

<u>FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL</u>	
<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton on Wednesday 18th September 2015</p> <p>Present: Cllrs N Thompson (Chairman), N Arthur (Vice-Chairman), G Ellis, J Fisher, T King, D Jobling, M Lowe, and S Mason</p> <p>Also Present: D Lawson (Clerk), PCSO Emily Hoyle and Elaine Fleet</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Rik Stokes to the meeting</p>	
2567 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
<p>Cllr P Woodland and CBC Cllr J Jamieson sent their apologies. Cllr Mason and Arthur apologised for their late attendance due to problems on the rail network</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 and did not take any part in the discussion. The Clerk declared an interest in any discussion about the Church Hall.</p>	
2568MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 September 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"> • The Clerk reported that the Council was not being notified or consulted about Prior Approval applications and indeed two more had been submitted since the last Council meeting, which had been noticed on the CBC website • It was noted that the plaque on the picnic table would be sited on one of the corners or wherever it was easiest to affix and the goal posts would be moved as soon as the new fixing sleeves arrive • The Clerk reported that David Granger had been instructed to clear the ditch at the Playing Field The Clerk reported that there were now 153 people registered on the Parish website • The Clerk reported that she has been chasing the Wildlife Trust about the installation of water at Greenfield Allotments, but that there was no progress on this yet • Cllr Ellis confirmed that any allotment closure under the 1925 Allotment Act had to be made on application to the Department of Communities and Local Government and the National Allotment Association. 	
2569 POLICE REPORT	
<p>PCSO Emily Hoyle and Elaine Fleet attended the meeting and discussed the latest crime and ASB figures for the Parish. The current spate of burglaries was discussed and it was agreed to re iterate security to residents. It was not known if the burglaries in the village formed part of any organised spate, but the PCSO's confirmed that good home security and being vigilant would be a deterrent to any would be burglar. Cllr Lowe raised the issue of parents parking on the zig zag markings outside the school every day and the PCSO's noted the frequency of this occurrence and said they would inform their Police colleagues. It was agreed that a message should be sent by the School or Breakfast Club in the first instance warning people that this will be monitored and number plate details taken in future. The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance.</p>	ML
2570 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2015 were received and the actions noted, it was further reported that</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the PA system arrives, it would be available for Parish Council use as well as other organisations in the Parish The S106 remittance for the Outdoor Gym equipment and assorted benches had been received the day before from CBC The Clerk reported that any planned expenditure for 2016/17 should be sent to her by mid December. In relation to the Councils three areas of work, the Clerk reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gardener had agreed to take on the grass cutting at the cemetery so that the whole area would be managed by one contractor. The Cemetery Sub Committee could now specify their exact needs in relation to the grass cutting The grass cutting contract would be discussed as part of the Highways Sub Committee report <p>The remaining areas of Council work including all maintenance and ad hoc gardening was discussed and it was</p>	TK
RESOLVED that this should be amalgamated into one area of work and advertised ready for a contractor to start in April 2016.	DL
2571 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Planning Sub Committee (including NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN)	
The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 2015 were received and the actions noted, it was further reported that;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's comments on all applications discussed had been sent. There was currently a higher response for the Flitton site than the Greenfield application In querying a statement on the Solar Farm application about payment phasing the Clerk had received a telephone call from the Planning Officer at CBC who confirmed that the applicants had decided to phase the development and this would impact on the Community Benefit payment schedule. It was agreed to ask the Planning officer to confirm this in writing and also seek to find out where this left the Community Benefit Agreement between the three Parishes involved. There had been a meeting with Pulloxhill PC about Neighbourhood Planning and further meetings had been scheduled. 	DL
Playing Field Sub Committee	
There had not been a meeting of the Sub Committee, but the Chairman had visited the site and felt that there was no need for the two complementary benches there. Following discussion with the Friends of Flitton Moor, they could be sited on the Moor and he would follow this up. He also asked for a proper sign to be made outlining the use of the new equipment (to be fixed to the MUGA fence) and the Clerk agreed to do this It was also noted that an overhanging tree next to the MUGA car park needed to be pruned.	NA DL DL
Cemetery Sub Committee	
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 strictly adhered to. Letters were also being drafted to other grave owners where plots were not in compliance.	DL/TK
Communications and Parish Plan	
There were no matters to report, although it was felt that there should be another drive to get local residents to register on the website	DL/TK
Allotments	
Already discussed as above.	
Highways/Cycleways/footpaths/Grasscutting	
The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 November 2015 were	

