

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton,
On Wednesday 20th May 2015

Present: Councillors N Thompson N. Arthur, D Jobling, J Fisher, M. Lowe, S Mason and P. Woodland,

Also Present:

CBC Councillor J Jamieson
PCSO Craig Setterfield 4646
D Lawson: Clerk to the Council

Members of the Public

Julia Slade and James Cook Greenfield residents
Sally Smith Flitton resident
Sally and Mohit Kakar Flitton landowners

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and the minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting last year were noted.

Julia Slade outlined a problem with the highway verge outside her home which had been damaged by Amey when doing work in the vicinity. This had been followed up on several occasions and now the ground is too rutted to be cut and the couple cannot maintain it themselves. Both James and Julia said it now looks unsightly and gives a poor impression of the village, but they are unable to help the situation.

Copies of emails were taken and Cllr Jamieson agreed to look at the problem if the correspondence could be sent to him as Ward Councillor.

Sally Smith on behalf of local residents asked for any update on the Match Funding bid for Flitton Hill. Cllr Jamieson said that decisions were imminent but that there was no word yet. Sally said that the lorry problem was getting worse and had resulted in more pet deaths last week, which is extremely upsetting.

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The Council agreed to write to two local companies about the problem and the Police would try to do the same as lorries entering or exiting the village via Flitton Hill had most probably transgressed the 7.5 tonnes weight limit. Cllr Fisher commented that the volunteer village Speed awareness team could also monitor the situation again but were prohibited from taking any photographs.

Sally also asked about the possibility discussed as part of the bid, of a no right turn onto the A507, but Cllr Jamieson explained the reasons why the Highway Officers thought it may be too dangerous to implement.

Sally and Mohit Kakar explained that they had bought a field in Flitton which they hoped to develop as a residential site and wanted to make the Council aware of their early plans. If the Council had any thoughts or ideas about the scheme and what would be helpful to the community they would welcome comment at this stage. There was a general discussion about the land and the Chairman expressed his appreciation of being notified at this early stage and said the Council would consider the matter.

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2534 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2015/16	
<p>Cllr Arthur nominated and Cllr Woodland seconded Cllr Thompson as Chairman of the Council and he was duly elected.</p>	
RESOLVED	
<p>Cllr N Thompson be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year</p>	
2535 DECLARATION OF OFFICE	
<p>Cllr N Thompson signed the Declaration of Office as Chairman of the Council</p>	
2536 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
<p>Cllr G Ellis and T King sent their apologies</p>	
<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 S Mason declared an interest in a planning issue at 39a Mill Lane Greenfield and the Clerk declared an interest in any discussion about the Church Hall.</p>	
2537MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18st March 2015 were received and it was</p>	
RESOLVED:	
<p>That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>The following matters arising were noted:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Jamieson noted that now the new Highway reporting facility is available the weekly bulletin is of less significance although he would raise its usefulness with council staff • The large pieces of rubbish in the verges are too difficult for the litter picker to remove and look unsightly. It was agreed to ask a contractor to remove and dispose of these • Cllr Thompson mentioned that Gordon Patterson had recently passed away and paid tribute to the work which he, Terry Blount and John Lake had contributed to the Playing Fields in its early days. It was agreed that a suitable recognition of this work would be made by way of a small plaque on a new bench to be installed at the Playing Field • The Clerk noted that outstanding account notices had been sent to those allotment tenants at both sites who had not paid. This had led to a few plots being relinquished, although one at Joes Close had been re-let to a new tenant. Cllr Ellis had confirmed that he is still pursuing a tree orchard at Flitton Hill and the Clerk noted that works needed to be done to the water supply to conform to Anglian Water regulations. There was a general discussion about the allotments and the future of both sites, which will be raised again when Cllr Ellis is available to comment 	<p>JJ</p> <p>DL/MM</p> <p>DL</p> <p>GE</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements in parking at the school were welcomed • In mentioning the Gala, Cllr Thompson reported to Members the ongoing dog problem at the Playing Field and the fact that the dog ban is not implemented on just on this day each year. It was agreed that dogs enforcement ban should be in place for 365 days of the year to avoid any confusion in future and Cllr Lowe agreed to relay this to the Gala Committee 	ML
2538 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE REPORTS	
<p>Cllr Jamieson mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A possible partnership with the Parish Council to consider the use of land in the Parish for an additional sports pitch which may be helpful to the School, which the Council agreed to in principle at this stage • A proposal he is developing with the Local Government Association to include lorry bans with Sat Nav equipment in future • It may be a good idea to avoid any ambiguity in terms of planning issues in the future for the Parish Council to consider the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan, which is the direction that the Government and the Planning Authority would like local councils to follow. It was agreed to discuss this in more detail at a future meeting • New permitted development rules which are in place and allow the Planning Authority little discretion in making some decisions, although the Local Council should still be consulted or informed about any applications. Any examples of where this has not happened should be sent to him • High speed internet should already be in operation in the Parish, although this was queried in Flitton and the Clerk agreed to check out the position. It was acknowledged that some areas in Greenfield, but not all in the same street, do have the faster service available • There was no known progress yet on the Solar Farm <p>PCSO Craig Setterfield noted that there had been no instances of crime or anti social behaviour in the Parish for the month, which was excellent news</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>NA/GE</p> <p>DL/JJ</p> <p>DL</p>
2539 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2015/16	
Cllr Lowe nominated and Cllr Jobling seconded the appointment of Cllr Arthur as Vice Chairman of the Council and the position was duly accepted.	
RESOLVED	
Cllr N Arthur be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year	
2540 MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2015/16	
It was agreed that Cllrs Arthur, Ellis, King, Thompson and Woodland would be members of the Finance Committee	
2541 MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB COMMITTEES 2015/16	
Playing Field – Cllrs Arthur, Lowe, Mason and Woodland	
Planning – Cllrs Arthur, Ellis, Fisher and Woodland	
Highways, Footpaths, Cycle Ways and Grass Cutting – Cllrs Ellis, Fisher Jobling and Mason (plus any Co-opted Members)	
Allotments – Cllr Ellis (plus any Co-opted Member(s))	
Cemetery – Cllr King, Lowe and Woodland (plus any Co-opted Member(s))	
Communications and Parish Plan – Cllrs King, Jobling and Mason (plus any Co-opted Member(s))	
Liaison with the School – Cllr Ellis who is a School Trustee and Cllr Mason	
Representative on the Village Hall Committee – Cllr Lowe + vacancy	
*Representative on the MUGA Committee – Cllr Jobling (*omitted at the meeting)	
2542 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES	
Cllr Arthur outlined the work of the Finance Committee and noted the	

