



Castlethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council General Meeting held on
Monday 2nd October at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

PRESENT: Councillors Ayles, Merritt, Bradbury, Sawbridge, Hinds, Forgham, Ward Cllr Wardle and the Clerk. Others were viewing through YouTube

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

- Cllr Ayles gave an overview of the meetings content.

There were no matters raised in the open forum.

1		TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	1.1	Cllr Markham by reason of illness	
2		TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below	
	2.1	None	
3		TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	3.1	Previous minutes from the General Meeting of 4 th September 2023 were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Sawbridge seconded by Cllr Merritt and agreed unanimously	
4		TO RECEIVE REPORTS	
	4.1	Clerks Report & Review of Actions – See Appendix A1. No matters arising from Clerks report. Matters arising from Open Actions:	
	4.1.1	Item 1 – Cllr Bradbury asked for this to be closed as no further action will be taken regarding the unauthorised development at 41 Shepperton Close	
	4.1.2	Item 2 - Cllr Merritt is arranging for the company who supplied the defibrillator equipment to come out and assess what maintenance is required.	Cllr Merritt
	4.1.3	Item 3 – Richard Bradley (Community First Responder) will be running a defibrillator training session to all villagers wishing to participate at 10.00 on Saturday 18 th November in the village hall.	
	4.1.4	Item 8 – Cllr Bradbury advised work is underway to organise the Community Speedwatch team. He will contact the volunteers who previously expressed an interest to arrange their training. All equipment is available to borrow free of charge and our PCSO suggested informing the police when we are carrying this out as they may send police officers to attend and enforce.	Cllr Bradbury
	4.1.5	Item 13 – A resident has asked again about positioning a litter bin and dog bin in Shepperton Close. MKCC have previously objected to a litter bin here and Cllr Ayles will follow this up. We also don't have confirmation of the process for regularly emptying the village litter bins and Cllr Ayles will write to Penny Fletcher asking for clarity. A dog bin will be considered at November's agenda and Cllr Ayles advised any Shepperton residents who have a view on this to let us know.	Cllr Ayles
	4.1.6	Item 14 – Cllr Forgham will write again to the Chief Exec of Stonewater to try and establish whether they would give permission for S106 monies to be used to set up a new pre-school.	Cllr Forgham
	4.1.7	Item 16 – Stonewater have now cut back the Swale in Carrington Close but the grassed area is still outstanding and the culverts are still blocked so Cllr Bradbury will contact MKCC planning enforcement to chase as this will be a flood risk. Cllr Bradbury will also check that the areas are maintained regularly in accordance with a condition of the planning permission.	Cllr Bradbury
	4.2	Ward Councillors Report	
	4.2.1	Cllr Wardle attended a meeting on the new MKCC Plan and has circulated key points to Cllrs. Cllr Ayles thanked Cllr Wardle and Cllr Andrew for this. A meeting is being held tonight to disseminate the information to Parish Councils but as this clashed with our Parish Council meeting, a resident has attended on our behalf and will revert back.	

