

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Hall, Flitton, on Wednesday 15th November 2017

Present: Councillors M Gates (Chair), N. Arthur, J Fisher, T King, M Lowe, B Rishton, R Stokes and N Thompson

Also, Present:

D Lawson (Clerk)

2675 APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies: Councillors G. Ellis and P Woodland
CBC Cllr James Jamieson

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Gates declared an interest in a planning application and Cllr Stokes in a grant application, neither took part in the discussion or decision making

2676 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING(S)

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 were received and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Any matters arising were covered on the agenda

2677 UNITARY COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Jamieson had sent apologies but asked to be informed about any actions required by him or CBC.

The Clerk noted that the Police were holding one of the three monthly priority setting meetings this evening and apologies had been sent along with the same list of priorities and speed-watch sites, which had previously been submitted.

Recent burglaries and other activity in the Parish was noted

2678 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Allotments

There was nothing to update

Planning and Neighbourhood Plan

The notes of the last Planning Sub Committee held on 18th October were noted. Cllrs gave an update about the GI event the previous week which had been well attended and would enable finalisation of the GI Plan.

Cllr Gates said that he was close to completing the draft Neighbourhood Plan ready for circulation later in the week and allowing space for the Policy document which should also be ready soon, to be inserted into the NP.

Cllr Thompson asked generally about possible naming of a site or sites in the document following the presentation made to the Council recently by a CBC officer, but Cllr Arthur said it was too soon for this to happen.

Cllr Thompson and Gates also explained that they had met recently with residents to consider a potential planning site and offered general advice. Cllr Fisher expressed her concern about this as she felt any such approaches should be put to all Cllrs before any meeting is arranged. This view was noted and an apology made, but at the same time clarifying it was no more than an informal discussion and the intention was always to report back to all Members.

The following Planning Applications were considered and the response(s) agreed

- 1 Moors View Close, Greenfield, MK45 5AP Replacement conservatory with revised roof plan and minor alterations
There was no objection to this application.
- 2 Greys Mews, Greenfield, MK45 5FE - Single storey rear extension with terrace over
There was no objection to this application

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 High Street, Flitton, MK45 5DY Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Conversion of garage to playroom, convert carport to utility room, minor internal alterations Noted • Rear Of, 50 Flitton Road, Greenfield, MK45 5DJ Non-Material Amendment: App Dated 131.1.2017. Amendment to materials: Facing Brick Finish to be Traditional Brick & Stone Old Fullford Blend Noted • Land at Church Farm Church Lane Flitton MK45 5EL Agricultural Development: Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling House There was no objection to this application • Greenways Pulloxhill Rd Greenfield MK45 5ES Front dormer windows There was no objection to this application • Greenways Pulloxhill Rd Greenfield MK45 5ES Certificates of lawful development Single storey rear extension and loft conversion Noted • Greenfield Farm House, 41 High Street, Greenfield, MK45 5DD Erection of a pre-built summerhouse within the garden north east of listed building. Cllr Gates did not join in the discussion or decision making on this application There was no objection to this application 	DL
Playing Field	
<p>Cllr Arthur noted that he had held a meeting on site and that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tyres were soon to be sited and filled as flower containers • A new MUGA carpark key had been ordered following the theft of the old one • Grass cutting would be included in the tendering process at the same frequency and type as the existing contract <p>Cllrs had also received an email from the Village Hall Chair about drainage and access across the Village Hall car park. There was considerable discussion about both issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a grille is fitted to the drainage ditch at the Village Hall expense, the PC would have no objection, but would not want accept any additional responsibility for monitoring or clearing the ditch if it backs up as a result of the grille. It was felt that this may become more likely • The PC would continue with annual maintenance, but no more and the Clerk would check the lease terms to clarify which authority actually has responsibility for the ditch and its maintenance • The diameter of the pipe at the edge of the Hall carpark was felt to be the main contributory factor to the ditch filling as it was felt to be inadequate to carry the volume of water run-off and this had been installed by the Village Hall • As far as Members were aware the PC had not expressed any opinion on the cobble stones between the Village Hall and highway and felt that this was a matter solely for the Highway authority to consider • The PC would not accept any responsibility for any incidents or accidents occurring in the Village Hall car park to playing field users and felt this was not likely to be an issue due to the slow manoeuvring speed of traffic parking there • There was considerable discussion about the suitability of existing access ways and the main congestion only happening once a year at the Gala • A suggestion was made to move the pedestrian access to be next to the gate from the MUGA car park into the field, but the Clerk noted that may be unpopular with playing field users, especially those wanting access from the Village Hall and maybe with young children • Cllr Lowe mentioned the barriers which are currently being stored at the Playing Field and her concern that they could cause an accident to children 	DL

