



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

held on

Monday 9 March 2020 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Covington (Chair), Cllrs J Reynolds (Vice Chair), M Covington, R Gilbert and the Clerk and Ward Councillor P Geary.

Also present: 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Cllrs Hosking and Mclean.

2. Declarations of Interest Relating to Matters on the Agenda.

None received.

3. To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Meeting of 10 February 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk reported that:

1. Application to Community Infrastructure Bid has been reworked by MKC Highways officers and was increased to approx. £25,000 of which the Parish Council will be asked to pay 25% subject to the application being approved at a Delegated Decision on 24 March 2020.
2. Great British Spring Clean – MKC Public Realm & Highways Service are joining forces to improve public areas by carrying out minor repairs or clean up jobs and provide local groups with the equipment to carry out their own spring cleans. There will be a focus from 27 March – 3 April 2020 by Public Realm and any issues should be flagged up.
Serco will also mobilise the Deep Cleaning Hit Squad with their specialist machines to reinstate and restore paths and footways to an 'A' standard.
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Parish Councillors reported that the footpath from the footbridge on the eastern boundary to the village sign and the footpath on the road from Weston Underwood to Ravenstone needed attention. **Action: Clerk**

3. Best Kept Village Competition application form has been received and cost of entry is £25.00 **Action: Clerk**
4. The Clerk asked for suggestions for a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting on 6 April and a representative from TVP was put forward. **Action: Clerk**
5. The Parish Advisory Group run by MKC were looking for nominations of one parish councillor from a medium or rural council, one parish councillor from a small of rural council and one parish councillor from a small or urban council.
6. Parish councillor nomination forms for the May 2020 Election had been emailed to councillors and the clerk would be able to take them back to MKC for checking. **Action: All**

5. Financial Report

Bank Statements at 28 February 2020

Community Current Account £20775.31
Business Savings Account £21,448.32

Payments:	£
i. S Muir (Salary (February 2020))	260.85
ii. HMRC Jan 2020	49.50
iii. DC Blunt Invoice 8118	516.00

Resolved: That the report be noted, and the payments be approved. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr J Reynolds Seconded: Cllr M Covington Agreed: All

6. To Consider the Neighbourhood Plan Proposal

The Clerk indicated that Town Planning Services would be unable to attend the meeting and summarised the response that had been circulated.

Cllr M Covington indicated that he had attended the recent Neighbourhood Planning Course at MKC with Cllr J Covington (The Chair) which had been helpful. The presenters included representatives from MKC Legal, a Planning Inspector and MKC Planning. It had been explained that Neighbourhood Plans were live documents and as such required to be reviewed and updated every 2-3 years. The Director of Legal had explained the process that was required before a Neighbourhood Plan could be submitted to MKC for adoption. If this was successful, the Neighbourhood Plan would then form part of the planning documents referred to when planning applications were submitted.

Cllr Stainton indicated that the Lavendon questionnaire would be a good starting point for the Weston Underwood Survey and he would be happy to go produce a draft version to take forward at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Gilbert indicated that the draft version would be a starting point only and the Parish Council should be clear that they did not have all the answers.

The Parish Council also heard from Ward Cllr Geary and Cllr Reynolds during consideration of the proposal.

Cllr Stainton proposed that he would draft a first version of the Parish Survey and would circulate this for comment by the Parish Councillors in the next few weeks and for the draft version to be considered at the June 2020 meeting of the Parish Council.

Seconded: Cllr Reynolds; Agreed All

Resolved:

That Cllr Stainton to draft a first version of the Parish Survey for circulation and comment by Parish Councillors and then be considered at the June 2020 meeting of the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr Stainton**

7. To report on Planning Applications or other Planning Matters

A draft version of a letter had been received by the Clerk from MKALC with reference to the MKC land housing supply with the proposal that Parish Councils use this as a template to submit to the local M.P's.

Proposed – Cllr Gilbert; seconded Cllr C Covington; Agreed All.

8. To Report on the Alcove and Grounds Maintenance.

1. The Clerk reported that that no bookings had been received
2. Cllr M Covington advised that a report had been received about a fire at the Alcove but he had inspected the site and there had been no damage.

9. To receive items from Ward and Parish and Parish Councillors

(i) Cllr M Covington asked if there a was an update on the status of the Village Broadband and Cllr R Gilbert indicated that the deadline given by BT Openreach of end April 2020 was still on track. The date for the connection to Olney by BT Openreach was not yet confirmed.

(ii) The Clerk was asked to obtain Litter pick Kits from MKC. **Action: Clerk.**

10. Open Forum

- (i) A resident asked if a Litter Pick could be carried out by Serco between Ravenstone & Weston Underwood.
- (ii) A resident asked if the Litterbins at eh Bus Stop and on the Village Green were emptied by Serco and Ward Cllr Geary indicated that they should be done by the weekly waste collection but it would be helpful to the crews if the black bags could be put on the side of the pavement for collection.

11. Next Meeting

The Parish Council noted that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 6 April 2020 at 8pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

