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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st June 2015 at 7.50pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren (Vice Chair), Cllr. S. Grant, Cllr. C. Letts; Ward Cllr. J. Green; 5 members of the public. Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Ward Cllr. A. Geary
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 4th May** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Warren, Seconder Cllr. Grant Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Updates
 - a. **Rubbish Bin** to be replaced or fixed at the Recreation Ground – Cllr. Allen and David Geliher had not moved further with this.
 - b. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – no update (Ward Cllr Geary who had offered to chase was not present). It was agreed that the clerk should write to Rob Ward stating that he had made a promise of repair on behalf of MKC and yet no progress was being made. **Clerk**
 - c. **Vehicle-activated sign** - reported 8th January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189. No change.
 - d. **Tree at 9 Maltings Close** – No update. [dates back to 4th March] clerk to write again to tree officer/Heather Baker **Clerk**
 - e. **Streetlight no 31** – ('resolved': ref 560698) Still not working. Clerk to re-report. **Clerk**
 - f. **Council estate double-glazing letter** – Ward Cllr. Green had spoken with the officers and the residents hold the keys – however no apology for the tone of the letter was forthcoming.
 - g. **Pre-school Agreement** – this had now been signed by the Pre-School Manager Vicky Cartwright
 - h. **66a High St new post box** – No recent update from planning enforcement (who had promised to inform the clerk of developments). **Clerk to chase**
 - i. **Telephone Box glass** – update. More of the glass had been smashed and the repair still not undertaken. Clerk to re-report [post-meeting note: glass repaired 2nd June]
 - j. **Site visit/walkabout - Flower Bed** edging by Rec. - It had been noted that the dead rose had been removed. It was agreed to invite RJ Sharp to replace. It was agreed not to plant bedding plants as watering would be an issue. **New Shrub Bed** (opposite Reading Rooms) – it was agreed to remove the worst shrubs and tidy-up as best as possible and develop a planting project/landscape renovation scheme at next budget planning meeting. **Village Hall overhanging trees** – the clerk had written to the neighbour who owned the trees to ask for them to be cut back (May 8th). No reply had been received. **Re-varnishing**: noticeboard/post of the village sign. These had subsequently been done. **A gash in the tarmac** by the white-line on the main road was reported.
 - k. **Ascot rail repair** – The clerk had contacted Colin Charge who had carried out the repair very quickly in light of the Best Kept Village Competition.
 - l. **Ram Alley: school parking issue** ref 589245. The clerk had been advised to report this through the reporting system (hence the ref no.) but no response had been received. It was agreed to write to the school highlighting the problem and asking for parents to be made aware of the issue. **Clerk**
 - m. **Drain grating** on [Mount Pleasant] should read High St – 8 May/ref 586009. 'unable to locate the issue'. In spite of this response it had been noted that the offending grating had been marked out, in anticipation of some repair.
 - n. **Re-staining** of bus shelter – [Awaiting good weather] This had now been done by councillors.
 - o. [Car Park by Allotments – awaiting application outcome]

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5. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** – Judging would take place ‘during the month of June’.
6. **FINANCE - Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Letts. Unanimous.

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
102200	Warners - 9838 9848 9918	324.00
102201	AH CONTRACTS - 8030	77.47
102202	J VISCHER - salary	246.63
102203	S KITCHEN	<u>37.50</u>
TOTAL		685.60

- b. The External Audit Return was approved and signed.
- c. The External Audit Annual Governance Statement was gone through, approved and signed.
- d. A new bank mandate to remove David Geliher and add Cllr. Letts was signed.

9. PLANNING

Previous - 15/00469/FUL Land South East of The Hollow Tree 19 High Street; Erection of detached bungalow and outbuilding (resubmission of 14/01515/FUL) *Pending*

- 15/00620/FUL Addersey Farm Eakley Lanes Change of use of agricultural buildings/shoot centre (use class *sui generis*) to allow continuation of use of buildings as self-contained dwelling (use class C3) (retrospective) *permitted*

- 15/00639/FUL 71 High Street Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling. *Pending*

NEW None

10. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – The meeting on 21st May 2015 was held at the Reading Rooms. Cllr. Allen reported that superfast broadband had been installed with almost 100% village coverage which was very good compared to some parts of the Milton Keynes area. There are vouchers available to small businesses to offset rental charges. Most of the meeting was given over to the flood control works planned for ‘Devil’s Dip’ which MKC seemed to be back-tracking on. Residents and parish representatives present were incensed at the lack of action and indeed programme. MKC had promised to resolve the issue.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – Cllr. Trett reported that the meeting referred to in the last minutes was tomorrow, when the new Chair and replacement trustee would be appointed.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – Discussion about replacing the radiators concluded that it was something for next year’s budget. The possibility of match-funding or grants could be looked into. It was agreed to replace the tubular heaters and hot water units at a cost of £255 as circulated by email. **Cllr. Allen**
It was further agreed that the clerk should enquire into the costs involved of altering the rear door so that it could be unlocked in an emergency with a simple push-down handle. **Clerk**
Cllr. Allen would enquire after the cost and installation of smoke alarms. **Cllr. Allen**
- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – all items mentioned above.
- e. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren had no new reports of dog fouling. It was noted that the verge on the Ravenstone road had copious deposits – was this outside of the ‘dog-poo-bag zone’? **Clerk**

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- 10. CORRESPONDENCE** – Two items had been received other than email. The first was notification from Newport Pagnell Town Council that it was submitting its Neighbourhood Plan for approval and comments were invited. It could be viewed on the Newport Pagnell Town Council website and was open from today until 12 July. The second mail item was publicity on municipal rubbish bins.
- 11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS** –
- a. The Chair advised councillors that Cllr. Warren had made a new bench out of the remains of the two that had been removed from the recreation field, thanking the councillor and saying it was as good as new. He also reported that he (the Chair) would be cleaning the village sign with a special product. Clerk to contact Colin Charge regarding mounting bench. **Clerk**
 - b. Cllr. Grant had reported a damaged stile in between meetings which the clerk had referred to the footpaths team. She also suggested the re-painting of the letterbox as it was looking very weather-beaten. It was agreed a good idea and invited Cllr. Grant to research. **Cllr. Grant**
 - c. Cllr. Warren put forward a vote of thanks for the Chair which was unanimously passed.
 - d. A resident reported that one of the oldest male residents in the village, in his nineties, was very poorly. He had been a stalwart attendee of Parish Council meetings in the past. It was agreed to send a card from the Parish Council. Cllr. Grant volunteered to organise. **Cllr. Grant**
- 12. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

signed

date