

<u>FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL</u>	
<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton on Wednesday 20th January 2016 Present: N Arthur (Acting Chairman), G Ellis, J Fisher, T King, D Jobling, M Lowe and P Woodland Also Present: CBC Cllr J Jamieson and D Lawson (Clerk) and Maureen Morey</p>	
2579 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
<p>Cllrs N Thompson (Chairman), Cllr R Stokes and S Mason 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 the St Georges Day Event. Cllr P Woodland declared an interest in a planning application at The Brambles</p>	
2580 MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 November and 16 December 2015 were received and it was</p>	
<p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The following matters arising were noted: (other issues are picked up again on the agenda)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that there had been an improvement in parking at the school, but that reminders will continue to be sent to parents. Tuesday mornings had become difficult and Cllr Lowe agreed to speak to the Headteacher about a suggestion to use the school mini bus more effectively on Tuesdays. • Cllr King will call a meeting of the Cemetery Sub Committee to consider new grass cutting arrangements • There was a discussion about the Solar Farm and how the Universal Undertaking had been altered. Cllrs expressed their concern about what had happened and Cllr Jamieson gave an explanation, which was reluctantly accepted. The view was put forward that should further phases ensue, then the Council would not expect the previously agreed split in funding to still apply and that any amounts already received would need to be taken into account. • Cllr Ellis noted the proposed funding in the 2016-17 budget for a feasibility study and suggested that the two areas of work which may be considered were parking at the school and calming traffic speed at the Silsoe Road/Wardhedges junction • Cllr Jobling reported back on the MUGA meeting and gave the Clerk a copy of the Minutes for information 	ML
2581 UNITARY COUNCIL AND POLICE REPORT	
<p>Cllr Jamieson noted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC budget consultation is underway amidst a difficult financial climate, looking as though there will be an increase in Council Tax this year, in line with Government recommendations • Both Small Scale Major Dwelling Applications in Flitton Road Greenfield and Greenfield Road Flitton were recently refused planning permission. • The planning issue at the Pulloxhill Industrial Estate was being satisfactorily addressed with the objectionable use being moved away from the residential area to a more isolated part of the site. Officers were hoping to reinstate the area closest to the houses to trees and grassland and were also seeking to impose better drainage and environmental conditions on the operation, including a control on vehicle movements during peak school traffic times. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Clean for the Queen' was noted, to be discussed later on the agenda • There was no time yet for the speed limit changes at Greenfield Road Flitwick or the chicane at Greenfield, but these were both still being pursued. There was still likely to be a cost to the Parish Council on making good after part of the chicane is removed. <p>There was no Police presence at the meeting, but the report which had been provided was noted, including a domestic incident in Mill Lane which was now resolved</p>	
2582 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
<p>Planning Sub Committee (including NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - NP) Cllr Arthur reported back from the NP meeting held on Monday evening where there were approximately 24 members of the public and it was concluded that it was a successful 'kick off' meeting. If possible a short report should be added to Flit'n'More and also include the recent planning decisions which Cllr Fisher agreed to write. The Clerk would check on space in the magazine first.</p>	DL/JF
<p>The Minutes of the Planning Sub Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16 December 2015 were received and the actions noted.</p>	
Playing Field Sub Committee	
<p>There had not been a meeting of the Sub Committee, but the Chairman said that the goal posts were due to be re-sited shortly, there appeared to be an ongoing problem with moss at the MUGA, but this was still being addressed by the Committee, although the car park too was getting mossy areas. This was being addressed in the longer term by the set aside accumulated fund.</p> <p>Cllr Lowe mentioned a complaint which had been made concerning the current users of the Football pitches, but the Clerk outlined the history to this and the fact that there was a signed Agreement in place. It was noted that some voluntary sharing of the pitches had been facilitated last year and that this may be the best way forward again.</p>	
Cemetery Sub Committee	
<p>There had not been a meeting of the Sub Committee, but several issues were ongoing which members had been discussing. These related to a proposed memorial which did not meet the current Rules and Regulations, but members were in agreement that these should be adhered to. A meeting of the Sub Committee would be called shortly.</p>	TK
Communications and Parish Plan	
<p>Cllr Jobling raised the interrelationship between the Parish Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan as it appeared one may supersede the other. It was agreed that the original Parish Plan had probably run its course now but that it had become a useful project planning tool for the Parish Council. The Neighbourhood Plan would now cover most of the areas which were included in the Parish Plan, so it was agreed to leave the Parish Plan in abeyance whilst the Neighbourhood Plan was being developed and then see at the end of the process if it was still required.</p>	
Allotments	
<p>It was noted that Cllr Stokes had agreed to look after the Greenfield allotments and a request for a new plot was waiting for his return from holiday, as was the water installation plan.</p>	RS
Highways/Cycleways/footpaths/Grasscutting	
<p>There had not been a meeting of the Sub Committee, but several issues were ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the work at Flitton Hill had taken place, with some extra white lining and bollards still to be erected. Amey was also going to undertake a safety assessment of the whole scheme to see if the proposals had been met. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been some questions about the status of the white lines and Cllr Ellis confirmed that these delineated the edge of the carriageway so may be crossed, and the idea was to emphasise the narrowness of the road. • The general consensus appears to be that the works have slowed the traffic down and that 80-90% of motorists slowed down to cross the raised table. • It was noted that attention should be paid in future, to maintaining the lines as they do sometimes wear off • It was queried why there was a bollard in the cycle track lane at the junction and Cllr Ellis agreed to feed this question back to Amey. • The cycle hoops had now been fitted at the High Street/Brook Lane junction • Cllr Ellis was following up a query about the state of the footpath in Wardhedges Road 	<p>GE</p> <p>GE</p> <p>GE</p>
<p>FLOWERS AND BULBS ON THE VILLAGE VERGES</p>	
<p>There was a discussion about planting and maintaining flower beds or bulbs along stretches of the Highway raised by Cllr Jobling. Various aspects were considered including cost, responsibility to establish and maintain, the impact on the grass cutting contract and where may be most appropriate. Without an overall co-ordinator for the whole Parish, it was agreed to try to establish or re-establish a number of trial areas where there were known to be volunteers willing to take part. These areas to include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newly established flower bed at the bottom of Flitton Hill 2. Create a new bed at the High Street/Brook Lane junction 3. Re-establish the gateway bed in Greenfield 4. Continue the gateway bed at Flitton Hill 5. Possibly consider a bed on the corner of Holmewood Road <p>The Clerk agreed to contact the volunteer for 2, Cllr Arthur agreed to talk to a volunteer for 3, Cllr Ellis for 1&4 and Cllr Fisher for 5. It was agreed to try to get costs to establish and continue planting/maintaining so that these can be accommodated in the budget</p>	<p>DL/NA/ GE/JF</p>
<p>2583 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</p>	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 January 2016 were received and the actions noted. Cllr Arthur gave an explanation of how the Finance Committee had established the budget for 2016-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget includes use of reserves to build up funds for the MUGA as discussed above and renewal of fencing in the Playing Field as well as allowing a contingency budget • There are additional costs in 2016-17 due to the Neighbourhood Planning process • Cllr Ellis noted that the Highway work may not use the full amount allocated in the 2015-16 budget, and that any excess may be able to cover work to the chicane in Greenfield • An increase in precept of 10% would cover all the costs identified and help to reduce any shortfall in 2016-17. It would mean a £5 a year increase on a Band D property <p>Cllr Ellis proposed and Cllr King seconded that the budget be agreed and a precept be levied at £39,935 which is a 10% increase, it was unanimously agreed and</p>	
<p>RESOLVED That the precept for 2016/17 be levied at £39,935.</p>	<p>DL</p>
<p>2584 PLANNING ISSUES</p>	
<p>The applications relating to Uplands, Wardhedges Road, Flitton, 8 The Brambles, Flitton and 19 Silsoe Road Flitton were discussed and the list of decisions noted, in particular the news that both Small Scale Major Dwelling Applications in Flitton Road Greenfield and Greenfield Road Flitton were refused planning permission.</p>	

