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## **DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.**

**Present:** Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen, Cllr. S. Grant; Ward Cllr. A. Geary (Milton Keynes Council), no members of the public; clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None from Parish Councillors. Ward Cllr. Geary declared an interest in item 9, Planning, as he is a member of the MKC Planning Committee.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Allen Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Updates
  - a. **Benches and Rubbish Bin** at the Recreation Ground - Awaiting removal. Cllr Warren offered to remove. Clerk to check if rubbish bin is MK Council's. **Clerk, Cllr Warren**
  - b. **Ward Budget Fund** – this had been received. A note of thanks was passed to Ward Cllr Geary.
  - c. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – this had been followed up by the clerk but no update had been forthcoming from MK Council. Ward Cllr Geary offered to chase. **Ward Cllr Geary**
  - d. **Vehicle-activated sign - reported 8<sup>th</sup> January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189.** There were reports that this had been working only to fall silent once more - Clerk to re-report. **Clerk**
  - e. **Tree at 9 Maltings Close** – the clerk had contacted MK Council who said there was no TPO on the tree but it was a MKC tree. They would send out the Tree Officer Bob Widd to inspect and recommend action. **Clerk**
  - f. **Streetlight no 31 – reported – ref 531360.** The light had been fixed but apparently had stopped working again. Clerk to re-report. **Clerk**
  - g. **Council estate double-glazing letter** – Ward Cllr. Geary had heard nothing from Ward Cllr. Green: no update. **Ward Cllr. Green**
  - h. **Pre-school Agreement** – The clerk had sent a reminder email to the school regarding the signing of the Agreement but had heard nothing. Cllr Allen had spoken with Vicky Cartwright who has asked if she could talk to the Parish Council about the Agreement before she signed it. To be arranged. **Cllr Allen**
  - i. **66a High St new post box** – Cllrs had reported to the clerk between meetings that a new post box had appeared on the wall outside 66 High St marked 66A. This suggested that the property might be divided up for which it would need planning permission. As the Parish council had received no notification to that effect the clerk had contacted MKC. They had confirmed that no planning permission had been requested for such a change and would enlist planning enforcement to investigate. Although this happened at least two weeks ago no further update had been sent by MKC. **Clerk**
  - j. **Defibrillator – by Reading Room.** This matter had been resolved through Cllrs Grant and Allen and apologies had been offered to the owners for not contacting them before installation. The clerk had received a confirmation email from the resident that the defibrillator cabinet could remain where it was on condition that the Parish Council would remove it if the resident so wished at a later date. A letter confirming this would be sent to the resident. David Jones had fixed the faulty cabinet light. **Clerk**
5. **CAR PARK BY ALLOTMENTS** – The clerk had been informed by MKC that the Car Parking Application which was required for this project was based on 50/50 match funding. He had received the form, completed it and sent it in. A quote had not been asked for but he had passed on the prices given by Ringway to the officer responsible.
6. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** - The Competition Entry Form had been received. It was agreed to add a cheque for the entry fee of £15 to the payments list. Clerk to complete and send off. **Clerk**
7. **FINANCE** -
  - a. **Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Geliher. Unanimous.

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<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
102185	ANGLIAN WATER	£10.15
102186	AH CONTRACTS -7867, 7921	£203.36
102187	S KITCHEN	£37.50
102188	MK Fire	£143.08
102189	J VISCHER	£196.86
102190	HMRC (PAYE) (last qtr)	£160.20
102191	J VISCHER - expenses	<u>£26.35</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>590.95</b>

Plus Chq no 102192 for Best Kept Village Competition: £15.00

Available cash at bank £12,782

## 9. PLANNING –

**Previous** - 15/00231/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey side extension. At: Church End Cottage  
9 Dag Lane. *Pending*

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

**NEW** - 15/00469/FUL Land South East of The Hollow Tree 19 High Street; Erection of detached bungalow  
and outbuilding (resubmission of 14/01515/FUL). It was agreed to hold a site meeting to verify certain  
aspects of the plan on the ground, especially the entrance.

## 10. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – next meeting 21st May 2015.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – Cllr. Trett reported that the Chairman of the Fund Alan Hill had recently passed away. The new Chairman will have to be agreed at the next meeting. The Spring payments were calculated at £1.75 per person.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – The Fire extinguisher inspection had been carried out by Fire MK but the invoice, at £119 + VAT, seemed excessive for such a small task. There was a £20 ‘commissioning charge’ when no commissioning was needed but the contractor refused to consider this, stating that this charge was automatic if any checks were carried out. It was agreed to see if there was a contract in place and if not to approach another contractor. David Jones had not yet been contacted with regard to the internal cleaning/replacement or upgrade of the radiators. Rental invoices would soon be due again. The new mop was still to be purchased. Cllr Allen agreed to fetch the final account from Neal’s for invoicing. It was agreed to add a note on invoices to remind users ‘to park considerately’. **Cllr Allen**
- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – The first cut at the recreation ground had taken place.
- e. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that he had done a walk-round of the Recreation Ground area and had not seen any more dog fouling. The contract for dog bin emptying was due for renewal and the clerk had obtained a cheaper price for the service but this was only guaranteed for 12 months. The current contractor had offered to renew the contract at the same price for the next three years. As the difference in price was marginal it was agreed to continue with the existing contractor as his service had been satisfactory. **Clerk**

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE – None, other than email.

## 11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS –

- a. Cllr Grant enquired after the copy of the Public Liability Insurance of RJ Sharp which was still outstanding and asked that he be reminded, and to prompt him to tackle the flowering beds by the Village Hall as they were already in need of weeding. Discussion turned to the grassy area opposite the Reading Rooms

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and it was agreed to discuss this area when meeting to consider the planning application (*above*) with a view to replanting it with shrubs/flowers as it once had been (especially regarding the Best Kept Village Competition).

- b. Cllr Geliher stated that the footpath problem he had emailed to the clerk, reported by a resident, concerning footpath 16 being blocked by an electric fence and the MK Boundary Path needing way-markers had been resolved after the clerk had contacted MKC.
- c. The Chair told of the broken telephone box window that he had reported to the clerk a few days ago. The clerk had difficulty locating the correct BT department as each seemed to want to have nothing to do with it. After conferring with MK Council another contact number was produced and the matter reported.

**12. Date of Next Meeting** – Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

signed

date