4.2.2	An update on the waste collections was given to Ward Cllrs last week and after a poor first week, improvements have been seen and they are close to achieving 100% collections on refuse and recycling. Garden waste is a bit behind this. A performance management framework is also being introduced and residents should log missed collections on the council website which will then feed into the data and help improve problem areas. Cllr Ayles reported that Prospect Place were having problems with missed collections but this was dealt with the next day on the Saturday. It appears teething problems are being ironed out but residents should continue to report any issues as they arise and any residents that are still awaiting bins should let us know. Cllr Wardle will also chase a response on the process for emptying village litter bins.	Cllr Wardle
4.3	Clubhouse Progress – See Appendix A2. No matters arising	
4.4	File note on Parishes Forum held 14/9/23 – See Appendix A3. No matters arising	
4.5	Update on streetlighting – See Appendix A4 – No matters arising. Cllr Ayles will consider submitting a formal complaint detailing how poor the management of this project has been. We would then suggest they forfeit their management fee.	Cllr Ayles
5	TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS (previously viewed on line by Cllrs)	
5.1	23/02082/HOU – 7 The Chestnuts, Castlethorpe - Erection of part first floor, part two storey rear extension – no objections	
5.2	23/01222/FUL – Cosgrove Lodge Park, Cosgrove - Proposed static caravan for residential warden's accommodation – happy for MKCC to progress	
5.3	23/02049/DISCON – Cosgrove Park, Cosgrove - Approval of details required by conditions 3 (drainage design), 4 (surface water run off), 10 (finished floor levels), 13 (sustainability statement), and 14 (flood evacuation management plan) of permission ref. 21/03346/FUL – happy for MKCC to progress	
5.4	23/01255/HOU – 17 The Chequers, Castlethorpe - Erection of a single and two storey rear extension with saltbox style roof over and new front porch. Alterations to existing fenestration and material changes to existing walls. New side door and window (resubmission of 23/01255/HOU) - no objections	
6	TO RECEIVE REPORT BACK ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATION	
6.1	WNS/2022/1741/EIA Application for full planning permission for the erection of 9 x employment units comprising circa 69,744sqm GIA. of floorspace within Class B2 or B8 Uses, with ancillary class E(g)(i) offices and E(g)(ii) research and development, together with country park, ground re-profiling in the country park, new vehicular access from the A508 and associated site infrastructure, including lorry parking – status pending – currently update not available as issue with website see: https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/WNS/2022/1741/EIA	
6.2	23/01332 – 6 South Street, Castlethorpe - Listed Building Consent for the installation of a new bathroom to allow existing bathroom to be removed thus allowing the original building to be reinstated as a single dwelling – Application permitted	
6.3	23/01779 - 3 Bens Close, Castlethorpe - The erection of a two-storey rear and side extension	
6.4	11/01593 Old Station Yard, Castlethorpe - Approval of details required by conditions 8 (Boundary Treatments), 17 (Bin Stores) and 24 (SuDS)	
6.5	23/01772/TCA – Maltings Farm, 48 South Street, Castlethorpe - crown reduction wherever needed, to reduce the heaviest and most vulnerable branches by approximately 3 metres, and the pruning back of the canopy by 2.5 metres from adjacent property of Cedar tree (T1). Application permitted	
7	TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (all supporting documentation to be circulated prior to meeting)	
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 – proposed by Cllr Ayles, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed unanimously	
7.2	It was agreed unanimously to delegate authority for clubhouse payments to Cllr Ayles, Cllr Merritt and Cllr Bradbury and the Clerk. The Clerk will authorise with the support of two of the named councillors.	
7.3	The purchase of two wooden picnic tables at the Fishponds play area up to a value of £500 was agreed unanimously. These tables will be replaced next Spring. All Cllrs to look out for good value replacements in the meantime.	
7.4	Quotes will be sought for an additional yearly cut of the hedge from Thrupp Close into Castle field and at the bottom of the football pitch. There are also some low-level prickly	Clerk/Cllrs

	7.5	shrubs along the fence line of the football pitch and it was agreed get a quote to have these removed. Cllr Sawbridge also mentioned the grassed footpath which a resident currently mows and it was agreed to negotiate this area into the new landscape contract. A location for the Morris Cup and Sword for the Best Kept Village was sought but this needs to be secure and in a public place. No location was decided so will be carried forward to next month and Cllrs asked to think about possible locations.	Clerk
	7.6	A choice of tree has been donated by a sponsor of the Best Kept Village and it was agreed, with a majority, that we would request an Oak tree and gain permission for it to be planted at the Prospect Place end of Gobbey's field.	All Cllrs
	7.7	It was agreed unanimously to conduct an informal survey on the villager's willingness to accept a small increase in precept to fund a loan for the Clubhouse.	Cllr Bradbury Clerk
	7.8	It was agreed unanimously to donate £30 each to the Royal British Legion and New Bradwell Silver Band for a wreath and bugler for Remembrance Sunday.	Clerk
8		TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS (circulated prior to meeting)	
	8.1	The RFO payment schedule was approved by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Sawbridge and agreed unanimously with the addition of approx. £100 to Western Power for last year's Christmas lights following an invoice to Cllr Bradbury.	Clerk
	8.2	Cllr Bradbury advised that the Gas and Electricity contracts for the village hall will be coming to an end at the end of this year so will need renegotiating. The Talk Talk direct debit has also increased this month so we need to contact Talk Talk to find out why.	Clerk/Cllr Bradbury
9		CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (circulated prior to meeting)	
	9.1	An email and photos had been received from a resident regarding rubbish left by Network rail overnight workers. This has been raised with Network Rail customer services and they have apologised.	
10		ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda)	
	10.1	There is an overhanging tree by the dog bin on South Street which is hampering opening the dog bin. It is unclear who owns this land as it is not detailed on Land Registry. Cllr Sawbridge has agreed to cut this tree back.	Cllr Sawbridge
	10.2	Cllr Forgham advised that Dave Huckle, our PCSO, is leaving and suggested we write on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him for his service which was agreed.	Clerk
	10.3	The organisers of the Senior Citizens lunch have asked for a donation and Cllr Wardle confirmed he was happy to commit £500 of his Ward Councillors budget to this.	Clerk
	10.4	The overhead strip light at the Sports Ground is not working, Cllr Hinds has agreed to have a look at this.	Cllr Hinds
	10.5	Cllr Hinds advised that the residents of Castle House have agreed to cut back their shrub which is overhanging the village hall garden shed but has asked if we could put this request in writing which the Clerk will do.	Clerk
	10.6	Cllr Forgham reported that two more emergency lighting bulbs have failed in the village hall. These bulbs are not replaceable so whole LED fittings are required. Cllr Forgham is meeting an electrical contractor tomorrow to discuss ongoing options for replacements.	Cllr Forgham
11		TO AGREE DATE AND ATTENDANCE FOR FUTRE MEETINGS/EVENTS	
	11.1	Next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Monday 6 th November in the Village Hall MKALC New City Plan Conference 22nd November at Christian Centre	
	11.2	Remembrance Sunday is 12th November	
	11.3	Cllr Bradbury confirmed he will attend future Parishes Forums with Cllr Ayles and Cllr Forgham will update the website to reflect this.	Cllr Forgham

