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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday July 3rd 2017 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), C. Letts, N. Lovell, I. Allen, Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; 5 members of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING** – 5th June 2017
 - 3.1. Both minutes were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr Letts, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING

 - 3.2. Overgrown shrubs – The Clerk had sent a letter to an incorrect address. The house in question was the first after Leaside. Clerk to verify house number after the meeting. [*post-meeting note: No12*]
 - 3.3. Blocked drains – *reported 9th November 2016 FS9623511* Not cleared. Following sight of the draft Gully Emptying Schedule as reported in last month's minutes (post-meeting note) the next scheduled visit would be May 2019. However the Chair believed the latest Highways Newsletter issued this last week indicated that dates would be this summer. [*post-meeting note: Highways reported back to the Clerk that the Schedule had not been finalised yet*]
 - 3.4. ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – None

4. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – The Clerk had arranged a Notice of Vacancy which had been posted up for the required period, expiring today. Clerk to ascertain if MKC had received any requests for an election. If not SGPC would be free to co-opt. It was agreed to post the co-option on the SG Village F/b page. **CLK**
5. **PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT** – Councillors Allen and Lovell, and Mrs Maxine Marsh had met on site with Milton Keynes Council playgrounds officer Phil Snell for advice. The officer had advised that although old, the equipment had been well-maintained and was basically sound. It was suggested that prior to any new equipment being installed that the existing be cleaned and given a coat of paint. A Playground Improvement Team would be organised to spend a day on the job. SGPC to provide paint. [*post-meeting note: Mrs Marsh had advertised the Team for volunteers on the F/b page since the site meeting*]. Cllr Lovell reported that a small climbing-frame for young children was being priced at over £4000. The Officer had explained that although new equipment was expensive match-funding grants were available. MKC would be happy to inspect the new equipment prior to use and include it, once installed, on the regular inspection regime. Cllr Allen pointed out that another seat would be an asset. Discussions revolved around the main access point to the play area as disabled and buggy access was poor. It was agreed to meet on site this Sunday morning (9th) to discuss a possible ramp, new gate and fence. **CLLRS**

6. **FINANCE**

6.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance -**

Payments – a) clerk's salary - £226.05; b) admin expenses - £7.00 c) RR cleaning (June) - £40.00; d) bins emptying (*inv9467*) - £90.38; e) Rose Beds refurbishment - £400.00; f) Grounds maintenance (other) - £403.00; Mowing (June) - £168.00.

Available balance at 16th May - £19,313 (including savings account of £13,361)

The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.

7. **PLANNING**

- 7.1. **Previous - 16/03007/FUL** 8 Town End Crescent, Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house *Pending*. This application had not yet come up at MKC Development Control Meeting.

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- 7.2. **17/01094/FUL** East Town Barn, 40 High Street Proposed side extension, porch and alteration to openings to create new windows and doors. No objections. *Permitted*.
- 7.3. 17/01331/FUL 39 Malting Close, Single storey side/rear extension. *Pending*.
- 7.4. **New** – 17/01458/FUL St Peters Church Dag Lane, Erection of timber building for use as a disabled toilet (resubmission 16/01081/FUL). No objections.
- 7.5. 17/01479/PNAGC3 Westside Farm 5 Westside Lane Prior notification for change of use of existing agricultural barn to 2 x residential dwellings (use class C3). For information.
- 7.6. **Any Other Planning matters** –
 - 7.6.1. Alteration to Standing Orders to sanction making planning decisions via email. **CLK**
 - 7.6.2. Councillors agreed it was time to review the planning demarcation ‘Red Line’ around the village. Clerk to contact relevant MKC officer. **CLK**

9. SUB COMMITTEES:

- 9.1. **N.W. Area Forum** – Yet to be called.
- 9.2. **Guntrip Trust** – Nothing to report
- 9.3. **Reading Rooms** –
 - 9.3.1. **Archiving files** – Cllr Warren and ex-councillor Sue Grant had met and placed some files in the new locked cabinet. However a further meeting was required with the attendance of the Clerk to help define which files should be archived. Clerk to arrange. **CLK**
 - 9.3.2. **Tables** - Cllr Allen reported that he had not yet found any matching tables for sale. Ongoing. **CLLR ALLEN**
- 9.4. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – Cllr Letts asked that the Clerk inform the mowing contractor about the upcoming Summer Fair to time a cut just before the event. **CLK**
- 9.5. **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Warren reported that the recent spate of fouling seemed to have come to a halt.
- 9.6. **Village Hall** – Summer Fair - Sunday 9th July.

- 10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – other than via email – Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine. E-on letter warning of annual agreement renewal. It was agreed that the renewal details be circulated by email when available.

11. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

- 11.1. The Clerk reported that he had completed the new Pensions Regulator requirements, which had been an ongoing process for over 12 months. He had received an ‘Acknowledgement of Declaration of Compliance’ which signalled the end of the foundational process.
- 11.2. Cllr Allen complained of the poor mobile phone reception on O2 when it used to be the most reliable in the area. Councillors and residents agreed. The new phone mast was complete so service should have improved. Clerk to write to Mark Lancaster MP and register a formal complaint from councillors and residents. [*post-meeting note*: The Clerk wrote the following day and received an immediate reply from his secretary Richard Gates. The complaint had been lodged with O2 and they had promised, “to locate the right team urgently and ...escalate matters.”] **CLK**
- 11.3. Ian Fielding from Westside Farm reported that the ditch that the flood bund emptied into was very congested with growth and the likelihood was that in a downpour the flooding would recur. Cllr Warren promised to investigate and report back. **CLLR WARREN**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday AUGUST 7th 2017 at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

signed

date