

<u>FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL</u>	
<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton on Wednesday 16th March 2016 Present: Cllrs N Thompson (Chairman), G Ellis, J Fisher, T King, M Lowe, R Stokes. S Mason and P Woodland Also Present: CBC Cllr J Jamieson and D Lawson (Clerk) and</p>	
2586 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Cllrs N Arthur (Vice-Chairman) and D Jobling sent apologies.	
Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Lowe declared an interest relating to work undertaken for the Parish Council by Graham Lowe and the St Georges Day Event.	
2587 MINUTES	
The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 th January were received and it was	
<p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by Cllr G Ellis who was present at the meeting. The following matters arising were noted: (other issues are picked up again on the agenda)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Lowe had not yet spoken to the Headteacher about parking on Tuesdays, but would try to do so. Cllr Jamieson said he would raise it at the next Governors meeting, although it was probably only a temporary measure whilst work was done at Pulloxhill. • Cllr Thompson said he had met CBC Highway Officers in the village and reported the poor tarmacking by the post box, they were going to speak to Cllr Ellis about the LTP application • Cllr Ellis reported that the bollard at Flitton Hill in the cycle lane is deliberate to prevent any other motorised uses • It was noted with thanks that parishioners had agreed to look after various flowerbeds and that a contribution of £25 and £50 respectively depending on size would be offered to get the beds established. However Cllr Jamieson asked that no shrubs or trees be planted that may limit highway vision. • Cllr Thompson thanked everyone who had helped with the recent Clean for the Queen and noted that the Council would be keen to participate in future events, as a great job was done. • The Clerk presented the application referred to at the last meeting when the party for the Queen was discussed and it was agreed to grant £230 for the entertainer and give permission to use the Playing Field on the day 	
<p>AGREED To contribution £25 and £50 towards the establishment of the flower beds To grant £230 for the entertainer and give permission to use the Playing Field at the Queen's birthday celebration</p>	
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2588 UNITARY COUNCIL REPORT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jamieson noted the following • The Highway transition between Amey and Ringway-Jacob will happen after April and so any new plans were on hold for a short while including the chicane removal and the speed limit on Flitwick Road • The recent accident by the chicane in Greenfield was discussed and Cllr Ellis reminded everyone about the emergency highway (out of hours) Helpdesk number on 0300 300 8049 • Cllr Jamieson had noted the request for rubber bollards which could not be knocked over 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CBC Council Tax increase had been held at 2% • A performance of 'It Takes Two!' on Sunday 24 April 7pm at the Grove Theatre Dunstable, presented by CBC in aid of Diabetes UK. • Arrangements for WestFest were noted as satisfactory at the Council meeting in Westoning last week and Councillors should not expect any major traffic impact in this Parish 	
2589 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
<p>Planning Sub Committee (including NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - NP) Cllrs. Ellis and Fisher noted that a meeting had taken place when a Steering Committee had been appointed. The first meeting of this group will take place on Monday 4 April and be publicised nearer the time.</p>	
<p>AGREED. The Minutes of the Planning Sub Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2016 were received and the actions noted.</p>	
<p>Playing Field Sub Committee</p>	
<p>There had not been a meeting of the Sub Committee, but Cllr Arthur had asked about the plaque and goal post move. Cllr Lowe was able to confirm that the plaque was now in position and the 'sleeves' for the goal posts had been collected today and the work would be done by end of the month. Cllr Thompson noted the Clerk had received an email suggesting that the posts be moved and would be able to respond that this was imminent.</p>	DL
<p>Cemetery Sub Committee</p>	
<p>The Sub Committee had met and discussed the new grass cutting arrangements plus other gardening work which had been agreed with the Gardener. Cllr King also noted that there had been a recent resolution to the problem of a proposed memorial which did not comply with the Rules and Regulations. Other action was being taken with regard to grave owners who were not complying with the Rules and Regulations.</p>	TK/DL
<p>Communications and Parish Plan</p>	
<p>Ongoing use of the website to promote local events was noted, and the Clerk said she is always happy to add new information.</p>	
<p>Allotments</p>	
<p>The Clerk confirmed that the allotment bills were all ready and the Flitton batch had been sent out. Cllr Ellis confirmed that he would turn the water at Flitton Hill back on shortly. There had been a meeting at the Greenfield Allotment site and Cllr Stokes had already sorted out a new tenant and moved on the water installation issue. He had been trying to speak to the tenants about positioning of stand pipes but not been successful yet. He was currently waiting for confirmation about the cost of this work.</p>	RS
<p>Highways/Cycleways/footpaths/Grasscutting</p>	
<p>There had not been a meeting of the Sub Committee, but Cllr Ellis noted that the LTP application (covering Wardhedges and the traffic congestion/parking issue in Pulloxhill Road area) had been submitted and he would be speaking to CBC officers shortly. He also updated the meeting about the Green Infrastructure bid that had been submitted by the Greensands Trust to upgrade the path along the River bank to a cycle/bridleway standard. This was being done as Phase 1 of a larger plan to link the track to the other pathways allowing 'bridleway' access to Flitwick; but other funding would need to be sought for this in the future. The amount being requested from the fund was just less than £55k with a total project cost of £68,295. and Cllr Ellis outlined what this would cover. The bid included match funding of 20%, (£13,500) including a contribution of £3000 from the Council (plus other sources of funding and costing up of</p>	

volunteer time, amounting to £10,500) A contribution by the Council had been discussed by email due to the bid deadline being before the Council meeting and Cllrs were asked to agree to the funding of £3000 which the Chair of the Finance Committee had confirmed would be made available from 2016-17 budget	
RESOLVED: that the sum of £3000 be made available as match funding	NA
2590 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had not been a meeting of the Committee, but the arrangements for external audit were discussed as the matter could not wait until the next meeting. It was agreed not to opt out of the current arrangements. • Cllr Thompson noted that as there was more than one bid for the Maintenance/Gardening work and as the Chairman of the Sub Committee was absent, the decision to award the work should be deferred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee in April. 	DL
RESOLVED the Council does not opt out of the external audit provision, therefore no action will need to be taken	
2591 PLANNING ISSUES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The actions taken at the last meeting were noted and the Clerk also mentioned CBC's recent decision not to take enforcement action at an address in Flitton • The planning application at Hollington House was considered and it was agreed that there was no objection but that a couple of comments should be made 	DL
2592 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WestFest had already been discussed • The provisions of the Housing and Planning Bill were noted, particularly where they allow for an increased level of Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) to be in place by end of 2016, with an increase in the share for local councils with an adopted neighbourhood plan from 25% to 35% • The Good Neighbour Scheme offer to clean the road signs was gratefully accepted and it was agreed that suitable recompense be offered in line with previous years • It was agreed to allow a banner, advertising the St Georges Day Tea Party on the fence around the Playing Field. • Apologies be sent to the CBC Chairman's Civic Service on Sunday, 1 May 2016 	
2593 AOB for Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Thompson mentioned the impending deadline for a call for sites as part of the CBC Local Plan process • Cllr Woodland noted additional use of a telephone box library elsewhere in the country • Cllr Mason followed up on the mention at the last meeting, of use of the Playing Field by a football team based outside the Parish and asked that the matter be reviewed at some point in the future by the Playing Field Sub Committee 	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
18 May 2016 at 19:30h in the Church Hall	

The meeting ended at 20:55h

DATED this 18th day of May 2016

Signed - Chairman