following	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The accounts had been signed off by the internal auditor and were ready for submission for external audit. The Chairman of the Council signed the Annual Return The VAT repayment of £2456.51 had been received The telephone box library had been found to have a live electricity supply and in dismantling the light fitting to establish this, it had been repaired and was now working all the time. There was some discussion about whether this should be left as it is as the supply is an unmetered one and so the light does not cost anything extra to use: or whether a timing/movement device should be fitted. The Clerk agreed to get the cost of this additional work 	DL
RESOLVED	
<p>i) The Chairman should sign the Annual Return to be submitted to the Councils external auditor</p> <p>ii) The minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting</p>	NT
2543 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Playing Field Sub Committee	
There was nothing to report since the last meeting	
Cemetery Sub Committee	
<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May were noted with the following comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk will write to the owner of the recent vaulted grave to set out the conditions relating to kerbing stones The owners of any plots which are breaching the terms and conditions should be asked to comply with them forthwith 	DL TK/DL
Communications and Parish Plan	
<p>Cllr Jobling outlined his thoughts with regard to a list of plans and aspirations which the Council may wish to hold in future in a priority order should a suitable budget become available. It was agreed that these should be incorporated into the Parish Plan as the most appropriate vehicle for such ideas and that a meeting be convened to discuss these. Cllr Jobling agreed to contact Sue Philips who has agreed to maintain the Plan</p>	DJ
Allotments	
<p>Cllr Thompson said he would try to co-opt a Greenfield resident to help manage the site at Joes Close</p>	NT
Highways/Cycleways/footpaths/Grasscutting	
<p>The work in the village had now been completed save a rogue weed growing through the tarmac at one location and there was no news of the new match funding application yet.</p>	
2544 PLANNING ISSUES	
<p>The list of all planning applications in the Parish had already been circulated and these were noted along with any changes since.</p> <p>The idea of starting a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed and Cllr Arthur agreed to hold some informal discussion about the scale of the work before the next meeting.</p> <p>He also noted that the Parish should begin to formulate its view about the potential housing development which had been mentioned by the owners of land during the Annual Parishioners meeting</p>	NA NA.
2545 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no items for discussion although the Clerk had received an invitation to the Annual Awards Evening at Harlington School, and a ticket was available for anyone interested. 	
2546 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chairman reminded Members that their Declaration of Interest form and Acceptance of Office form needed to be completed as soon as possible and handed to the Clerk for return to CBC• Date of next meeting is Wednesday 15th July at 19.30h in the Church hall	
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The meeting ended at 21:40h

DATED this 15th day of July 2015

Signed - CHAIRMAN