PART 2			
12		RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below	
	12.1	None	
13		TO RECEIVE REPORTS	
	13.1	A Clubhouse finance report was given by Cllr Bradbury detailing grants available and the findings of the consultant's report. He advised that the finance sub-committee are very pessimistic of securing a grant as these are very competitive and are aimed more at community centre type projects. The team will continue to explore the options, including the feasibility and benefits of setting up as a community charitable incorporated organisation.	Cllr Bradbury
14		TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (all supporting documentation circulated prior to meeting)	
	14.1	A quote from Binzy Building Services for works at the sports ground was proposed by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Forgham and agreed unanimously	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

APPENDIX A1 – Clerks report and Open Actions

1	Work on the trees in Castle Field has been scheduled for 6 th & 7 th November	For info
2	Waiting for PropertyCare to schedule repair works to the ceiling, extractor fan and PIR light at the football club	Clerk
3	Quote requested for replacement outside tap and repair to garage water leak	Clerk
4	Removal of the Flogas bulk tank at the sports ground has been requested, waiting for date to be confirmed but should be done by the end of October at no cost	For info
5	Solar panelled speed indicator devices have been ordered, awaiting delivery date. MKCC to replace existing posts to taller ones and this should be done this week	For info
6	A quote has been requested to repair bench by the bus stop on village hall side of North Street	Clerk

