

**Minutes of the Parish Council General Meeting held on Monday 1 March 2010 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Ayles (Chair), Haynes, Hinds, Markham and Russo. The Clerk, Ward Cllr Geary and 10 members of the public were in attendance. An Open Forum preceded the meeting.

		ACTION
	The Chair took the opportunity to welcome new co-opted Councillor, Karen Russo to her first meeting.	
1	<b>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: 2010/025</b>	
1.1	Cllrs Stacey (illness) and Keane (holiday). Both apologies accepted	
2	<b>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> by Councillors in any of the agenda items below: None	
3	<b>TO RECEIVE REGISTER OF MEMBER INTEREST FORM</b> from new councillor : <b>2010/026</b>	
3.1	Councillor Russo gave her Register of Members Interests form to the Clerk. Noted	
4	<b>TO REVIEW REGISTRATION OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY</b> from new councillor : <b>2010/027</b>	
4.1	Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated notes about the requirements for registering Gifts and Hospitality. Cllr Russo indicated she had nothing to declare. Noted	
5	<b>TO APPOINT COMMITTEES, AND AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE</b> for new councillor : <b>2010/028</b>	
5.1	It was agreed that with the AGM (at which Cllrs will renew their choice of responsibilities) 2 months away, Cllr Russo would not be asked to stand for any committees.	
6	<b>TO AGREE RESPONSIBILITIES</b> for new councillor : <b>2010/029</b>	
6.1	It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Russo is appointed CPC representative on the VH Committee.	
7	<b>TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL BODIES</b> for new councillor : <b>2010/030</b>	
7.1	It was agreed that with the AGM (at which Cllrs will renew their choice of responsibilities) 2 months away, Cllr Russo would not be asked to stand for any external representation on committees.	
8	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES : 2010/031</b>	
8.1	It was unanimously agreed to accept the notes on the Open Forum and minutes of the general meeting of the 1 February 2010 as a true record.	
8.2	It was unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting of the 9 February 2010 as a true record.	
8.3	To hear brief progress reports on other matters arising (not included elsewhere on the agenda) <b>(Circulated prior to meeting)</b> Progress report: Provision of 3 x dog bins in hand; moles being removed (treatment finished by 3 <sup>rd</sup> week March); S Robertson chosen to carry out contract at Sports Ground to value of £3085.00.	
9	<b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS</b> from Councillors or Clerk : <b>2010/032</b> <b>[All reports available from Clerk on request]</b>	
9.1	Clerks report: Carrington Arms (CA): Simon Hill will keep in touch with the Clerk reasonably regularly, Clerk will give regular updates in newsletters, web site and in Open Forum. Simon confirmed 100% commitment to restoring the Carrington Arms & to re-open as pub/bistro & B&B facility. Simon confirmed he has no intention lodging a change of use on CA. Project manager appointed, & Simon open to prospect of action group assisting obtaining some grant/s to assist with the financing of the project.	
9.2	WREN PROJECT: VH phase 2 : Work had been delayed due to inclement weather but porch was in process of being decorated. Several matters such as ramp length, sensor light and adapting the existing fence/gate was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that 2 new gates would be installed in place of original giving a pedestrian access and disabled access, sensor light to be installed. Clerk to speak to contractors and verify changes can be made.	CLERK builders MKC
9.3	VH Committee meeting: AGM on 18/3, Finances discussed noted that utility charges reduced since refurbishment, floor discussed – desire is to get floor cleaned & sealed 2x a year (estimated cost £400 per clean). H&S to be discussed with CPC and necessary conditions complied with, several fundraising events planned.	CLERK VHC
9.4	Play scheme funding: Ward Cllr Geary promised to get report to Clerk a.s.a.p. MKC have agreed to look at Castlethorpe's inclusion into PlayBuilder phase 2, MKC have agreed to level & re-seed Fish ponds football area April/May. Clerk to liaise with K Davidson re access/timescale. Contrary to original MKC advice to install a MUGA, this was now	CLERK playareas Cllrs

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thought inappropriate for space and usage. Clerk to ensure site visit to include Cllrs.

