

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL	
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton, on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 Present: Councillors N Thompson (Vice-Chair), N. Arthur, J Fisher P Woodland, G. Ellis, M. Lowe, R Stokes, Also, Present: D Lawson (Clerk)	
2734 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies: Cllr M Gates, T King, B Rishton and CBC Councillor J Jamieson Declarations of Interest: Cllr Lowe declared an interest (as a neighbour) of a planning issue to be discussed	
2735 MINUTES	
The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 th November 2018 were received and it was	
RESOLVED:	
That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.	
The following matters arising were noted, others are discussed again on the agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision on the planning application at 30 Flitton Road, Greenfield, for a development of up to 10 bungalows was still awaited • Cllr Thompson updated the meeting with regard to the complaint about a property in Highfield Road and said he hoped that it would be resolved shortly • Cllr Stokes said he was still looking at a quote for the Allotment sign, but thinks a notice board would be better. • Cllr Gates is still following up the licence/cost issue with Charles Wells, but the landlord at the Compasses had agreed to the siting. It was felt that this should be followed up to make sure that the third unit is sited as soon as possible. The Clerk reminded Cllrs about the upcoming defibrillator training which would be helpful to all. It is taking place on Tuesday Feb 5th at the Village Hall and she recommended as many people as possible attend • A page on the May 2nd election has been submitted to the Spring Flit'n'More • Cllr Lowe reported that the Gala Committee had not yet considered the vehicular gate • Following Cllr Arthur 's concern about the angle of one of the headstones in the cemetery it was felt this would be picked up during routine safety inspections 	RS DL ALL ML TK/PW/ ML
2736 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE REPORTS	
Cllr Jamieson had sent apologies. The Clerk noted that the Police had sent the December statistics and there was no crime in the Parish. The recent local burglary and attempted break in were discussed and it was noted that the Council would help liaise with the Regional Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Coordinator should volunteers come forward to establish a new NW scheme(s).	
2737 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th Jan 2019 were received and actions noted. Cllr Arthur gave an explanation of how the Finance Committee had established the new budget for 2019-20 and wanted to keep any increase in line with the CPI rate of inflation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget includes use of reserves to build up funds for the MUGA resurfacing, work in the Playing Field and allows for contingencies. • It was agreed that any Community Benefit funding from the Solar farm would be ring fenced in the budget for specific projects. The proposal was for a 2.2% increase or £46,400 precept meaning a £70.84p Band D annual charge as opposed to £69.30p in 2018-19 and Members felt this was very reasonable Cllr Ellis proposed and Cllr Arthur seconded, that the budget be agreed and a precept be levied at £46,400 which is 2.2% increase, it was unanimously agreed and	

RESOLVED That the precept for 2019/20 be levied at £46,400, a 2.2% increase	DL
Cllr Arthur mentioned that the risk assessments had all been updated on the website in January 2019. Cllr Thompson proposed that the risk assessments including amendments be adopted by the Council and this was seconded by Cllr Ellis. It was unanimously agreed and	
RESOLVED That the risk assessments for 2019=20 be adopted by the Council	DL
Cllr Arthur mentioned a discussion with a local resident about communication issues and this had also been discussed at the last Council meeting. It was re-affirmed that the website and notice boards hold all the Council information, particularly relating to planning issues and any member of the public can log into the CBC planning portal to see live information. The website contains a section on the home page explaining how to do this. Because access to the CBC portal is so straightforward, it would not be beneficial to use the Clerks time to operate any other system and make it GDPR compatible. This would be explained to the person concerned	NA
2738 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Allotments	
Cllr Stokes had reported on the signage and mentioned that he is still following up the water installation. There may be potentially two new tenants, but neither had followed this up since their first approach The idea of a community orchard was mentioned, but all agreed to wait for some discussion with a local resident first to see if it may be viable.	RS
Planning including Neighbourhood Plan (NP)	
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Decisions from the NP meeting held on 15 January were discussed and it was noted that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the first draft of the Plan should be available for both Parish Councils to agree at their March 2019 meetings and Cllrs would get a copy well in advance of this • the consultant has been asked to format the document and ensure it is ready by this date, which may involve top up payments (over and above the grant monies) from each Council • the impending public consultation be advertised as widely as possible including an article in the next FM 	
Planning Applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollington House Flitton change of use from garage to residential annex- Following discussion and taking Cllr Gates written comments into account, it was decided to oppose this application for the following reasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outside the village settlement envelope and in an unsustainable position without access to public transport or within walking distance of any local amenities ○ Intrusion of new living space in the open countryside ○ Additional access by cars onto the highway at this point on the corner could be dangerous ○ Precedent of previous annex being separated from the main dwelling and wish for a condition if granted to tie the annex to the main dwelling and not allow it to be sold separately 	DL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Bramley Gardens Greenfield erection of single storey rear extension, front porch and creation of additional car parking space Following discussion and taking Cllr Gates written comments into account, it was decided to make the following comment on this application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should the extension mean that the dwelling breaches the settlement envelope, which is suspected, then the PC would object, but it is not clear from plans/maps if this is the case 	DL
Fairview, Flitton Hill, Flitton conversion of existing garage to form new dwelling.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peartree House, Wardhedges Road, Flitton Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Construction of a new outbuilding to the north of the existing house in the garden amenity space which will accommodate a swimming pool. Single storey rear extension to the existing house with a cat slide roof off the main roof and extension to garage to add a carport and studio which all comply with the permitted development guidelines <p>The Council had not been consulted on this application as it is a Lawful development Certificate, but Cllrs were concerned that it should require a planning application and this will be queried, enabling an opportunity for comment</p>	<p>DL</p>
<p>Application for works to trees at The White Hart Pub Flitton to reduce 4 trees to the rear of the pub, crown, lift and reduce 2 large cedars and reduce 3 willows by at least 40%.</p> <p>There were no comments</p>	
<p>Learning from Planning decisions/Appeals</p>	
<p>Following a recent planning decision made by Committee at CBC, there was a discussion about S106 funding and whether the PC ought to be ready to quote for funding required within the Parish, albeit as a last resort as there was no appetite to accept any excessive development.</p> <p>It was felt that more or new facilities on the Village Hall site would be the best options to pursue and Cllr Lowe agreed to talk to the Village Hall Committee about this first along the lines of a selection of schemes, based on different funding amounts.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson also expressed disappointment about the outcome of the same meeting, which he had watched live on-line. Notably, when CBC councillors agreed that there could be two entrances onto Greenfield Road, Flitton even though there would only be 24 houses on the site. This was particularly galling as Councillors had quoted some incorrect information which was not challenged at the time by any officers.</p> <p>In addition, he was concerned by the dismissive attitude taken by some Councillors about the Parish objection. Cllr Jamieson had been advised of his annoyance and frustration about these feelings and any comments were awaited.</p>	<p>ML</p>
<p>Playing Field Sub Committee</p>	
<p>Cllr Arthur mentioned the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The one-off parking problem on a Saturday morning at the Village Hall has not been repeated after a stern warning ● The football pitches are in good condition ● The litter bin emptying is still causing problems at the Playing Field, mainly due to the ineffective keys. It was agreed that Cllr Arthur would take a look and liaise with the Good Neighbours about this ● The new signage was in position and it was not felt there was a need for additional signs near the new pedestrian gate ● The problem of parking on the new footpath to the pedestrian gate had been mentioned again and it was agreed to reconsider. Cllr Lowe to raise it with the Village Hall Committee next week 	<p>NA</p> <p>ML</p>
<p>Cemetery Sub Committee</p>	
<p>Any outstanding actions for Cllr King would be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	

