



Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on
Monday 10 October 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Covington (Chair), Cllr M Covington, Cllr R Gilbert, Cllr J Reynolds Cllr B Stainton and the Clerk.

Also present: Ward Cllrs P Geary and K MacLean and 1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies for absence –Ward Cllr D Hosking

2. Declaration of Interests – None were received

3. Minutes of the previous meeting – The minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2016 were approved and signed by the Chair with the addition of Cllr J Reynolds as being in attendance.

4. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the following points had been actioned:

1. Mazars Audit Report received and Notice to inspect Annual Return 31 March 2016, the clerk advised she would forward a PDF copy to Cllr M Covington to be put on the Parish's website. **Action: Clerk/ Cllr M Covington**
2. Rob Ward has now left MKC and Clerk is dealing direct with Heather Baker and other officers – no one seemed to have been appointed in his place
3. Assets of Community Value – on Agenda
4. Pavements – on Agenda
5. White Lining – The Clerk had contacted Kim Hills and Tony Toynton and about the white-lining of the High Street and they had confirmed that the Parish's instructions would be followed.

Cllr Mark Covington indicated there was still an issue that the white lines seemed to be put down outside the village signs and Ward Cllr Peter Geary suggested that the Clerk contact Kim Hills at MKC and ask for a site visit to clarify the issues. **Action: Clerk**

6. Alcove Rubbish sacks ordered and delivered

5. Finance Report at 10 October 2016

The Council noted the report on financial matters relating to the Council

(a) Bank Balances at 30/09/2016	
Business Current (Community) Account	£20169.34
Business Savings Account	£21356.55
(b) Receipts:	
MKC Precept	£4849.59
Bank Interest	£ 2.66

(c) Payments	
Clerk Salary (August & Sept)	£517.01
HMRC (August & Sept)	£ 82.00
DH Blunt (August & Oct)	£1061.00
DH Blunt (Alcove)	£ 84.00
AH Contracts (August & Sept)	£ 87.16

6. Planning Applications

(i) Application no: 16/01565/FUL

Proposal: Traditional wooden garden shed, positioned adjacent to an existing oil tank to the rear and removal of 4 metre high tree At: Stoneways High Street Weston Underwood Olney MK46 5JS

The Parish Councillors had no objections

(ii) Application no: 16/02572/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for single storey rear extension, insertion of 4 roof-lights to rear facing roof slope, alteration to existing ground floor rear window and internal alterations At: 2 High Street, Weston Underwood, Olney MK46 5JS

The Parish Councillors had no objections but commented that MKC should explain when the decision was made and by whom, that Parish Councils could not apply for plans but should download them.

Action: Clerk

7. Correspondence

The Councillors noted the following items of correspondence

1. MKC Youth Cabinet Election and Youth Cabinet Election nominations
2. MKC Development Control Consultation on Public Speaking at meetings – Ward Cllr McClean indicated that an 8-week consultation would start in due course with Parishes on public and parish Council speaking at Development Control Meetings
3. MKC Mayors' Armistice Day Event on Friday 11 November at 11am at the MK Rose Campbell Park, to meet at MK Theatre from 10.30 am for refreshments.
4. Development Control Training 2 November at MKC Civic Offices, Councillors M Covington and Stainton requested that the Clerk forward their names for this.

Action: Clerk

8. To Update on Projects

(a) Pavements - Requote from MKC / Ringway

The Clerk circulated the revised quote from MKC for the footpath from Cowper's Orchard to the Bus Shelter which was much more expensive than previously and MKC had not confirmed if the original funding from the Community Parking Fund would be increased for this change.

There was a discussion about the type of surface being quoted for which did meet the Councillors requirements. The Council wanted a tarmac surface with gravel rolled in. Ward Cllr Maclean suggested that the Clerk contact Kim Hills to arrange a (site) meeting now that Rob Ward had left, with Ringway in order that the Council's questions could be answered.

Action: Clerk

(b) Alcove

Terms and Conditions of Hire:

The Council adopted the finalised Alcove Terms and Conditions of Hire and noted that Councillors would decide applications for over 25 people or from non-residents

Proposed: Cllr J Covington

Seconded: Cllr Gilbert

All in Favour.

Enquiries Received:

Cllr Stainton indicated he would respond to any enquiry that he had received and ask the enquirer to contact the Clerk direct for an application form. **Action: Cllr Stainton**

Alcove Floor:

Cllr M Covington confirmed that the stone work repairs were due to be carried out in October and he would chase this up with the contractor. **Action: Cllr M Covington**

Cllr Covington indicated that he had been carrying out a weekly inspection of the Alcove as required under the Insurance policy and that any rubbish and graffiti had been cleared up by councillors. It was anticipated that activity at the Alcove would reduce now that students had returned to colleges. TVP also carried out ad hoc visits.

(c) Community Right to Bid

The Councillors considered approving the Community Right to Bid Applications for the Cowper's Oak and the Village Hall and asked the Clerk to submit these to MKC.

Proposed: Cllr M Covington

Seconded: Cllr Gilbert

All in Favour.

Action: Clerk

9. To Update on Superfast Broad Band to the Village

The Councillors considered a copy of a discussion that Cllr Stainton had with Steve Waters, Chair Moulsoe PC who had championed the introduction of an alternative broadband delivery system for Mulsoe and surrounding areas after spending a couple of years in discussion with BT Openreach. Mulsoe were looking for a solution.

Councillors indicated that it would not be a viable solution to Weston Underwood as it required aerials on several buildings and most of the buildings in the village would require planning permission for this

Ward Cllr Mclean indicated that it was anticipated that the results from a trial at Mulsoe would be available in November.

Councillor Gilbert indicated that he was still following up residents who had not responded to the questionnaire sent in the summer and had submitted a grant request to BT Community Partnership to assist with funding the work. He was waiting for a response from BT as to the figure of the percentage of residents that would be required to take up this option.

Cllr Gilbert also believed that BT Openreach were making fast progress with the development of fast Broad Band and would announce soon when Superfast Broad Band would be delivered to the village. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Martyn Smith at MKC.

Action: Clerk

Councillors noted **the progress**

10. Councillor Items

(i) Councillor M Covington indicated that a consultation notice had been distributed to residents by BT about removing the Phone Box from the village.

(ii) Cllr J Covington indicated that following the attempted robbery of lead from the church roof during the summer, another robbery had taken place and part of the lead in the church roof had been stolen. To the value of about £11,000. Ward Cllr Geary explained the process that for marking lead with postcodes rather than smartwater.

(iii) Ward Cllr Geary indicated that Tom Blackburn-Maze (MKC Public Realm) had spoken to the Ward Forum and outlined the changes that were being considered to devolve more services from MKC to Parishes. It was anticipated that these would be discussed in more detail by the Parish Forum at a special meeting in April.

Ward Cllr Mclean advised that both Tom Blackburn-Maze and a representative from MKC Finance had been invited to the December Ward Forum at Weston Underwood to discuss the impacts of this proposal on Parish Budgets in more detail.

- (iv) Cllr M Covington indicated there was still a problem with running water on Olney Road (Weston Hill) about 50m from the 30mph sign and asked the Clerk to report this again.

Following a discussion about the cause of this, Ward Cllr Mclean suggested that the Clerk write to Kim Hills at MKC inviting him to a site visit to discuss this issue, the white-lining issue and the revised pavement quote. **Action: Clerk**

- (v) Ward Cllr Mclean reported that the "Report It" access on the MKC Website had improved and that in addition to the clerk, councillors or residents would use this system to report Public Realm issues. **Action: All**

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 November 2016

Meeting closed at 9.35pm