

CASTLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council General Meeting to be held on Monday 6th October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

Dear Parishioners

A General Meeting of Castlethorpe Parish Council will be held, on the above date & time, in the Village Hall, when the business set out below will be transacted.

Steve Bradbury

Clerk to the Parish Council

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- 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below**
- 3 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
 - 3.1. To agree the minutes of the General Meeting of the 1st September as a true record.
- 4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS.**
 - 4.1. Clerks Report & Review of Actions. *(to be circulated prior to meeting)*
 - 4.2. Neighbourhood Plan update *(to be circulated prior to meeting)*
 - 4.3. Village centre update (Cllr Presant-Collins - *to be given at meeting*)
 - 4.4. Dips update *(to be circulated prior to meeting)*
 - 4.5. FILE NOTE - PARISHES FORUM 18th September 2014 **(See Appendix A5)**
 - 4.6. FILE NOTE: Report by Cllr Ayles on Site Allocation Plan and Plan:MK arising from Parishes Forum **(See Appendix A6)**
 - 4.7. FILE NOTE - Meeting with Steve Lain, MKC Highways 22 September 2014 **(See Appendix A7)**
- 5 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS (previously viewed on line by Cllrs)**
 - 5.1. **14/01775/FUL** Application for 15 x static holiday caravans to remain on site throughout the year Cosgrove Lodge Park
 - 5.2. **14/01341/FUL** First floor rear extension and change of use of agricultural land to garden land (part retrospective) 20 Lodge Farm Court Castlethorpe
- 6 TO RECEIVE REPORT BACK ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 - 6.1. **13/01925/FUL** Installation of a single wind turbine with a maximum tip height of 67m at Malt Mill Farm Castlethorpe Road Hanslope – still pending consideration. Comments agreed at last meeting have been sent to the Planning department and have been associated with the application. Hanslope PC have similarly objected.
 - 6.2. **14/01843/EIASC** Screening opinion request for proposed development of ground mounted photovoltaic solar park installation for the production of electricity that exceeds 0.5Ha Land Adj To Lodge Farm House Wolverton Road Castlethorpe – still pending consideration
 - 6.3. **14/01277/FUL**: Variation of condition 7 (boundary treatment) attached to application 97/01282/MK 21 Lodge Farm Court Castlethorpe AND **14/01199/FUL**: Change of use from agricultural land to garden land and erection of fencing to enclose (retrospective) 21 Lodge Farm Court Castlethorpe – applications permitted. Comments received from MKC Planning Enforcement Officer and circulated to Cllrs.
- 7 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS**
 - 7.1. To consider & agree to a public excluded part 2 of the meeting to discuss matters in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as defined in paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act
 - 7.2. To consider whether to comment on the MK Hackney Carriage (taxi) Demand Survey (circulated prior to meeting)
 - 7.3. To agree and prioritise applications to be made for the 2015/16 round of MKC Highways projects (current proposals circulated prior to meeting)
 - 7.4. To purchase a wreath to the sum of £25 and to hire a bugler also to the sum of £25 for the forthcoming Remembrance Day service.
 - 7.5. To consider an email Council (as requested by their clerk) from Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town to MKC requesting the removal from office of three councillors following the recent problems regarding the granting of taxi licenses - (circulated prior to meeting)
 - 7.6. To consider and approve a request for a donation of £250 towards senior citizens Village Christmas Party

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- 7.7. To consider requirements for Christmas decorations for the village, to include replacement of light bulbs and purchase of Christmas trees
- 7.8. To consider the repair/replacement of the village benches by the war memorial and at The Chequers
- 7.9. To consider whether to respond to the MKC Site Allocation Plan (see file note at App. 6)
To consider whether to respond to Plan:MK and if so how to produce a draft response for agreement at the November meeting (see file note at Appendix 6)
- 7.10. To repair/replace the gate between the Village Hall and Castle Field
- 7.11. To erect a notice board at the corner of Foxcovert Lane
- 8 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- 8.1. To approve the RFO payments schedule. *(Circulated prior to meeting)*
- 9 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- 9.1. Phone call has been received from the cricket club about the broken fence and grass cutting (summary circulated prior to meeting)
- 9.2. Comments have been received from a resident saying that the hedge alongside the footway at the entrance to Thrupp Close is overgrowing again and the the cycleway path from Wolverton Road is similarly overgrown.
- 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda)**
- 11 TO AGREE DATE AND ATTENDANCE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS**
- 11.1 Next General Parish Council meeting 3rd November 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
- 11.2. Community Impact Bucks session on practical marketing training and the support of a mentor for 6 months, to launch a revenue generating product or service: Tues 28th Oct – Saunderton, Mon 3rd Nov - Aylesbury, Tues 11th Nov - Chesham
- PART 2**
- 12 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below**
- 13 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS**
- 13.1 To consider quotes for repair of cricket pavilion fence (circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting)

Appendix A – Schedule of Reports & File Notes

1. **Clerk's Report (item 4.1)**
To be circulated prior to meeting
2. **Neighbourhood Plan Report (item 4.2)**
To be circulated prior to meeting
3. **Village centre update (item 4.3)**
To be given at meeting
4. **Dips update (item 4.4)**
To be circulated prior to meeting

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5. FILE NOTE - PARISHES FORUM 18th September 2014