<p>received and the actions noted, it was further reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ellis would try to contact Amey again on a different telephone number which the Clerk had, about the matters discussed • He reported that the Flitton Hill scheme was likely to commence in mid January along with the installation of the cycle hoops near the Church and Hall • Cllr Mason updated the meeting following his discussion about the school parking/traffic, with the Head Teacher and noted that he and representative s of the council had been invited to a Governors meeting in the New Year • Cllr Thompson noted that the Greenfield litter picker had been asked to concentrate on the most visible stretches of road, particularly the High Street and the situation would be monitored. • Where possible and feasible next year there would be more planting of either daffodils or wild flowers (in conjunction with the school at the Playing Field) and schedule/plans for this would be drawn up by the Sub Committee. Jen also agreed to prepare a plan for planting around the telephone box library. The gardener could be asked to prepare the ground and also to maintain the areas, including the village gateways. • The grass cutting contract was discussed and it was agreed that the existing contract would be renewed for one year at the same rate as offered by the contractor, but based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional areas of work over the last three years being incorporated into the schedule • the cemetery work being removed from the schedule • the Playing Field work also being included in the schedule • The Sub Committee had discussed the LTP Match funding availability for 2016-18 and there was further debate about what could form a new application as any funding for 2016/17, without feasibility would need to be very specific. • It was agreed to purchase a new litter bin for the Brook Lane/High Street corner and re-site the existing bin to the Millennium bench in Greenfield. 	<p>GE/JF</p> <p>DL</p>
<p>It was RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grass cutting contract would be renewed for one year at the same rate as offered by the contractor, • An application for LTP Match funding be made based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/17 - a feasibility study plus the collection of small specific works relating to existing traffic calming measures • 2017/18 any work resulting from the feasibility study • A new litter bin be purchased and the old one be re-sited 	<p>DL</p> <p>GE DL</p>
<p>2572 STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT</p>	
<p>The new Terms of Reference for the Planning Sub Committee were discussed and it was agreed to accept the revised version apart from the quoracy which was reduced to three members out of 10</p>	
<p>RESOLVED That the terms of reference as amended above be accepted</p>	<p>DL</p>
<p>2573 PLANNING ISSUES</p>	
<p>The application relating to 104 Greenfield Road Flitton was discussed as well as a recent application for 14 Holmewood Road, Greenfield. A Prior Approval application at Thriftwood Farm was also noted where the applicant was requesting the demolition of an existing agricultural building and three dwellings to be built. Members expressed concern about this new right to develop and agreed to raise the matter with Nadine Dorries MP at an opportunity in the future</p>	
<p>It was RESOLVED that</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 104 Greenfield Road Flitton – no objection, but concerned about the retrospective application • 14 Holmewood Road, Greenfield – comment only relating to parking • Members concerns about Prior Approval applications be raised with Nadine Dorries MP at some time in the future 	DL DL
2574 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The salt bag scheme was discussed and it was agreed not to accept the CBC offer due to difficulties in storing, distributing and deciding where to use any salt • It was agreed to allow the marquee to be sited at the Playing Field for an extra day to aid the clearing away process at the St George's Day event • The Clerk noted that it is the newly designated Bedfordshire Day on November 28th and a Bedfordshire flag has been acquired for a photo opportunity if possible. 	DL DL
2575 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jobling noted that he will be attending a MUGA Committee meeting next month and it was suggested that he raise the issue of moss on the court and car-park if possible. • Cllr Ellis noted that he had seen opportunities for 100% funding under the Rural Tourism heading through the Greensand Trust and was looking at a possible grant application for the cycle way between Brook Lane and Ruxox Farm. He would report back once more information is known. 	DJ GE
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
20 th January 2016 at 19:30h in the Church Hall	
The Chairman mentioned how busy the Council has been over the last few weeks with an unprecedented number of meetings and expressed his grateful thanks for the hard work done by all and particularly Cllrs Ellis, Arthur, Fisher and Mason (especially as new Members of the Council). Cllrs involvement and work is a necessary part of running a successful Parish and he said how much he relies on them and the Clerk to carry out his role as Chairman.	

The meeting ended at 22:02h

DATED this 20th day of January 2016

Signed - Chairman