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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D. Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen, S. Grant; Ward Cllr. J. Green (Milton Keynes Council), & 4 members of the public; clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 2nd February** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Geliher Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING – Benches at the Recreation Ground** – These two seats had been inspected by the Chair and found to not have memorial plaques – the names must have been carved into the wood. It was agreed that prior to dismantling and removal the two families would be told, and asked if they wished to provide new ones.
Cllr. Warren & resident Jackie
Rubbish Bin at the Recreation Ground – as a like for like replacement would cost in the region of £300 it was agreed that councillors would carry out repairs – fixing a new bottom and pinning the entire bin to the ascot rail fence.
Cllrs. Warren & Geliher
Tree towering over 9 Maltings Close – It was agreed to contact the tree contractor who had visited previously and invite him to assess what could be done at what cost. MK council officer to be contacted to ascertain that there was no TPO on the tree.
Clerk
Ward Budget Fund - Ward Cllr. Geary's offer of £250 from his Ward budget towards the war memorial repair was still awaited – Ward Cllr. Green explained that distribution for all grants of this type had only just been finalised and no doubt letters would follow soon.
Spare SID's brackets – The clerk had contacted Adrian Carden at MKC following the previous meeting but had received no response. It was agreed to keep the brackets in the Reading Rooms until such time as they might be asked for or needed to replace existing brackets.
5. **DEFIBRILLATORS** – The Chair and Mr David Jones had installed the defibrillators and their cabinets last Saturday 28 February. The clerk had been asked to contact the First Responder to arrange for the necessary registering with the Emergency Services and to arrange an Open Day. [post-meeting note – Mr Dick Tracey had responded the day after the meeting to say he was delighted and it would be him who would do the registering if location details were forwarded]. The training session would be arranged for mid-April on a Saturday morning either at the Reading Rooms or at the village hall. The Chair would advertise the event in the next edition of the Gate News.
Clerk to contact Dick Tracey
The Chair had noted that the cabinet by the village Hall had condensation inside it yesterday and he wiped it out - it was hoped that this was a temporary situation whilst the cabinet warmed up and not a fault; to be checked.
A neighbouring resident to the Reading Rooms had contacted the Parish Council by email asking to speak to a councillor without saying what the subject was about, however it was assumed that this was about the newly installed defibrillator as it was located by her driveway.
Cllr. Allen to contact resident
6. **PRE-SCHOOL AGREEMENT** (*see below item 11*) – The clerk had replied to the headteacher on 5th February regarding her request for the pre-school garden as per the minutes agreed at the last meeting (*p990 item 11*), and had also included the Memorandum of Agreement which he had updated and invited her to sign. No reply had been received.
Clerk to follow-up
7. **CAR PARK BY ALLOTMENTS** – A quote had been provided by Ringway - To install 49m of ascot railing to surround the car park area: £1485.95. To install 10.3m granite sett kerb to mark the edge of the car park from the carriageway: £463.34. To lay and compact road planings across the car park: £807.16. Making a total of £2756.45 + VAT. The granite setts installed to mark the edge of the car park from the carriageway will need to be laid on the highway boundary line which is roughly 1m from the current carriageway edge. MKC will, at their expense, surface the area from the carriageway to this line with tarmac to avoid a rough section. It was

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agreed that some of the work should be undertaken, perhaps all but in stages. Clerk to investigate whether the scheme would qualify for the Parish Partnership Funding arrangements – up to 50% of the cost being met by MKC – and whether the need for three quotes applied.

8. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** – After some discussion it was agreed to enter the Competition by a vote of 3 For and 2 Against. It was felt that although there was much to do it would set the momentum going to improve the appearance of the village.

9. **FINANCE -**

- a. **Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Grant. Unanimous.

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
102180	J VISCHER	£196.86
102181	HW MASONS	£888.00
102182	DR JONES	£155.00
102183	S KITCHEN	£37.50
102184	J VISCHER - expenses	£10.98
	TOTAL	<u>1,288.34</u>

AVAILABLE CASH AT BANK 16th February 2015

£12,581.62

- b. **Reading Room Rent Review** – It was agreed to increase the rent from £5 to £5.50 day rate and from £7 to £7.50 evening rate as it had not been increased in the last five years. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.

9. **PLANNING –**

15/00231/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey side extension. At: Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane. It was agreed to comment to the effect that there was no objection in principle but the materials used must be sympathetic to the ancient fabric of the building emphasising the remaining historic features.

15/00297/TCA 47 High Street Stoke Goldington. Notification of intention to crown reduce by 2.5m x1 Sycamore tree (T1). No objections.

10. **Sub-committee Reports –**

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – not met since last meeting. Cllr. Allen promised to attend. *N. E. Area Ward Forum* – Cllr. Allen declared that he thought it unnecessary to attend the neighbouring Ward Forum meetings.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – The fire extinguisher check had not been carried out yet. The PAT (electrical) testing had been done. It was agreed to invite D.R. Jones to look at and advise on the ageing storage radiators. It was agreed to repair the hot water heater in the Gents toilet. **Cllr. Grant**
- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Nothing further to report (other than benches, bin and Car Park above)
- e. **Dog Fouling** – Some fouling had been noticed on the Recreation Ground in spite of numerous warning signs.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Mazars the external auditor advised of change of address and point of contact. The clerk notified councillors that Nomination Papers for the forthcoming election had been circulated at a recent training session he had attended.

12. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS ITEMS –**

- a. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – from last Autumn – it was agreed it was time to seek confirmation that the work would be carried out shortly. **Clerk**
- b. **Vehicle-activated sign - reported 8th January ref - 480206 - re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189** – no confirmation and equipment still out.
- c. **Tree towering over no.9 Maltings Close** – see above

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- d. **NEW** – In view of PC Andy Perry’s upcoming retirement it was agreed to offer a small donation towards his retirement gift being organised by local parishes and organisations. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Allen. Unanimous.
- e. Ward Cllr. Green reported that the combined actions of the opposition parties had prevented the local bus route from being axed following the budget struggle at MK council.
- f. Cllr., Geliher announced that the Village Hall Committee AGM was to be held at 7pm on Friday 13th March 2015. Volunteers were being sought to help running the Hall.
- g. Cllr. Grant informed the meeting that she had reported the decrepit garage being used as a rubbish dump to MKC (*ref to follow*)
- h. **Residents** - Streetlight no 31 by the car park at Mount Pleasant was out. **Clerk**
- i. A letter had been received by residents of the Council owned estate warning them that if they were not at home during the upcoming installation of the new double-glazing they could be liable to a fine of up to £200. It was agreed that this seemed disproportionate and also that the tone of the letter was offensive.
Ward Cllr. Green offered to investigate and report back

13. Date of Next Meeting – THURSDAY 2nd April 2015

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

signed

date