

Minutes of the Parish Council General Meeting Monday 3 August 2009 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ayles (Chair), Haynes, Keane, Markham, Stacey and Tapp. The Clerk, Karen Hill was also in attendance as were 9 members of the public. Meeting started at 7.43pm after the close of the preceding Open forum. Ward Councillor Geary attended later on in the meeting.

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1	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: (2009/087): Cllr Hinds for reason of annual holiday. Accepted	
2	TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below: None	
3	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: (2009/088)	
3.1	The notes on the Open Forum and minutes of the general meeting of the 6 July 2009 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
3.2	To hear brief progress reports on other matters arising (not included elsewhere on the agenda) (Circulated prior to meeting) Action points from previous minutes all handled except mulch spreading at Wildlife area. Cllr Stacey still to handle. Air pistol cartridges matter in hand and considered closed. PCSO's to patrol; Bullington End Rd Clerk to ask N Wood to contact Cllr Markham; A508 update refer file note Hanslope Park Area Forum, Gate at VH – in hand. Mrs Sweetland to obtain preferred design and Clerk to organise meeting between all parties; Grit boxes Clerk to write letter again to R Sawbridge.	Clerk: NW/IM Clerk: GS/JP (MKC) Clerk: letter
4	TO RECEIVE REPORTS from Councillors or Clerk (2009/089)	
4.1	Village Hall update. Cllr Haynes informed those present that WREN had still not submitted a contract and without signed contract WREN would not fund any work. Clerk advised that in this circumstance it was not advisable to continue with any more work in the hall as there was an outside danger that it would not be funded. The hard decision to halt work has been agreed upon until WREN submit a contract. All parties to be informed immediately.	Clerk; PH
4.2	Hanslope Park Area Forum - 22 July File note by Cllr Ayles. Matters Arising, Trevor Dove (MKC) had spoken to his counter-part at NCC and there was no progress on the planning gain from the new marina at the Navigation dispute work having started so NCC were not proceeding with A508 feasibility study. MP Mark Lancaster has been updated and his help requested to secure the survey in current financial year. CPC had asked for agenda item about the possibility of securing funds for improved rural bus services from increased parking revenue obtained in City Centre. Steve Hunt (MKC) stated this was possible although MKC were already subsidising the additional 33 services in the new 33 timetable. After discussion and endorsed by all 3 parishes, it was proposed that the additional services the villages would wish were (i) through services to the hospital and (ii) an evening/night-time service. Stuart Simmonds (MKC) said MK Metro (soon to be re-branded Arriva) may well offer the hospital service in next timetable (October). CPC's satisfaction with environmental services tidying the village before our Open Gardens was noted. There was concern from all 3 villages that walkabouts with Nick Wood had not resulted in a promised programme of works on Highways improvements.	
4.3	BALC Executive meeting 15 July - File note by Cllr Ayles: There were discussions on various organisations (outside of MKC and Bucks CC) that can help rural parishes; Bucks Playing Field Association - might be of use to CFC/CCC and for acquisition of cutting equipment; Bucks and Rural Towns Network - Community Bus Service. already presented to us by Jan Phillips; LEADER reported that farmers will not take up all available funding and rural parishes may qualify for some of the 'surplus' funds. Bucks Community Action also has funds. £30k was mentioned; Bucks CC are running a number of planning forums.	
5	TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (2009/090)	
5.1	It was unanimously agreed to vote in a public excluded Part 2 of this meeting staffing matters.	
5.2	It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Markham would provide a list of benches currently in the village environs and suggested areas for location of new benches to the Clerk for the October meeting. Clerk to find out legal and H&S requirements from MKC of siting new	CLERK IM/MKC

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benches within the village. Once list and locations were agreed by CPC Clerk could obtain costs on supply and fix.