- Ringway (new Highways contractor). Poor presentation - long on talk but not much walk so far. However, they have only just started. Mildly Interesting that they give all employees two days a year for volunteering so if we had some projects...
- MK and Bedfordshire Healthcare Review. Not a great presentation. Started by showing a growing deficit on both the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - up to £25m pa deficit by 2018/19 - and MK Hospital Trust - deficit of £31m pa. Review is about how to meet this. There were a few interesting points but my takeaway was an assurance that **neither Bedford nor MK A&E would be downgraded.**
- Local Council Tax Reform. This presentation was about a consultation in progress on changes to the way Council Tax relief is applied to households in receipt of benefit. It seemed to me that the changes were very small and many of them were actually an improvement mostly driven by the need to remove inefficiencies or errors in the way the current system works. I personally don't think we need to comment in the consultation.
- Local Investment Plan. **It is important that local infrastructure development needs are identified in Neighbourhood Plans and feed into the Investment Plan** (to be funded by Planning Obligations) via Paul van Geete. This is an annual process.
- Site Allocation Plan and Plan:MK. See separate note as Plan:MK in particular is very important. **We should also engage MKC Planning in our Neighbourhood Plan process to make sure that Plan:MK and our Neighbourhood Plan remain consistent.**
- Cllr Mick Legg is establishing a Parish Advisory Group. Cllrs Kevin Wilson and Veronica Belcher will join it. MKALC has been invited to submit two further nominations. I will put my name forward to represent small rural parishes but I know there are at least two other nominations for the two places.

Philip Ayles

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6. FILE NOTE: Report by Cllr Ayles on Site Allocation Plan and Plan:MK arising from Parishes Forum

6.1. Site Allocations Plan.

I have now read the SAP. The questions asked in the Rural section as responses to the consultation are:

- Do you agree that the focus of new allocations should mainly be on Newport Pagnell, Olney, and to a lesser extent Sherington, given the level of recent development, and ongoing development, in Woburn Sands?
- Alternatively, should further growth be considered in Woburn Sands? If so, what is the justification for this?
- Do you have any general views on the split of development across the rural settlements, particularly the potential approach of planning for 225-250 homes in Olney and 425-450 homes in Newport Pagnell?
- Do you think that splitting the rural housing requirement equally across the three Key Settlements, and the other approaches set out in paragraph 8.17 are would be reasonable approaches to take?
- Are there any pressures on services in the rural settlements that you feel should be taken into account in making new allocations? If so, what are these?
- Are there any opportunities for new development to support the continued viability of local services that you would like to be taken into account?

The timing of this consultation is unfortunate given that our Neighbourhood Plan Survey is currently taking place and it would be hard (but not impossible) for some feedback from the survey to inform the response of the parish council to the SAP.

I would suggest that the parish council should seek the advice of our ward councillors on what sort of response would be appropriate. Indeed, given that Castlethorpe is not currently being identified for new housing, a nil response might even be best. My recommendation would be that the parish council takes the advice of the ward councillors.

I suggest this goes on the agenda for 6th October. If the advice of the ward councillors is that some response should be made, depending on the detail of their advice, the parish council could ask the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to prepare a draft response for the Parish Council to consider adopting at its meeting on 3rd November which is just before the deadline.

6.2. Plan:MK

Plan:MK is a different kettle of fish. It questions whether the premise of targeting Key Settlements (Newport, Olney and Woburn Sands) and Selected Villages (Hanslope, Bow Brickhill and Sherington) for rural housing development is correct given demand within all villages. It also asks important questions such as extending settlement boundaries, local facilities (last pub and shop policies), renewable energy, local business centres, broadband, public transport.

Fortunately, we have until 3rd December to respond and we should have our Neighbourhood survey in by November. I would appreciate the parish council considering how

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it should progress its response (I feel strongly that we should respond on this) and I would suggest that it creates a group consisting of all parish councillors who wish to participate, similarly ward councillors (at least 1 please!) and any interested member of the public for example from the Neighbourhood Plan group. I would suggest that the ToR must be that any response is consistent with the preliminary results of the village survey and that a recommendation should be brought back to the Parish Council Meeting of 1st December.

As you know, I am away for all of October but if the parish council could consider how it wishes to progress its response to Plan:MK at its October meeting, I would be happy to participate / lead a group in November but it is important that interested people are identified and ready to join a meeting and that some dates are set up for early November.

Regards

Phil

7. FILE NOTE - Meeting with Steve Lain, MKC Highways 22 September 2014

Ward Cllr Jeanette Green and I met with Steve Lain to discuss the state of the footways in Castlethorpe based on the note produced by Cllr Sweetland who unfortunately was indisposed.

We walked from the village hall upto Lodge Farm Court. Steve noted the footway and said he would pass the information on but did not think it would receive high priority. The concrete 'obelisk' incidentally is a vent for the sewers and is in use.

We returned and walked round South Street and then back along North Street to the village hall.

Steve noted the poor state of the footways particularly on North Street and the bad state of the granite sets along both South Street and North Street and the lack of weed control spraying. He will report these for action.

I don't have high hopes for action of the footways though the granite sets and spraying seemed more possible. However, Cllr Green said she would remain on the case with Highways on our behalf.

Philip Ayles