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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. S. Grant, Cllr. D Geliher, Cllr. I. Allen, Ward Cllr. J. Green (Milton Keynes Council), clerk Mr J. Vischer. 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** – None
3. **Minutes of the Last meeting 6th October** – Approved. Proposer Cllr. Geliher, Seconder Cllr. Grant. Unanimous.
4. **Feedback on Traffic Speed Measurements** – Adrian Carden MK Road Safety Team Leader described the results as ‘not the most serious’ implying that they were not too bad. The great virtue of the SID scheme was that it delivers evidence of actual traffic speeds which allays speculation and provides the police with reason to act and compare different locations. The results have been passed on to Adrian Poulden and Neil Bigger at Thames Valley Police who will decide what action to take. Speeds over ‘the limit + 10% + 2mph’ form the basis for action. Councillors objected that there was less enforcement here than in many other villages to which Mr. Carden replied that if nothing seemed to be happening the parish council should contact him. Cllrs. also made the point that the volunteers seem disillusioned by the lack of feedback/action after all the work they had put in. Mr. Carden stated that as a NAG forum initiative, that is applying to all the neighbouring parish councils, he was under the impression that feedback had been duly delivered through that body, he would investigate.
5. **Matters Arising** – Cllr. Warren reported that he had pruned the **cherry tree** that was hanging over the pavement in front of the recreation field.
Garages – the reply from Jane Reed, Director of Housing and Community, stated that 8 of the 12 garages were rented out which meant that although they were indeed ‘in a poor state’ they generate an income and the Council had no plans to develop the site. However she had asked officers to draw up a business plan based around the Parish Council’s suggestion to demolish the blocks and create much needed car parking. Councillors agreed that as one block appears to be falling down and is used only as a dump even if part of the site was turned into car parking this would be an improvement. It was agreed to pursue the matter.

Clerk

War Memorial – A letter had been prepared to send to the school asking that children be supervised at all times around the war memorial especially as the Parish Council had been informed by Masons during their renovation works about the looseness of the cross on the top. It was agreed that the renewal of the lettering was not required at the moment. Cllr. Grant reported on information received from Masons about the condition of the cross. The 3’3” cross would have to be lifted for inspection, and possible replacement, of the dowel joining cross to column. This would require the hiring of an 11’ scaffold. The quote for this work is £740 + VAT. It was agreed to accept the quotation. Proposer; Cllr. Allen, Seconder: Cllr. Warren, unanimous.

Cllr. Grant

6. **Finance -**
SRW Club (Section 137) Grant – The postponed £150 grant was agreed. **Clerk**
- a. **Cheques & Balances** approved. Proposer; Cllr. Allen, Seconder: Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06.10.2014	SRW CLUB	Grant	150.00
03.11.2014	J VISCHER	CLERK	192.76
03.11.2014	WARNERS	GRASS CUTTING	84.00
03.11.2014	S KITCHEN	RR CLEANING	37.50
03.11.2014	J VISCHER	Expenses (printer ink, stamps)	38.24
	Total for month		502.50

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Balances

<u>Current Account Balance 30 September 2014</u>	£1,531.36
less payments	£501.32
plus receipts	£3,305.80
<u>Current Account Balance 16 October 2014</u>	<u>£4,335.84</u>

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT

27.09.2014	bal c/forward	£22,469.71
13/10/2014	Transfer out	£3,000.00

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT BALANCE **£19,469.71**

TOTAL CASH AT BANK 16th October 2014 **£22,277.19**

less Allocated Reserves £5,500.00
less un-presented cheques £1,528.36

AVAILABLE CASH AT BANK 16th October 2014 **£15,248.83**

7. Planning -

- a. **Pre-school Request** – it was agreed to give permission to the school to plant up heavyweight tubs on condition that during the summer break the plants were removed as there would be no-one attending to the weeding and tidiness.
Site Allocation Plan – This was discussed again but no new information had been received and councillors had no more suggestions to make.
- b. **Malt Mill Farm wind turbine** (by Hanslope church) – The application had been refused. Ward Cllr. Green thanked the Parish Council for their support.
- c. **14/01806/FUL Addersey Farm** Eakley Lanes, Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 1 x dwelling – no objections.
- d. **14/02315/TCA 49 High Street** Notification of intention to crown raise by 4m 1 Lime tree (T1) and re-pollard 1 Lime tree (T2) – no comments.

8. Sub-committee Reports -

- a. **Neighbourhood Action Group** – No meeting had taken place.
- b. **Ward Forum** – No meeting had taken place.
- c. **Guntrip Fund** – There had been no trustee meetings.
- d. **Reading Rooms** – Nothing to report.
- e. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – The High St. had been **resurfaced** and had been planned beforehand. The work was of good quality but the occasional no-longer-applicable warning sign had been left behind. The award of the free **grit bins** from departing Ward Cllr. McClean was discussed. Clerk to make enquiries.
Landscaping - **Warners** contract – have all the planned cuts taken place? Clerk to make enquiries. The 3-year contract finishes this year – quotes to be obtained for the next three years. **Clerk**
- f. **Dog Fouling** – No new reports.

9. **Correspondence** – Two brochures on school places planning had been received from MK Council. An email request had been received from Nigel Willard, Tennis Coach, proposing the setting up of a Tennis Club. This was referred to the Village Hall Committee.

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10. Councillors & residents Items -

- a. **Footpath** – the sign has not been replaced on the footpath to Old Park Farm and the field was being ploughed right up to the edge causing walkers to go around the field instead of using a diagonal path. Clerk to enquire.
- b. **Stoke Water** – Cllr. Allen had not managed to meet up with David Sharp as yet.
- c. **Drain** – dubbed ‘Jackie’s Drain’ – the constant bubbling up of water appeared to be almost certainly caused by the Stoke Water pipe not being shut off properly – Cllrs. Allen and Warren agreed to investigate.
- d. **Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane** – nothing further to report.
- e. **Car Park by Allotments** – The clerk had been informed he should make a ‘pre-application’ in order to get MK Council’s attention. **Clerk**
- f. **Defibrillator /1st Responder** – It was agreed that the donation monies should be spent. The clerk confirmed that South Central Ambulance would be delighted to receive the grant but could not guarantee it would be spent in the Stoke Goldington area. It was agreed to invite the local resident First Responder to attend a meeting. **Cllr. Allen**
- g. Councillors were invited to attend the upcoming Remembrance Sunday Walk setting off from the Village Hall Car Park.
- h. Dag Lane was full of leaves and conkers – clerk to report. **Clerk**
- i. It was generally agreed that the Flood Alleviation Works, which included the overdue clearing of a ditch, had been very successful.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 1st December 2014

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

signed

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