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9.5	STARS: MKC has large stockholding of salt. 3000 potholes reported. More funds allocated to ensure repair of all is effected, PC's encouraged to report potholes via MKC website, CMK parking consultation – review under way, new scheme due 2010/11.	
9.6	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT: Ward Cllr Geary asked that it be noted that MKC had set council tax at 2% increase, that £450k was to be set aside for pothole repair (encouraged PC in ward to write to Alex Constantinides at MKC to ask that rural roads given priority attention), several residents had written to AG to complain about the state of alleyway near Shepperton/Chequers. Has brought it to I McGregor's attention. Clerk to write in support of surfacing work.	CLERK letters (I McG and A C) MKC
9.7	Chair asked that it be noted that Safer MK group is now online <a href="http://www.safermk.com">www.safermk.com</a> and detailed local crime stats now available to download. <i>Ward Cllr Geary asked that it be minuted that he took no part in the discussion on agenda item 10.1</i>	
10	<b>TO CONSIDER PLANNING : 2010/033</b> Meeting was suspended to ask nearest neighbour to the mast site whether a test anemometer mast had been installed. Mr P Sawbridge assured Cllrs that he had not seen any test mast installed. Meeting resumed	
10.1	<b>10/00175/FUL:</b> It was unanimously agreed that a record of refusal be recorded on the following points: (i) trial anemometer mast is erected to verify there is enough wind to provide power for commercial use, (ii) planning application to be forwarded to Yardley Gobion & Grafton Regis Parish Councils and Network Rail for consultation, (iii) CPC would like to see the report on the chosen location and the prospective mast's impact on the environs, (iv) to be noted that CPC are concerned that allowing the turbine sets a precedent & request the Planning department's policy of commercial use wind turbines in rural areas, (v) CPC request that the mast is then restricted to 12m – enough to generate 4-5kva for domestic usage, (vi) CPC record their rejection of the planning application & request that a decision be taken not at officer level but by the Development Control Committee. Clerk to write letter to effect to North team.	CLERK letter
11	<b>TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS : 2010/034</b>	
11.1	It was unanimously decided to allow the Clerk to (i) investigate the cost of installation/repair of fire alarm, (ii) to look into the health and safety at VH and SG for future report-back.	CLERK VHC
11.2	It was unanimously decided to accept Cllrs Stacey & Markham's proposals to purchase a Hayter ride on mower from Browns for £13,995 + VAT. Mower to carry 1 year warranty and have roll bar and lights installed before purchase. Training in usage to be included. Cllr Markham had been assured by Browns that mower service would be every 2 years at £1000 cost. Cllr Markham to instruct Browns to send Clerk invoice, Clerk to ensure finance through MKCF and reserves is available and Cllrs Stacey/Markham to effect purchase.	CLERK MKCF IM, LS
12	<b>TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS : 2010/035</b>	
12.1	A statement of the current financial position was circulated prior to meeting. No queries were raised. Approved unanimously	
12.2	The RFO Payments Schedule was circulated in advance. Total payments of £1,686.53 from Lloyds Bank PLC and a funds transfer from BOI of £1,000.00 were approved. Proposed Cllr Ayles seconded Cllr Hinds.	
13	<b>TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED : 2010/036</b>	
13.1	STARS . Noted	
13.2	Invitation to attend Parishes meeting to discuss draft Parishes Charter/Assembly and decide on CPC representative. Cllr Ayles approved as CPC representative on group.	
14	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda) : 2010/037</b>	
14.1	Hanslope Road: driveway to Balney Grounds flooded. Drain blocked? R Duffill walkabout.	
14.2	Wolverton Road: cycle-track entrance to field flooded. R Duffill walkabout.	
14.3	Annual Parish meeting: 12 April at 7pm. Notices on all boards, ask all village groups to attend. Clerk to organise	
14.4	Rumble strips: complaint about noise. (Refer previous meeting comments). No action.	
15	<b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS : 2010/038</b>	
15.1	Date of the next meeting - 12 April 2010 after annual Parish meeting.	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD ..... (CHAIRMAN) ..... (DATE)