<p>playing there or be stolen. It was suggested the owner remove them, but the Clerk reminded Members that the PC is still probably the lawful owner as they were purchased for community activities by the PC and there had already been several unsuccessful attempts to re-site them elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk made the suggestion that a storage compound be sited next to the footballer's area and act as a safe store for the barriers and any other jointly funded materials including the matting. • There was some concern about any more space being taken away from the field and the unsightliness of another compound, but it may have to be considered as part of a solution to the problem. • Some Cllrs were not familiar with the site layout and it was suggested that there be a site meeting with the Village Hall Chair to clarify the issues and who may be able to offer to pay for any amendments. The Clerk agreed to arrange this as soon as possible 	DL
Cemetery	
<p>There had not been a meeting and there was nothing to report, although there was a burial later in the week</p>	
MUGA	
<p>There had been a request to use the MUGA earlier than the official 09.00h start time and concern about whether this may breach any conditions in the operating policy or planning consent. In any event members were minded, out of courteousness to neighbours.in terms of noise or nuisance, to refuse this request, especially as it could set an unwanted precedent.</p>	
<p>Cllr Fisher agreed to let the MUGA Manager know</p>	JF
<p>There had also been a request by the Manager to use the Playing Field or MUGA or both to organise a fund-raising event on a personal basis which was outlined to members. Consent was agreed for both or either for an event compatible with their sporting use and this would be conveyed back</p>	JF
Highways/Cycle ways/Footpaths/Grass-cutting	
<p>The notes of the meeting held on 1 November were presented by Cllr Gates and the following points made</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with residents of Silsoe Road/Wardhedges is being held on Thursday 16th Nov to discuss the draft scheme. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It had been difficult to get final costings on the scheme and some of the work may be carried out as maintenance, but it was suggested that the figure may be around £50k total for which the PC would have to contribute half. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therefore, expectation levels needed to be set correctly with residents that not everything may be achievable within the PC's budget of £15k 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk had been unable to get any GIS plans form CBC and so the existing plans would have to be used and these would be distributed after discussion with Cllr Ellis 	DL/GE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specification for the amenity land was still being worked on 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk clarified the position on the No Cold Calling signs as the scheme had officially ceased, but CBC noted the signs themselves were often the deterrent. However recent examples of cold calling, in the Parish made that seem less likely. It was agreed to affirm the decision to remove them, but keep in case the situation gets worse. 	DL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ellis needed to convene a Highways meeting to discuss the match funding scheme application 2018-19 by the January deadline 	GE
2679 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
<p>There had been a meeting of the Committee on 18 October 2017 and the minutes were noted. The following matters were noted.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The originally agreed 2 defibrillators have not yet been purchased and indeed the Village Hall may be looking into fund raising for an additional 2 units. The suggestion was made that 2 possible sources of funding for any extra units could come from money raised at the Harvest Supper and/or Carl Lowe's ever successful Mad Hatters Tea Party. Cllr Lowe agreed to speak to her son about the possibility of the latter suggestion. A litter picker Hollie Deacon had been taken on to cover the Greenfield area Cllr Gates is due to speak to Westoning Council about the Solar Farm tomorrow afternoon and will report back. The Council's position was confirmed in line with the original 60/30/10 ratio but taking into account any payments already made <p>There was a grant application from The Friends of Flitton Moor and this was discussed, and wholeheartedly supported. At the same time Members were made aware that the usual payment in support of the Parish Paths Partnership had not been made last year and agreed to fund the organiser £100</p> <p>The annual payment to the Good Neighbour Scheme had also not been made although there had been a special one-off payment towards the branded clothing. This had sadly not met the full cost and so Members were more than happy to make the annual payment of £50 in addition, if it would be helpful to the Group and also to let them know that this would be set aside each year for them.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>MG</p> <p>DL</p> <p>DL</p>
<p>AGREED</p>	
<p>Funding be granted as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of Flitton Moor the sum of £695 for work parties on the Moor PPP £100 for ongoing work Good Neighbour Scheme £50 per annum if so required 	
<p>2680 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW</p>	
<p>The Clerk outlined this consultation issued by CBC and open until 1 February 2018. Various issues were considered including a historic boundary issue at the Woodlands estate in Pulloxhill, which had been consulted upon once in the past but not pursued. However, with a good working relationship on the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Arthur agreed to raise this with a Pulloxhill PC Councillor to gauge reaction, before any decision is made on a response at the January council meeting</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>2681 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vice Chair proposed that very significant birthdays (defined as 100y) be marked by the Council by sending flowers and a card up to an agreed value and in order to find out how many centenarians reside in the Parish; some advertising will take place on the website and in the next FM No one was available to attend the next CBC Conference on 21 November so our apologies to be sent. The Clerk gave an update on the applications The Clerk clarified that the Council has two places on the Village Hall Management Committee and Pulloxhill PC has one, which they have recently filled. The Chair of the Committee had urged the PC to use both appointments as there are a number of vacancies. Cllr Lowe was happy to be reappointed and Cllr Stokes said that he would also try to attend the AGM so long as he is not then expected to attend every meeting. 	<p>DL</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGDL</p>	
<p>The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 24 January 2018 19:30h at the Church Hall Flitton</p>	
<p>The meeting ended at 21.50h</p>	
<p>DATED this 24th day of January 2018</p>	
<p>Signed - Chairman</p>	