

LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr G Bushell
 Cllr J Moseley
 Cllr T Wheaton
 Cllr D Hopkins (Ward Councillor)
 Cllr V Hopkins (Ward Councillor).

In attendance:

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

1. Apologies for Absence:	ACTION
Cllr's D Lewis, S Lewis and Cllr A Bramall (Ward Councillor)	
<p>2. Public Open Session: 2500</p> <p>2.1 – New Issues: It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there is some damage to the pavement near to the Community Centre. <u>Cllr Wheaton agreed to take a photo of the damaged area and advise the Clerk in order that the problem can be reported to MKC.</u></p> <p>2.2 – Ongoing Local Issues:</p> <p>2.2.1 - Trees in Wyness Avenue: It was noted that John Price (MKC Countryside Manager) had again apologised for the delay in completion of this work and it was anticipated that work will start shortly. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p>2.2.2 – Speeding traffic through the village: The Parish Council was asked if anything could be done to stop vehicles speeding along Watling Street.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to invite someone from MKC to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 13th April 2015 to provide guidance on this issue.</p> <p>2.2.3 - A concern was raised regarding some dangerous horses in the fields that run from the playing field behind the former Green Man public house. <u>In order that more evidence can be obtained an article has been included in the next edition of the Newsletter giving details how to report any incidences to MKC.</u></p> <p>Cllr Wheaton requested that an approach should be made to Woburn Estates to request their support in resolving this issue.</p>	<p>Cllr Wheaton / Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wheaton / Clerk</p>
<p>3. Declaration of Interest: 2501 None.</p>	
<p>4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd February 2015.</p> <p>Minutes signed and approved.</p>	
<p>5. Progress Report on matters from last Minutes: 2502</p> <p>5.1 - Play Equipment Upgrade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work commenced 23/02/15 with completion Mid-March 2015. • A minor change to the metal fence has had to be made in order to ensure that the gate opens properly. • Clerk confirmed that he had requested the first payment from WREN of £12,997.50 and also asked MKC to release the Parish Partnership grant of £3,000.00. • 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the insurance cost for the new and existing play equipment would be £170.83 <u>and all present agreed this additional expenditure.</u> Included in the project costs were for two new seats to be installed and it was agreed to approach Frosts. <u>Clerk to liaise with the Chairman to obtain costs for this work / approval.</u> It was noted that there may be a requirement for the grass to be cut more often around the play equipment. <p>5.2 – Development of the Website: Clerk confirmed that he had started work but needed to arrange another meeting with Steve Lewis and Paul Simpson before populating the site. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p>5.3 - (Item 6.8 of meeting 02/02/15) - Email received 19/12/14 regarding VF 1092 – Proposed Base Station Upgrade. It was noted that the immediate plans for the upgrade of the site are to swap 5 antennas for 3 new antennas with no other physical change to the site proposed. <u>Item closed.</u></p>	Clerk
<p>6. Correspondence: 2503</p> <p>6.1 - Email received 02/02/15 from MKC regarding Highways Communication - Ringway Projects for 2015. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p>6.2 – Email received 06/02/15 from Millbrook Power Limited regarding proposals to construct and operate a gas-fired power station at Rookery South Pit. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p>6.3 – Email received 10/02/15 from Thames Valley Police regarding regular deployment of Police presence in the Village. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p>6.4 - Email received 16/02/15 from Buckingham County Council regarding preparation of a new / replacement Minerals & Waste Plan. <u>This was noted, no further action required.</u></p> <p>6.5 – Email received 23/02/15 from MKC regarding Plan:MK Workshops on the 26th and 27th March 2015. Clerk was asked to circulate details to all Councillors for them to respond to the Clerk should anyone be available to attend one of the <u>sessions.</u></p>	Clerk
<p>7. Clerks Report / Local Issues: 2504</p> <p>7.1 – Overhanging Bushes: 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 2nd March 2015. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p>7.2 – Playing Field Gate Post: Clerk advised that this repair will now be completed in March 2015. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p>7.3 – (Item 2.2.7 of meeting 01/09/14) – It was highlighted that the barrier on the island at the top of the village, 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>7.4 - Footpath on the border of Great Brickhill: 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>7.5 - The parking problem on Watling Street at the Great Brickhill Road junction: Clerk confirmed that he had submitted another new application to MKC Highways department on the 31st 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>7.6 – X31 Bus Services: It was noted that MKC after careful lobbying, £750k was returned to the bus subsidies budget and that this service should continue. <u>Item closed.