

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL	
<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton, on Wednesday 15th March 2017 Present: Councillors N Thompson (Chair), N. Arthur, P Woodland, J Fisher, G. Ellis, T King, M. Lowe and M Gates Also Present: CBC Councillor J Jamieson and D Lawson (Clerk) Mags Banks</p>	
2637 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies: Councillor R Stokes.	
Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest	
At 19:35h the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow for public comment to be made	
<p>A resident of Sand Road addressed Members about the NMA application at 14 Sand Road Flitton, Bedford, MK45 5DT. She explained the history to her objection and queried why an enforcement case was opened and then closed. CBC enforcement officers seem to think that the NMA now seeks to put matters right, but it appears to relate to a different boundary from the original complaint and not cover the issues of tree and hedge removal, as the application is for a wooden fence. Councillors queried why the Council and neighbours had not been consulted on the NMA in these circumstances as it did not appear to be addressing the real issues. Cllr Jamieson said that he would speak to the Planning Officer and try to clarify what is happening and let the Clerk know. The resident's intention is to object to the NMA and ask for trees of the same maturity to be replaced on site. The Chairman thanked her for her comments and noted that the matter would be discussed later on the agenda. There was also a short discussion about TPO's in the Parish, which could be picked up by the Neighbourhood Plan group.</p>	
2638 MINUTES	
The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 th January 2017 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, others are discussed again on the agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman reminded Cllr Jamieson about the barrier repair in Greenfield and he explained that a decision had been taken, following a safety audit, not to replace the broken barrier but to make good and tidy up the site. The householder concerned had been sent a copy of the safety audit. • The Clerk reported that she had today received a message from Claire Wardle at CBC about the water installation at Greenfield allotments, to say the matter was with Anglian Water. Cllr Jamieson had also spoken to the officer and explained some of the difficulties in achieving the objective which were outside their control. Nevertheless it will still be pursued, but not as a high priority. • The Chairman reminded Cllr Jamieson that no progress had been made on the chicane change yet, and Cllr Jamieson said it had been written into next year's plan of works. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Woodland noted that the contractors sign was still on the verge, but Cllr Gates said he hoped to get rid of it, following the recent litter pick • A meeting to discuss allotments is being arranged with Pulloxhill Parish Council • Cllr Arthur noted that a decision had been made to purchase 3 trees to place on the verge outside the MUGA and he would communicate this to the resident concerned. • The Chairman thanked Cllr Gates for his work on the Great British Spring Clean and the amount of litter collected on the day and by the School. • Cllr Jamieson clarified ownership of the Pulloxhill Business Park and had already communicated this information to the Neighbourhood Plan Group • The Clerk is just waiting for one photograph before the new list of Councillors is added to the notice boards 	
2639 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE REPORTS	
<p>Cllr Jamieson had updated Members on several issues above, as part of the Minutes but there was also a discussion on the planning process for NMA and Prior Approval applications, where the Parish Council is not notified or consulted directly, but quite often a consultation notice is placed on site. It was felt that the Parish Council should at least be notified of these applications and Cllr Jamieson agreed to speak to the Planning Officer about this and report back.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis mentioned the lack of progress on the GI cycle path which CBC officers appear to be deliberating about because of the tenant farmers rights. However research shows that the farm track has been in this position historically and its reinstatement should not therefore impact on the farmer's rights or need to be compensated. An ancient map had been found which showed its position and this had been passed to CBC officers. Cllr Jamieson agreed to raise this with the Estates team and ask that the project be progressed.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the recent welcome planning refusal of the Orchard site in Greenfield and asked how close CBC was now to the 5 year land supply. Cllr Jamieson replied that there were different ways of calculating this because of a 'buffer' effect, but that it was certainly very close now. He noted that the local Plan is now back on course following the publication of the Housing White Paper and the first Phase should be released in June (although other work had been carrying on, so any delay would be minimised overall).</p> <p>He also noted that the first Community Plans were going to be released next week on the Councils website.</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>JJ</p>
2640 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Allotments:	
<p>The notes of the Allotment meeting were considered and the following agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman will *visit a tenant at Greenfield who is not cultivating his plot and is harbouring rubbish there, with a view to regaining the whole or at least half plot area • If this (*above) is successful, then we should be able to let the plot or two plots near each other to tenants at Flitton Hill who have agreed to move. If not successful then notice will be served. • Offering tenants from Flitton one of the two plots by the River was discussed, but it was felt that this land may not be satisfactory 	<p>NT</p> <p>DL</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to give notice to all tenants at Flitton Hill with a view to clearing the site by April 2018 and offering it to a local farmer The Council would be as flexible as possible in doing this A meeting is being arranged with Pulloxhill Parish Council and Cllr Stokes It was agreed to approach a local resident with a digger to see if he would help with the water trench, in due course or when we have more information about the timescales 	DL DL/RS DL
AGREED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the tenants at Flitton Hill be given Notice to quit their plots by end March 2018 A notice also be served on the tenant at Greenfield as mentioned above. 	DL DL
Planning Sub Committee	
<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Ellis mentioned that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There had been a meeting with a Planning Officer to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan and looking at potential smaller scale development sites as part of the process, when a current 4.89year land supply was confirmed by CBC He also mentioned that the group would look at projects suitable and costed for any potential planning gain which may be available in the future, including a possible footpath link to Pulloxhill They would approach the owner of the Business Park in Pulloxhill with a view to its future 	NP Group NP Group
The following current Planning Applications were considered and the response agreed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 Sand Road, Flitton, Bedford, MK45 5DT Non-Material Amendment: Planning permission CB/15/01193/FULL Erection of dwelling and garage/annexe. Amendment sought to replace rear fence and hedge. <p>It was agreed that we would respond to confirm our (and a local residents) confusion over this NMA and the location of the boundary in relation to the original enforcement action plus the wish for a condition to reinstate mature trees and hedging on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Mill Lane, Greenfield, Bedford, MK45 5DG Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of part first floor and part two storey extension to the link between the front and rear parts of the property. CB/17/00615/FULL <p>It was agreed that no objection would be made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent Planning Appeals and decisions were also noted 	DL DL
Playing Field Sub Committee	
<p>Cllr Arthur mentioned the trees which were to be purchased, the new gateway to the Hall which was being considered and the installation of the compost heap.</p> <p>After considerable discussion it was agreed to continue the plan to install the compost heap where originally agreed, for the deposit of leaves, if indeed the work had not already been started.</p>	
Cemetery Sub Committee	
There were no particular points to mention	
Highways/Cycleways/footpaths/Grasscutting	
<p>Cllr Ellis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asked that the Highway Sub Committee be scheduled to take place 	