- 5.3 It was unanimously agreed that list of prioritised sports ground building and facility maintenance recommendations were (i) Fence needed repair, (ii) basket ball hoops/nets needed replacement/refurbishment (ii) re-instate net and post, (iv) re-mark all lines on multi purpose court (v) painting and redecorating buildings and fencing, (vi) get the electric cables (alongside tennis courts) buried and that the Clerk is authorised to obtain 3 quotes for the exterior re-decoration of the Sports Ground buildings and that authority to evaluate quotes and award a contract to enable the work to be completed this calendar year has been delegated to the Finance committee.
- 5.4 It was unanimously agreed to ask the Clerk to write to Midsummer Housing Association to ask them to carry out an inspection of the Thrupp properties covered by their covenant.
- 5.5 It was unanimously agreed to ask MKC (T Dove) to fast track the painting of a bus stop box on North Street as a matter of priority in the interests of safety. As the Clerk is due to go on holiday and it cannot be realistically expected for her to obtain a date for completion of the work, Cllr Keane was asked to handle the matter in the Clerks absence. Once the bus stop box has been painted it was agreed to review the effectiveness in stopping parking in North Street and only then to consider the painting of yellow lines around bus stops in North Street.
- 5.6 It was unanimously agreed to ask MKC (T Dove) to offer a design scheme for the provision of parking bays outside the Carrington Arms to CPC for consideration at a following meeting. To be noted in the letter as way of informal introduction AOB 8.1 item.
- 5.7 See 5.2
- 5.8 See 5.2
- 6 **TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS (2009/091)**
 - 6.1 A statement of the current financial position was circulated prior to meeting. No queries were raised. Approved unanimously
 - 6.2 The RFO Payments Schedule was circulated in advance. Total payments of £1503.28 from Lloyds Bank were approved. A funds transfer from BOI of £1,500.00 was approved Proposed Cllr Ayles seconded Cllr Haynes
- 7 **TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (2009/092):** None
- 8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda) **(2009/093)**
 - 8.1 AGENDA ITEM: September : Corner of Bullington End Road (47 & 49) to be squared off to enlarge pavement area for reason of safety. Cllr Tapp
 - 8.2 AGENDA ITEM: September : Network Rail compound – scope of work to be done and provisions required by Network Rail. Clerk to investigate. Cllr Keane
 - 8.3 AGENDA ITEM: October : Art in the village. What do Cllrs think? Cllr Keane
 - 8.4 AGENDA ITEM: September : Letter to R Duffill about Network Rails use of J Holes accessway. Cllr Markham
 - 8.5 AGENDA ITEM: September : Hedge in Thrupp Close maintenance. Cllr Markham
- 9 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS. (2009/094)** It was agreed that the date of the next meeting is 7 September 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Notes on Open Forum held during the Parish Council General Meeting on Monday 3 August 2009

PRESENT: Councillors Ayles, (Chair), Haynes, Keane, Markham, Stacey and Tapp. Ward Councillor Geary, the Clerk, Karen Hill and 9 members of the public were in attendance.

Mrs Glynnis King asked of the seat by the River bridge be removed as it was in a bad state of disrepair. Chair mentioned this seat was on the maintenance list to be discussed as an agenda item as well as the siting of seats around the village.

Mrs King also asked that it be noted that she wanted to thank everyone involved with the Open Gardens and Flower Festival and congratulate them on a wonderful weekend.

Mr Albert King wanted it noted again that the sight lines for the Hanslope Road traffic calming was, in his opinion, dangerous. Chair pointed out that MKC had conducted a safety survey of the installation at the PC's request and had deemed it safe. It was noted that the vegetation there should be cut back as that might improve the sight lines.

Mrs Joyce Markham asked that the cars parked on Bullington End Road caused a visibility problem at the traffic calming.

Mr King mentioned that a charity match had been held at the Football field in memory of Alan Thompson (collection for Macmillan Trust) and that he had been informed that the showers were not working. Chair said it was noted and was on list for maintenance.

Mrs Goodger asked again whether the willow tree growing over the electric cables in Station Road could be trimmed as it constitutes a possible problem. The tree is in R Sawbridge's field ditch. Clerk asked to approach MKC and electricity board to ascertain procedure for removing the overhanging branches.

A point about maintenance on the tennis courts and in particular the one net that was sagging was raised. Cllr Stacey commented that it was for discussion on the agenda but that the post had been installed incorrectly and would need removing, a metal socket inserted in the court surface, the post replaced and the surface made good. This was for discussion and agreement to include on the maintenance list. Ms Synnott asked that it noted that there was a hole in the metal protective court fencing and that children had been observed climbing into the tennis courts. Chair asked Clerk to note that. Cllr Stacey to have a look after meeting.

Mrs Goodger asked is something could be done about the number of rabbits in fields/gardens backing onto railway. Cllr Stacey asked that it be noted that Network Rail were legally obliged to rectify the situation that the other Cllrs agreed was extremely bad and that the rabbit population had grown due to lack of prevention measures taken and maintained by Network Rail. Clerk to write to Network Rail again and ask for clarification on their maintenance schedule. See matters arising note in minutes (2009/088/3.2).

There being nothing further to discuss, this part of the meeting closed at 7.43pm.