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DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren (Vice Chair), Cllr. S. Grant, Cllr. C. Letts; Ward Cllr. A. Geary; 1 member of the public. Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr. Allen; Ward Cllrs. A. Green, Patey-Smith.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – Ward Cllr. A. Geary declared an interest in all planning matters.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 1st June** – These were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Letts. Unanimous.
Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 1st were also duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Letts. Unanimous.
4. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** – It was believed that the BKV judges were seen around the village, last Wednesday and Thursday. Whatever the outcome it was agreed that the village appearance was much improved.
5. **CLEANING CONTRACT RENEWAL** – this had been duly signed and returned to the clerk by Mrs Kitchen.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a. **Rubbish Bin** to be replaced or fixed at the Recreation Ground – this has been fixed
 - b. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – no reply at all had been received from Rob Ward to the clerk's email (requested June 2nd) and none to Ward Cllr Geary. Ward Cllr. Geary to take up the issue with the new Head of Environment David Hall. **Ward Cllr. Geary**
 - c. **Vehicle-activated sign - reported 8th January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189.** No change. As above - Ward Cllr. Geary to take up the issue with the new Head of Environment David Hall. **Ward Cllr. Geary**
 - d. **Tree at 9 Maltings Close** – No update. [*dates back to 4th March*] clerk had written again on 8th June to be told that Parish Councils could not do tree work on trees that belonged to MKC. [post-meeting note – the tree officer had replied to say: The Silver Maple to the front of number 9 is a healthy mature specimen with good form and open branch structure, and as such there is no requirement to carry out any pruning works for arboricultural reasons]
 - e. **Streetlight no 31** – (*'resolved': ref 560698*) Still not working. Clerk re-reported 2nd June (ref 610662) but still not working. As above - Ward Cllr. Geary to take up the issue with the new Head of Environment David Hall. **Ward Cllr. Geary**
 - f. **66a High St new post box** – Again no recent update from planning enforcement (who had promised to inform the clerk of developments in 6th May email). **Clerk to chase**
 - g. **Village tidy-up** - Flower Bed rose/edging by Rec.; area opposite Reading Rooms; Village Hall Car Park overhanging trees; village sign cleaning; bent bollards. All these except the last had been done.
 - h. **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.
 - i. **Ram Alley: school parking issue.** The clerk had written to the school (3 June) but not received a reply. Cllr. Letts reported that he had talked to the headteacher who informed him that she had written to parents about the issue. A few parents had also been spoken to directly.
 - j. **Drain grating** on [Mount Pleasant] should read High St – 8 May/ref 586009. Fixed.
 - k. **Damaged stile** – reported. To be replaced with a kissing-gate.

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- I. **Gouge in tarmac on High St** opposite VH - ref 610424 'to be repaired within 28days' (5 June). Fixed.
- m. [Car Park by Allotments – awaiting application outcome]

Any Other – Cllr Grant reported that the post boxes were due for re-painting by the end of the year.

Cllr Grant had sent a retirement card to PC Andy Perry on behalf of the Parish Council.

7. FINANCE	Cheques & balances -	
Chq No	Service	Amount
102204	Colin J Charge - Ascot Rail repair	155.00
102205	Warners - 9926, 9992	168.00
102206	S KITCHEN	37.50
102207	J VISCHER - salary	196.86
102208	Post Office - HMRC/PAYE	172.20
102209	J VISCHER - expenses	5.59
102210	Anglian Water	<u>56.24</u>
total		791.39

- b. The above payments were approved. Proposer Cllr. Letts, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.
- c. The Bank mandate had been returned to the clerk because it had not been stamped and signed by the branch. **Cllr. Letts**
- d. The clerk was given authority to set up a direct debit for Anglian Water to pay the Reading Rooms water bill. The supply had narrowly missed being cut-off due to the bill arriving immediately after the last meeting. **Clerk**
- e. The clerk circulated a Budget vs Actual paper showing the current situation.

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*

- 15/00639/FUL 71 High Street Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling. *Pending*
- **NEW** 15/01176/LBC Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane Listed building consent for conversion of existing garage to garden room, two storey side extension and single storey side extension (resubmission of previously approved application 15/00232/LBC with amendments). No objections/comments.
- 15/01175/FUL Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane Conversion of existing garage to form garden room, two storey side extension and single storey side extension (resubmission of previously approved application 15/00231/FUL with amendments). No objections/comments.
- 15/01497/FUL Addersey End Eakley Lanes Single storey rear extension. No objections/comments.

10. SUB COMMITTEES:

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – Next meeting September.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – Cllr. Trett reported that the PCC had appointed a new trustee, Tony Izod, on 3rd June. Cllr Trett had been elected Chair. The other members of the Board are: for the PCC - Crista Pumfrey and Claire Coltman; for the Parish Council – Derek Warren and Gillian Rose.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – Cllr. Allen had emailed that the new water heaters had been purchased and were ready to be installed. He had commenced tidying up the backyard, it would be finished at the weekend. The drain appears to be blocking again, he will investigate and report back at the next meeting. The clerk's enquiry of Reform Fire into the costs involved of altering the rear

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- d. door so that it could be unlocked in an emergency with a simple push-down handle had not yielded any results. Cllr. Allen had not yet information on the cost and installation of smoke alarms. In the meantime Cllr Allen had pointed out that fire doors have to open outwards which would require a major alteration. After some discussion it was agreed to invite the Fire Service out to offer advice. **(Clerk)**

- a. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Colin Charge had been in touch with Cllr Warren regarding fixing the renovated bench, but it was not yet done.

There appeared to be an abandoned car opposite the bus shelter at the Olney Road junction.

Clerk to report

An email had been received from the Project Manager of Ground Control regarding the pruning of trees near power lines at the allotments. Cllr. Warren was to meet up but he had not got back in touch yet.

- b. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren had received a report of dog fouling being observed but it had not recurred.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – Three items had been received other than email. The first was the quarterly Local Councils and Clerks magazine.

The second mail item was an invitation from the Mayor to the Annual Civic Service which was passed to the Chair.

A letter had been received from Barclays Bank stating that as we used online banking unless instructed otherwise all bank statements would be 'paperless' from September onwards. The clerk does not have access to online banking. **Cllr. Grant** to affirm hard copy.

A late email had been received – since the publication of the agenda – from Callum Biggs the local director of the hearing service at Specsavers in Central Milton Keynes asking if the 'village' might be interested in accepting a visit from his newly planned Hearing Health Roadshow. It was agreed to invite the Roadshow to the village but on the proviso that it comes after the Pre-school has broken up for the summer holidays so that then village hall car park may be used. **Clerk**

11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS –

- a. Cllr. Grant proposed the 'new' seat by the bin by the new rectory, opposite the old rectory be repainted. It was agreed to put this item on next month's agenda.
- b. Cllr. Grant also proposed a six-monthly 'inspection tour of the village' to be instituted. This was agreed. October was put forward as a suitable month.
- c. Cllr. Grant reported that the footpath to Gayhurst was very overgrown and in parts especially nearer Gayhurst invisible. **Clerk**
- d. The Chair proposed that the Village Sign be repainted.
- e. Ward Cllr. Geary advised members that the Ward-based budget scheme was again operating this year - £250/£300 grants - and invited councillors to consider suitable projects.
- f. A resident reported very overgrown footpath by the church that was the responsibility of adjacent property owners. **Chair**

12. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 3rd August 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

signed

date