b></p> <p><b>8.1 –</b> A copy of the Ward Councillors' report to Little Brickhill Parish Council for February 2015 <u>is appended to these minutes.</u></p>																			
<p><b>9. Planning: 2496</b></p> <p><b>9.1 – 14/01409/FUL &amp; 14/01410/LBC –</b> Planning approval by MKC was given on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 with two conditions noted. <u>Item closed.</u></p> <p><b>9.2 - 14/02635/FUL -</b> Rear conservatory at Mulberry Cottage, Watling Street, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9LS. <u>Notification received from MKC 27/01/15 that planning approval had been granted.</u></p> <p><b>9.3 –</b> It was noted that plans had been submitted to MKC to build 1,855 homes in the <b>Salden Chase area of south west Bletchley.</b> <u>To be discussed in more detail at the next Parish Council meeting.</u></p> <p><b>9.4 - 14/02747/TCA -</b> Notification of intention to remove self-set Ash and Lime trees close to the Stables property at land at Watsons Field. Watling Street, Little Brickhill. <u>Notification received from MKC 24/01/15 that planning approval had been granted.</u></p>																			
<p><b>10. Financial: 2497</b></p> <p><b>10.1 - Cheques presented for payment:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>100767</td> <td>£1111.78</td> <td>Broker Network Limited (Insurance renewal)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/O</td> <td>£138.40</td> <td>Alan Kemp (January 2015 Salary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100768</td> <td>£34.60</td> <td>HMR&amp;C (Tax for Clerk)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/O</td> <td>£138.40</td> <td>Alan Kemp (February 2015 Salary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100769</td> <td>£34.60</td> <td>HMR&amp;C (Tax for Clerk)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100770</td> <td>£10.08</td> <td>Alan Kemp (Postage Stamps)</td> </tr> </table> <p>This expenditure was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.</p>	100767	£1111.78	Broker Network Limited (Insurance renewal)	S/O	£138.40	Alan Kemp (January 2015 Salary)	100768	£34.60	HMR&C (Tax for Clerk)	S/O	£138.40	Alan Kemp (February 2015 Salary)	100769	£34.60	HMR&C (Tax for Clerk)	100770	£10.08	Alan Kemp (Postage Stamps)	
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<p><b>10.2 - Payments received:</b>  £0.66 – Dividend.  £0.66 – Dividend.  £7.00 – Dividend.  £150.00 – Mr Payne (1 High View)</p> <p><b>10.3</b> - It was noted that the <b>Bank Balance</b> as at 02/02/15 was <b>£19,142.02</b></p> <p><b>10.4</b> – Clerk advised that the Contractor had confirmed that there would be no increase this year for the <b>Grass Cutting</b>.</p> <p><b>10.5 – Precept 2015/16:</b> Clerk advised that following the decision at the December 2014 Parish Council meeting to set the precept at £9149.00 and confirmed that this would have meant a decrease of 1.7% for local residents. Therefore the following was agreed. <b>The Motion:</b> That Little Brickhill Parish Council sets the Precept for 2015/16 in the sum of £9,310.00 (an increase of 0.02%) was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously. <u>Clerk will notify MKC accordingly.</u></p>	Clerk
<p><b>11. To receive reports on the Community Centre: 2498</b></p> <p><b>11.1 – Internal and External Decorating:</b> It was noted that we need to obtain three quotations before an order can be awarded and that a member of the Hall Management Committee is taking the necessary action to obtain these. <u>On-going.</u></p>	
<p><b>12. Councillors Report: 2499</b></p> <p><b>12.1 – Defibrillator:</b> Cllr Bushell advised that he was looking into the feasibility of grants that are available from the British Heart Foundation to install a defibrillator in the village at the Community Centre. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p><b>12.2</b> – Cllr Bushell stated that one or two properties along Watling Street have let their hedges overgrow onto the pavement and asked the <u>Clerk if he would draft a letter to be sent to the offending properties.</u></p> <p><b>12.3 – Resident Association:</b> Cllr Wheaton notified the meeting that the association was organising a twinning event / fun day at Watson Field on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>13. Items for the next agenda.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Traffic Issues</li> <li>• To review Clerk Salary for 2015/2016.</li> </ul>	Clerk
<p><b>14. Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next two meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.</p> <p>It was also agreed to hold the Annual Village Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015.</p> <p><u>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58 pm</u></p> <p>.....  Chairman for Little Brickhill Parish Council</p>	