

<u>FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL</u>	
<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton on Wednesday 18th March 2015</p> <p>Present: Councillors N Thompson (Chair), S Phillips (Vice Chair), N Arthur, G Ellis, M Lowe, T King, K Wright, P Woodland and D Jobling</p> <p>Also Present: CBC Cllr James Jamieson D Lawson (Clerk)</p>	
2524 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
Simon Mason from Greenfield was present for the meeting.	
2525 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Cllr Julian Sparrey and Bedfordshire Police sent apologies	
<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Lowe declared an interest relating to work undertaken for the Parish Council by Graham Lowe and she did not participate in the discussion or decision making on any of these matters. Cllr K Wright declared an interest in a planning issue at 58 Mill Lane Greenfield and the Clerk declared an interest in any discussion about the Church Hall.</p>	
2526 MINUTES	
The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 st January 2015 were received and it was	
RESOLVED:	
That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
The following matters arising were noted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jamieson noted that there may be a delay in the commencement of the Solar Farm due to change in the Regulations this month but confirmed this would not affect the amount of the Community benefit. • The chicanes were discussed and Cllr Jamieson suggested that enquiries be made about the need for any TRO and this could be added to the Flitton Hill TRO. He agreed to make enquiries about the removal of one side of the chicane near Mill Lane with some possible enhancement of the remaining side, especially if the Parish Council could contribute funding. • There was a discussion about enforcement issues which was linked to the planning matter in Greenfield. The Clerk agreed to send copies of recent email correspondence to Cllr Jamieson. • The defibrillator cannot be fitted at the Village Hall due to the wall strength and security issues. Another location(s) is being explored • The Clerk gave an update on the benches and S106 funding which can now be applied for • The Village Hall and Church Hall applications for the S106 funding will be received in due course • Cllr Thompson noted the CBC decision not to agree to a new litter bin next to the Millennium bench in Greenfield 	<p>GE/JJ</p> <p>DL/JJ</p>
2527 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE REPORTS	
<p>Cllr Jamieson noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning refusal of 22 houses in Greenfield mainly as the site is outside the Development area • A change in Highway reporting on the CBC website which should make it easier to monitor any complaints lodged. Anyone can 	

<p>register to do this and be updated as the complaint progresses. The weekly Highway bulletin was discussed and noted that it is out of date and inaccurate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC had done a comprehensive maintenance of all highways and ditches in November 2014, but had not yet finished the full litter pick accompanying it (although the areas where litter had been picked (A507) need to be done again). This led Cllr Jamieson to say that CBC officers were thinking of asking Town and Parish Councils to undertake this work on their behalf at a much reduced cost. It was noted that this already happens in the Parish, but the Council would be interested in joining any discussion. • This item led to discussion on another matter on the agenda about litter signage and how successful this may be. It was noted generally that generic warning signs on the highway do not work very well, but when linked into a community campaign involving schools and changing themes regularly this has much more impact. For example there could be signs promoting no littering, speeding or dog fouling and these could be personalised to the village. Cllr Jamieson said he would check out the position on temporary signs on the highway and report back. In the meantime the Highways Sub Committee would be asked to give some thought to this matter. • The Flitton Hill highway application had not yet been determined but Cllr Jamieson thought that CBC funds were available to cover all the schemes being considered. • The last work on the current footpath scheme is due to take place before the end of the month. • Finally Cllr Jamieson noted that Nomination forms can now be submitted for the Election and that the Counts would take place as follows; Thursday pm Parliamentary, Friday lunchtime Unitary, Friday evening Town and Parish Councils and Monday Police Precept Referendum <p>The Police had sent apologies and an email giving the latest crime figures for the Parish, which were noted.</p>	<p>GE/JJ</p>
<p>2528 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p>	
<p>Playing Field Sub Committee</p>	
<p>The notes of the Sub Committee were discussed and the agreement to proceed with the outdoor gym equipment. The safety surface underneath the basket ball hoop was yet to be determined as the installing company had declined to quote for a grassguard finish. The Clerk will seek further quotes on this.</p>	<p>DL</p>
<p>RESOLVED</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decisions on siting and safety surfaces be accepted • The quote provided by Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd for the outdoor gym equipment with the exception of the basketball hoop surface be agreed by the Council and an application for S106 funding be made 	<p>DL</p>
<p>Cemetery Sub Committee</p>	
<p>Cllr King arrived later in the meeting, but it was noted that the sub Committee had met to purchase the boulders which are now located in the memorial garden. It was commented on how nice it looks and that the vaulted grave had now been finished off. A meeting will be convened before May to discuss the fees and charges.</p>	<p>TK</p>
<p>Communications and Parish Plan</p>	
<p>Cllr Phillips noted that she would now be continuing on the next version of the Parish Plan</p>	<p>SP</p>

