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Draft MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday OCTOBER 3rd 2016 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs R. Trett (in the Chair), D. Warren, C. Letts; Ward Cllr J Green; 14 members of the public.
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs S. Grant, I. Allen; Ward Cllr A Geary.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5th September 2016**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Warren. Unanimous.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1. Land opposite Reading Rooms – Andy Hudson, Head of Waste and Environment, had apologised yet again to the Clerk for the lack of action from SERCO but the item remains outstanding. **Clerk**

Items kept on agenda for monitoring purposes -

4.2. *Bund Repair* – no further updates from Ward Cllr A. Geary. Following the last meeting an email from Andrew Dickinson, Highways Client Services Manager, stated that clearance of gravel and minor maintenance to the existing bunds, including clearance of self-set trees and vegetation was being carried out and: "...repair to the damaged bund on old park farm track (including extending one of the bunds): we are awaiting specialist materials to order, once in we will then programme this work in as a priority and update accordingly..." Further maintenance works included: installing a new gully outside Old Park Farm and a new connection into the concrete channel, this is to intercept the run off from the fields rear of Dagwoods/Highcroft and caused the concern for the residents in Orchard Way; existing gullies cleared outside Highcroft.

4.3. *Vehicle-activated sign (originally reported 8th January 2015 ref 480206 & since re-reported. Ringway's responsibility)* – as yet again no update from MKC or the highways contractor Ringway had been forthcoming, for near on two years, it was agreed to remove the item from the agenda.

ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – None

5. **DAG LANE DRAINAGE WORKS** - in the same email (*see above*) Andrew Dickinson had explained that trial holes for services had been excavated to determine whether to install a ditch or upgrade the existing culvert. It was noted that a manhole cover had been fitted at the bottom of Dag Lane since these works had been carried out.

6. **MK2050 FUTURE OF MILTON KEYNES** – It was agreed that this document was too general and seeking to gaze too far into the future to provide a realistic basis for constructive comment.

7. **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE** – The Clerk had updated the document following councillors' comments; the document, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was approved.

8. **FINANCE**

8.1. **Payments for this month & balances** –

Payments – a) Anglian Water (Reading Rooms) - £42.80; b) clerk's salary - £217.05; c) Post Office (PAYE) - £183.60; d) Landscape maintenance - £252.00; e) Cleaning (Reading Rooms) - £40.00; f) dog bins emptying - £90.38.

The 2nd tranche of the precept £5,792.49 had been received.

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Available balance - £21,424 (including savings account of £13,359)

Budget Update

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
INCOME	<u>14,015.00</u>	<u>12,674.03</u>
EXPENDITURE	<u>13,549.00</u>	<u>7,489.15</u>
SURPLUS	466.00	6,059.85
<i>Income</i>		
Precept	11,585.00	11,585.00
Reading Rooms	1,800.00	1,026.53
Other Rental	625.00	62.50
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Admin	5,946.00	3,123.76
Grounds	4,038.00	2,866.05
Reading Rooms	2,865.00	1,103.19
Projects	700.00	396.15

The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Warren. Unanimous.

- 8.2. **External Audit Report** – the Clerk reminded councillors that the Parish Council had been randomly selected for a ‘thorough’ audit this year. The Report stated that “no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern”. Under minor matters two points had been raised: a) the precept ‘box’ had included the MKC precept grant which should have been in the ‘other receipts box’; b) the date of the Internal Audit was after the date of signing of the Annual Governance Statement – as the former “should inform” the latter “the council should seek to receive the Internal Audit before approving the Annual Governance Statement”.
- 8.3. **Ward Grant options** – It was agreed to make a choice at the next meeting when all councillors might be present. Suggestions included: another public bench; refurbishment of shrub bed/green opposite Reading Rooms if SERCO offer did not materialise; refurbishment of rose beds outside village hall; refurbishment of flower beds by war memorial.
- 8.4. **Annual Grants to local groups** – No rationale could be recalled as to how the current list of grants had come about. These were: Senior Citizens, Church Council, Gate Group and British Legion. It was agreed that these be paid this year, as budgeted, and that councillors might recommend other groups at the next meeting. A reminder would be included in the Chair’s Gate News report that such grants were available upon request for groups and for specific projects. **Chair**

9. PLANNING

- 9.1. **16/02107/FUL** Telecommunications Site At Church Farm Church Lane Stoke Goldington; The installation of a 20 metre lattice tower, 3 x antennas, 2 x microwave dishes, 2 x equipment cabinets and ancillary development. Pending.
- 9.2. **NEW – 16/02604/FUL** Church End Cottage 9 And 11 Dag Lane, Conversion of existing double garage into guest bedroom including removal of garage doors and replacement with two doors, two windows and stone infilling, two conservation roof lights in south west elevation. No objection as long as garage does not become a separate building. **Clerk**
- 9.3. **16/02605/LBC** – Listed building consent for the above. *As above.*
- 9.4. **16/02297/FUL** - Replacement of existing front boundary wall with new 1 metre high boundary wall with retaining wall behind and 1 metre high sliding electric gate across driveway 25 Malting Close Stoke Goldington. The Chair agreed to read copies of covenants brought by neighbouring residents at the end of the meeting, for information. Councillors agreed a site meeting was required preferably with the presence of a planning officer. **Clerk** to contact Case Officer Abbas Sabir to

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arrange date and time.

- 9.5. **16/02296/FUL** - Replacement of existing sliding doors and window to ground floor north elevation with French doors and replacement of existing window and door to ground floor west elevation with window 25 Malting Close Stoke Goldington. No objections.

10. SUB COMMITTEES:

- 10.1. **N.W. Area Forum** – Cllr Allen not present to report.
- 10.2. **Guntrip Fund** – Nothing to report.
- 10.3. **Reading Rooms** – New noticeboard - the clerk had obtained a further brochure but it was agreed to leave all Reading Rooms items until the next meeting.
- 10.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** –
- 10.4.1. The Chair reported back on the broken floor of the playground roundabout that had happened since the last meeting. The roundabout had been roped off and MKC informed. A repair was effected by MKC within 24hrs.
- 10.4.2. Andrew Dickinson (*see above*) had informed the Parish Council that MKC had applied for the licence to remove the badger sett under the B526 north of the village. An expected update on September 14th had not been forthcoming. **Clerk**
- 10.5. **Dog Fouling** – Several residents reported that this had not died down. Cllr Warren apologised for not having had time to patrol the village, gauge the extent of the problem and move some of the warning signs. Reminders to be added to the Gate News Chair's Report. **Cllr Warren/ Chair**
- 10.6. **Village Hall** – no meeting since last month. The next meeting was due this Thursday.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The following items were noted – Armistice Day Observance Invitation at MK Rose, Campbell Park.

12. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

Councillors – Cllr Letts asked that MKC be required to cut back the overgrowing shrubs by the badger sett traffic lights which caused drivers to pull out dangerously in poor visibility. **Clerk**
Cllr Letts asked that Ringway be required to move their redundant 'No Road Markings' signs. **Clerk**
Cllr Letts reported a continuing water leak on Purse Lane. Clerk to inform Anglian Water. **Clerk**
Residents – a resident asked that the Emergency Plan be made public – this was not possible due to the Data Protection Act. However the Chair offered to include a brief summary of the Plan in his next Gate News Report. **Chair**
The resident of 4 Malting Close asked that the request to install a new street-name sign on her property clarifying the distinction between Malting Close and Hollowbrook be resurrected. Delivery drivers etc. were still having difficulty finding correct addresses. This was agreed. **Clerk**

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th November 2016

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

signed

date