<p>at the same time as other subcommittee meetings and the Clerk agreed to look at this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He also mentioned that the LTP match funding application for work at Wardhedges/Silsoe Road had been successful and that a residents meeting should be arranged to get input before the design stage starts • There had also been comments that the new 40mph speed limit at Greenfield Road was still being exceeded and needed more repeater signs plus (if possible) some Speed Watch monitoring as it is still dangerous, especially for cyclists and pedestrians • Noted that Cllr Jamieson was going to raise the priority of the GI cycle way which was becoming urgent in view of the timescales to spend the grant 	<p>DL GE GE/JF JJ</p>
<p>MUGA Sub Committee</p>	
<p>Cllr Fisher noted that she would arrange a MUGA subcommittee asap to discuss a few issues. The Clerk said that the dates of the tennis lessons needed to be confirmed to the Coach, but that the details of how it would work could be considered by the MUGA Sub Committee It was agreed to confirm same 6 week time period as previous years to the Coach, but not advertise yet until the pending meeting had agreed the details</p>	<p>JF DL</p>
<p>2639 FINANCIAL MATTERS</p>	
<p>Cllr Arthur noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current spend and the possibility of paying CBC an advance payment (from the current budget) for the Highways works at the school, which had been due to take place and be partly paid for this year. However in view of the fact that the works will not now take place in the 2016/17 year. it was agreed not to do this. • The two risk assessments were adopted with some minor changes relating to street signs and the Insurance position. • The newly published S137 rate be noted 	
<p>RESOLVED</p>	
<p>That the risk assessments for the Allotments and Highways subcommittee work be adopted by the Council</p>	
<p>2640 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on change of age range at Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy – it was agreed that this change sounded sensible and no objection be made • Report back on the Great British Spring Clean this had already happened, but Cllr Gates asked that if we take part in the event again, there be more publicity in Flit'n'Moor, although acknowledged that this does depend on publication dates • Conference at CBC on Emergency Planning Cllr Lowe reported back on the Conference and said she would lead a group to look at establishing an Emergency Plan and contacts for the Parish. It was clarified that this is not a legal duty and that CBC has responsibility as the first responding authority. Various contacts including the Good neighbour Group and Women's Institute would be invited to work on this with her. • The Clerk reported back on her meeting with Flitwick Town Council about the River Flit Valley walk from Flitwick to Clophill. Flitwick had received funding for the establishment of the new walk but asked if the Parish Council would consider funding an Interpretation Board at 	<p>ML</p>

a cost of £1670. It was agreed that this request should be met and that part of the budget could be allocated from the 2016/17 S137 under spend	DL
2641 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ellis raised the Covanta consultation which he would like to see mentioned on the website. He will send the Clerk details • The Chairman read out an email from the Good Neighbour Scheme who now have the part time services of a Bereavement Counsellor 	GE
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 17th May 2017 19:30h at the Church hall Flitton	
The meeting ended at 21.50h	
DATED this 17th day of May 2017	
Signed - Chairman	