<p>It was RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uplands, Wardhedges Road, Flitton – no objection, • 8 The Brambles, Flitton – no objection • 19 Silsoe Road Flitton – no objection 	<p>DL</p>
<p>2585 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The invitation to join the English Regional Transport Association (ERTA - formerly Bedfordshire Railway & Transport Association) was declined, although the Forum meeting at the Albion Pub (Side Room) Ampthill on Wednesday, 9 March 2016 at 7pm was noted • The increase in fees of 2% by the Beds Association of Town and Parish Councils was noted • It was agreed not to participate in the Beacon scheme as part of the Queens 90th birthday celebrations, but that the CBC clean for the Queen scheme may be a possibility to deep clean the ditches over the said weekend. Cllr Lowe also mentioned an embryonic Village Hall plan to hold a street party in June and suggested that the Council may think about contributing funds for part of the day. This could be brought back to the next Council meeting for a decision. • The CBC budget consultation was noted and Cllrs were encouraged to respond • The green infrastructure projects funding was discussed and the Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Greensand Trust on Monday who had another scheme in mind as an application to the fund. However they did not rule out the cycle/walk way project to Flitwick which had been considered the previous year, although they still thought there were a number of problems with it, which may not be overcome in time. Cllr Ellis had also been speaking directly to CBC officers about possible projects and thought that the cycle/walk way along the river would avoid some of the archaeological issues with the larger scheme and may be easier to apply for. He would continue these discussions this week and liaise with the Clerk. Cllr Jamieson had also indicated that there was a small S106 budget available for the Parish which may be added to any scheme. • The CBC 2016 Cheering Volunteering awards were noted. • The application by the Village Hall to draw down the remaining Community Halls S106 funding from CBC (£431) was noted and the Clerk will submit it • The request for a helicopter landing and takeoff from the Playing Field was discussed and it was agreed that there would be no objection in principle so long as the Council knew that there was public liability insurance in place either through the organiser or through the Council's Insurance, but at no cost to the Council. 	<p>DL</p> <p>GE/DL</p> <p>ML</p> <p>GE/DL</p> <p>DL</p> <p>DL</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	
<p>16th March 2016 at 19:30h in the Church Hall</p>	

The meeting ended at 21:30h

DATED this 16th day of March 2016

Signed - Chairman