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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday OCTOBER 2nd 2017 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs D. Warren (in the Chair), I. Allen, L Freeman, C. Letts, N. Lovell. Ward Cllr Andrew Geary; 2 members of the public.

Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** – None.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** on items on the agenda – Cllr Allen: item 6.2 new planning applications.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 4th September 2017
 - 3.1. The minutes were duly approved and signed. Proposer Cllr Lovell, Seconder Cllr Freeman. Unanimous.
 - 3.2. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.2.1. Dag Lane - SatNav traffic. Unfortunately Ms Sharp was not present. If the problem persists it was agreed that she should look into the purchase of new gates/signs for her property.
 - 3.2.2. Maintenance strategy ref. overgrown ditches on the flood-alleviation works – Ward Cllr Geary reported that in conversation with officers he had established that there was no maintenance strategy, and nothing in this year's budget. Capital expenditure, which this had been, could not provide for a maintenance budget and MKC were reducing expenditure in all areas of maintenance. Cllr Freeman pointed out that the ditch along Orchard Way was in dire need of clearing this season as it was choked. Ward Cllr Geary agreed to confer with MKC officer Mark Bennett to try and get something done. **Ward Cllr Geary**
 - 3.2.3. Congested ditches Westside farm – Cllr Letts reported that the ditches *per se* had only minor weed growth and he felt it was unnecessary to remove this at the moment. Ward Cllr Geary confirmed this view.
 - 3.2.4. Tree hanging over Village Hall Car Park – letter sent 5 July, not done. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write another letter to the property owner pointing out that as the tree risked falling onto parked vehicles beneath, if no action was taken in the next 4 weeks the Parish Council would organise the removal of the tree and tidy-up of the hedge and forward the invoice to the owner. **CLK**
 - 3.2.5. Blocked drains – The newly reported blocked drain at the bottom of George inn Place, had been cleared albeit on the second attempt as a result of both communications from the Clerk and Ward Cllr Geary. However the original reported drain by Westside Lane, was still blocked. Clerk to re-report. **CLK**
- ANY OTHER MATTERS not covered below – none.
4. **PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT** – The contractor had not yet started the remedial work.
5. **FINANCE**
 - 5.1. **Payments (gross) for this month & balance** - Payments – a) clerk's salary - £226.25; b) RR cleaning (September) - £40.00; c) bins emptying (*inv9644*) - £90.38; d) Admin expenses - £15.70; e) Anglian Water - £44.71; f) Electricity - £15.02. **Available balance** at 15th September - £20,1513 (including savings account of £13,361). The 2nd tranche of the precept had been received. The financial statements were approved. Proposer Cllr Allen, Seconder Cllr Lovell. Unanimous.
6. **PLANNING**
 - 6.1. **Previous Planning Applications**

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17/01899/FUL Addersey Farm House Eakley Lanes, Single and two storey side and rear extensions. New porch to principle entrance door, Re-instatement of garages with roof structure raised to form new office over, Adjustments to windows and doors, New and replacement windows & doors throughout and new porch. *Pending*

17/02043/FUL The Malting House 66 High Street, Change of use from pub (A4) to commercial offices (A2). *Pending*. Parish Councillors Allen and Letts had attended a site meeting with the case officer and made the views of the Parish Council known. Members were heartened that the conservation officer's report had been against the proposal. Clerk to submit formal objection as per September minutes. **CLK**

17/02187/FUL Woodland Lodge Purse Lane, Replace the gates at Woodland Lodge with new gates. *Pending*

17/02249/CONS Cheyney Farm Eakley Lanes, Horse manege/school. *Pending*

17/02240/TPO Hilly Close 3 High Street, Tree preservation order consent to remove deadwood and prune the crown by up to 1.5 metres all around to 1 x Walnut tree (T1). *Pending*

17/02230/FUL 3 George Inn Place, Change of use from barn to 1 x 2 bed dwellinghouse (use class C3) and construction of garage, parking and garden areas. *Pending*

6.2. New Planning Applications –

17/02299/TCA Chestnuts 1 George Inn Place, Notification of intention of the crown reduction by up to 1 metre to 3 x Horse Chestnut Trees to remove epicormic growth and lateral limbs overhanging neighbours drive and buildings. No objection.

17/02359/TCA High Jasmin 10 Mount Pleasant, Notification of intention to reduce to a height of 2.4 metres to 4 Leylandii Trees. No objection.

17/02423/FUL Brook House 17A High Street, Detached house and outbuilding (part retrospective). It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it represented a significant departure from the initial approved plan for a single story bungalow. The bungalow was already more prominent in the conservation area than expected due to being raised above the flood-line and was thus also overlooking the neighbour's garden. The proposed roof-space was designated a further study area when there was already a separate study within the curtilage of the property. It had already been noted that the slate roof tiles were not matching the existing tiles. Had this application been submitted as such in the first place it would have been objected to. The Parish Council will formally request that it is brought before Committee. Should the application be refused then planning enforcement action to be requested to return the property to its original application parameters. **CLK**

17/02502/FUL Erection of a timber, accessible lavatory | St Peters Church Dag Lane. Mr Haig representing the church reported that the re-application followed a series of unfortunate events. There were no significant changes to the application but the cost savings were considerable. No objections.

6.3. Any Other Planning Matters –

6.3.1. SG Settlement Boundaries – Discussions were ongoing and a proposal would be put before the next meeting as mentioned in the Gate News Chair's report. **CLK**

7. SUB COMMITTEES:

7.1. N.W. Area Forum – To be called during October. No date set as yet.

7.2. Guntrip Trust – Cllr Warren has been asked to confirm banking arrangements with the bank.

7.3. Reading Rooms –

7.3.1. *The latest batch of invoices* had been sent out, with several returns already.

7.3.2. *Further Archiving of files* – To be arranged. **CLLR WARREN/CLK**

7.3.3. *Tables* – in progress **CLLR ALLEN**

7.4. Recreation Ground/Highways – nothing to report.

7.5. Dog Fouling – no complaints received.

7.6. Village Hall – Cllr Letts reported that there had been a break-in. The kitchen had been ransacked before the alarm went off causing the thief to flee. A car registration number had been taken. Nothing had been stolen. Cllr Letts requested volunteers for the VH Committee. He also offered to mow the wildflower meadow and to re-do the anti-litter posters. This was gratefully accepted. Cllr Warren asked Cllr Letts to relay to the Committee the Parish Council's concern that a drug container

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had been found on the recreation field after a recent event.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – other than via email – None.

10. COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS

10.1. Councillors – Cllr Letts reported that only two of the three pillar-boxes had been re-painted. To await further possible painting.

Weeds in street gutters were an issue – MKC were still responsible for one spray-off per year. Cllr Freeman passed on a complaint about renewed speeding vehicles through the village. Councillors confirmed they had heard of a near-miss with a lorry and a parents car outside the school. Substantial proposed works on the M1 in the near future would likely cause more traffic to come through. The Clerk was requested to write to Ringway regarding the non-functioning ‘smiley-face’ speed detector at the entrance to the village that had never been repaired. Village gate signs were also proposed as an effective and attractive speed inhibiting device – Clerk to research Malting Close burglaries – 4 in the last year. Neighbourhood Watch initiative proposed by Cllr Freeman; to be mentioned in the Gate News. **Cllr Freeman**

Ward Cllr Geary reminded those present about the appeal against a development in Wavendon village and the legal validity of the MK 5-year land supply. If successful the decision would have important repercussions by way of making it easier for development across the whole MK area.

10.2. Residents – None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday NOVEMBER 6th 2017 at the Reading Rooms at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

signed

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