Allotments	
<p>Cllr Wright said the Greenfield allotments were all fine and there was just one person on the waiting list, she would hand over all paperwork to the Clerk after the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the annual billing process was about to happen and that this would be reviewed during the next Council, especially for the allotments where the rent does not cover the administration costs.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis arrived later in the meeting and said that he was in discussion with a CBC officer Liz Anderson about a potential Beds Tree Reference Orchard on the under-used part of the site and would keep the Council updated. A similar type community orchard may also be an idea for the un-used allotment closest to the river in Greenfield.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>GE</p>
Highways/Cycleways/footpaths/Grasscutting	
<p>Matters pertaining to the subcommittee had been discussed earlier.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the first grass cut of the year at the Playing Field and Cemetery had taken place that week.</p>	
2529 SCHOOL CAR PARKING	
<p>Cllr Jobling outlined the work he had done on a notional car park to start thinking about the parking pressure outside the school at peak times and handed out a diagrammatic sketch. In his initial estimate work for 30 spaces may cost between £30-50k although he accepted that was without the provision of any land.</p> <p>The discussion focussed on the problem of where a car park may be located and the need for planning consent and possible crossing points and there is not an easy or satisfactory answer to this.</p> <p>Cllr Jamieson said that he was already working with the school on a suggested new Sports area and possible small staff car park. Land is the main issue and any solution will need to be considered over the long term.</p> <p>The Clerk and Cllr Ellis commented on their meeting with the Head teacher who confirmed that the main priority for the school is for sports land as play ground space has been lost with the various extensions. If a small car park can result from any extended sport pitch, then that would help.</p> <p>The everyday problems of parents and children using a car park separated from the school were discussed and various ideas about dropping pupils off were discounted due to staffing costs. However the Head teacher confirmed that the school would be happy to work with any agencies towards a longer term solution. She also said that another letter would be sent to parents urging them not to bring cars to the site if at all possible.</p> <p>It was agreed for the time being to leave the land issues with Cllr Jamieson and CBC. Cllr Jamieson also agreed to raise the possibility of staff car parking at either the MUGA or local pub with the school as a way of removing cars from the highway during the school day.</p>	<p>JJ</p>
2530 LITTER SIGNAGE	
<p>This matter was discussed earlier on the agenda</p>	
2531 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the Clerk is attending a Seminar organised by CBC on Councillor Code of Conduct and Complaints at Chicksands on Thursday 19th March • Nominations papers were distributed and it was noted that they need to be hand delivered by 16:00h on Thursday 9 April to CBC offices at Chicksands. When dropping off the forms there will be a chance to run through the details with a member of staff and the candidates can make any changes necessary at this point. Cllr Thompson and I have copies of the Electoral Register for the Elector Numbers. • Cllr Ellis took the invitation to the CPRE AGM on Wednesday, April 22nd at 19.30h and said he would try to attend. • It was noted with relief that the Village Hall had agreed to the siting 	<p>GE</p>

<p>of the Fish and Chip Van in their car park but on terms to be specified and agreed by the applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a long discussion about the operation of the Planning Sub Committee following a few recent issues. The Clerk outlined information from the CiLCA course and also cited advice from CPALC, an independent advisory agency, which will be circulated to members. <p>The current difficulty is recording a Council decision before comments are submitted and thus allowing public participation in the comments process. It was acknowledged that public participation may be unlikely, but without this or a formal decision, the Council's comments could be invalidated.</p> <p>The suggestion that the Sub Committee comments be agreed by Council was accepted for future operation, but where the submission dates did not allow this, other options were discussed including more notices on the website, notice boards and more contact with the immediate neighbours and applicant. None of these solutions seemed to fully satisfy the requirements for a subcommittee meeting to allow for the planning deadline, but it was thought that they should be tried for now and reviewed during the course of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk noted that she was going to instruct the gardener to trim the hedge back over the telephone box and behind the notice board and also to ask Graham Lowe to do some maintenance work on the box itself. 	DL
2532 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ellis said that he had attended a demonstration of OSCAR a modified Ford Fiesta simulator being used to promote road safety, kitted out with technology to imitate the experience of being in a car crash. He had found it very interesting and wondered whether it may be something that the Gala Committee could attract to the event this year. The Clerk agreed to pass on details • Cllr Lowe noted that the Gala is being held on 5 September and asked that the Council agree to the use of the Playing Field as usual. The Clerk will write to the Gala organisers to confirm this 	DL DL
2533 DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
20 th May 2015 at 19:30h in the Church Hall	

The meeting ended at 21:16h

DATED this 20th day of May 2015

Signed - CHAIRMAN