</u></p> <p>7.7 – Complaint regarding Watling Street: 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 29th January 2015. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p>7.8 – Tree Problem: It was noted that a local resident had raised concerns regarding a damaged tree on Woburn Road and that Woburn Estates had taken responsibility for resolving this issue.</p> <p>7.9 – Village Pump: Clerk confirmed that he had received a request asking where the pump was installed in the village. Cllr Bushell advised that it was located on Watling Street outside the two recently built houses.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																					
<p>8. Unitary Councillors’ Report: 2505</p> <p>8.1 – A copy of the Ward Councillors’ report to Little Brickhill Parish Council for March 2015 <u>is appended to these minutes.</u></p>																						
<p>9. Planning: 2506</p> <p>9.1 – 15/0043/PRESMA - Proposal to remove the outbuilding on the site and construct a new detached 4 bedroom dwelling house with integral garage at Lion House, Watling Street, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9LU. <u>Clerk was asked to obtain further information from MKC Planning Department.</u></p> <p>9.2 – It was noted that plans had been submitted to MKC to build 1,855 homes in the Salden Chase area of south west Bletchley. No further information is available. <u>On-going.</u></p>	<p>Clerk</p>																					
<p>10. Financial: 2507</p> <p>10.1 - Cheques presented for payment:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S/O</td> <td>£138.40</td> <td>Alan Kemp (March 2015 Salary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100771</td> <td>£34.60</td> <td>HMR&C (Tax for Clerk)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100772</td> <td>£16.86</td> <td>Alan Kemp (Administration)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100773</td> <td>£15,597.00</td> <td>Play Ground Supplies Ltd (New Play Eq)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100774</td> <td>£483.00</td> <td>MKC (Dog Bins)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100775</td> <td>£348.00</td> <td>Elcam Property Maintenance Ltd (Gate Repair)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100776</td> <td>£170.83</td> <td>Broker Network Ltd (Additional Insurance Cost)</td> </tr> </table> <p>This expenditure was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.</p> <p>10.2 - Payments received:</p> <p>£300.00 – Leighton Colts FC. £500.00 – MKC - Ward Councillor Allowance towards Defibrillator purchase.</p> <p>10.3 - It was noted that the Bank Balance as at 02/03/15 following payment of the above cheques was £3,153.33</p>	S/O	£138.40	Alan Kemp (March 2015 Salary)	100771	£34.60	HMR&C (Tax for Clerk)	100772	£16.86	Alan Kemp (Administration)	100773	£15,597.00	Play Ground Supplies Ltd (New Play Eq)	100774	£483.00	MKC (Dog Bins)	100775	£348.00	Elcam Property Maintenance Ltd (Gate Repair)	100776	£170.83	Broker Network Ltd (Additional Insurance Cost)	
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<p>11.0 To review / agree the Clerks Salary for 2015/2016: 2508</p> <p>The Motion: Following a review of the Clerks role and responsibilities, the Clerks salary for this financial year (2015/2016) will be £1874.60 plus £250.00 for home working, making the total for the year of £2124.60. This equates to £177.00 per month, an increase of £3.94 per month. <u>Next review in March 2016.</u></p>	
<p>12. To receive reports on the Community Centre: 2509</p> <p>12.1 – Internal and External Decorating: 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>12.2 - MKC Discretionary Rate Relief for the Community Centre. Clerk advised the meeting that he had been asked by MKC to provide details of the letting timetable for the year 2015/16 and confirmed that he had responded on the 22nd February 2015 with information provided by a Hall Management Committee member. <u>Item closed.</u></p>	
<p>13. Councillors Report: 2510</p> <p>13.1 – Defibrillator: Cllr Bushell advised that he was waiting for confirmation from the British Heart Foundation if we have been successful with our grant application to install a defibrillator in the village at the Community Centre. <u>On-going.</u></p> <p>13.2 – Cllr Bushell stated that one or two properties along Watling Street have let their hedges overgrow onto the pavement and asked the Clerk if he would draft a letter to be sent to the offending properties. <u>Clerk confirmed that he had reported this problem to MKC on the 1st March 2015, reference No 527435.</u></p>	
<p>14. Items for the next agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Traffic Issues – April / May 2015. 	Clerk
<p>15. Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 13th April 2015.</p> <p>It was also agreed to hold the Annual Village Meeting on Tuesday 12th May 2015. <u>Clerk to send out the required invitations.</u></p> <p><u>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm</u></p> <p>..... Chairman for Little Brickhill Parish Council</p>	Clerk