Open Actions

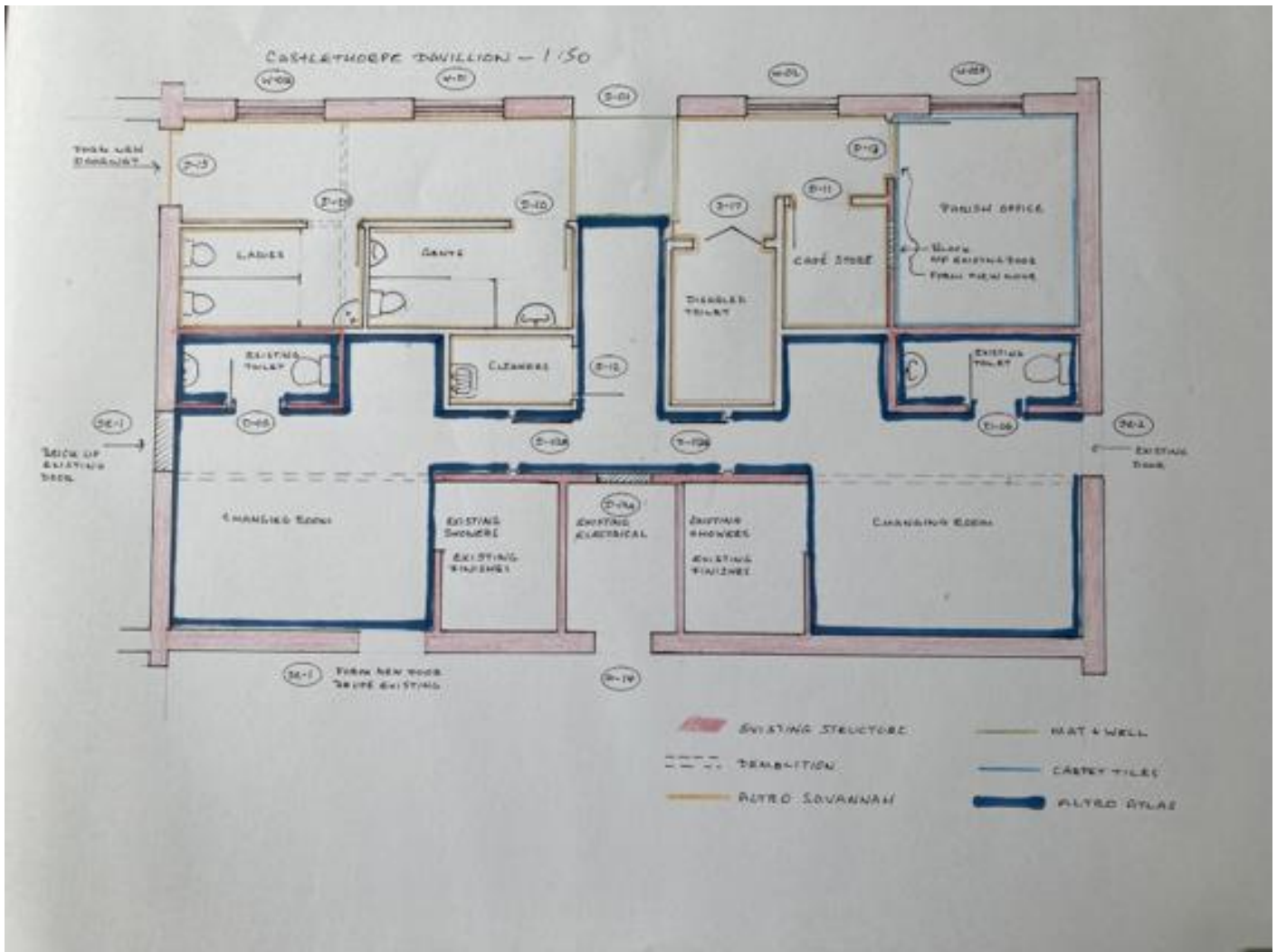
1	The previous Clerk has now received a reply to his request to re-open the fault raised on Planning Enforcement (ref: CU467274888) about their failure to enforce what they accepted was an unauthorised development at 41 Shepperton Close but has not had time to digest it – no further action	Cllr Bradbury Closed
2	Cllr Merritt to arrange for replacement of defibrillator pads	Cllr Merritt
3	AED and CPR training to be arranged with a £250 donation to organisers	Cllr Merritt
4	Floodgate to be selected and purchased for o/s 1 The Chestnuts – all monies to be reclaimed from MKCC. MKCC have confirmed they will fund the floodgate which has now been ordered and will be delivered and installed at the end of October	Cllr Sawbridge Ongoing
5	Cllr Ayles has asked MKCC Road Safety Officer Keith Wheeler whether the village can be designated as a 20 mph area. He has responded that 'the 20 mph application process is ready and waiting for sign off' at which time requests will be considered. No feedback from Keith Wheeler as yet, Clerk to add to monthly meeting list – awaiting date of next meeting	Cllr Ayles/Clerk Outstanding
6	Cllr Ayles has re-opened discussions with MKCC about potential purchase of part of garden at land to the side of 6 The Chestnuts as the resident has withdrawn his former objections. Surveyor has been in touch and hopes to progress in October. FYI, CVSA has engaged an architect to draw up plans and the 'Deed' for the S106 funding has been signed and returned to MKCC.	Cllr Ayles Ongoing
7	Awaiting Land Registry to process request to turn lease for sports ground into full title – Weller Hedley have advised this is still with Land Registry who are currently experiencing a big backlog.	Clerk Outstanding
8	Cllr Bradbury will contact Lee Turnham at Community Speedwatch UK to register and arrange training for the 7 volunteers.	Cllr Bradbury Outstanding

9	Meeting will be arranged with one of the Duke of Edinburgh Award participants, the other has repeatedly failed to respond to emails as has her mother. Meeting to conclude will be arranged	Cllr Bradbury Outstanding
10	MKCC have asked their contractor to see if they can source the 'golden resin' required to replace black tarmac following street repairs. If positive, they will inform Anglian Water and work out a way forward to relay the surface with their Streetworks team. Clerk to raise in monthly Highways meeting – awaiting date of next meeting	Cllr Ayles/Clerk Outstanding
11	Listing' of water tower: The Clerk had written to Newport Pagnell TC asking for advice as they have recently made application for their Police Station to be listed by English Heritage. The Newport Pagnell TC Clerk informed that they had employed a consultant to make the application. The resultant copy has been circulated	Cllr Bradbury Outstanding
12	Cllr Markham to purchase a chain and combination lock then provide combination to the landscapers and to nearby neighbours. It was agreed that a combination lock should also be put on the other entrance gate to the Fishponds using the same combination	Cllr Markahm Outstanding
13	Litter bins for Shepperton Close. No progress following MKCC's advice not to place a litter bin at the site suggested in Shepperton. Waiting to see what MKCC are doing with public bins once new wheelie bin scheme starts	Carry forward
14	We now have some information about start-up costs for preschool as is required by MKCC but need to review this in advance of furthering our request to MKCC to provide funding from the Early Education S106 planning gain. Organise a call between preschool and planning gain department to progress MKCC have advised that S106 monies can't be used as proposal doesn't meet criteria. Cllr Forgham has written to Stonewater to ask if they will give permission for the money to be used – letter acknowledged and a response has been chased but no reply yet.	Cllr Forgham Outstanding
15	Glendale have signed the landscape maintenance contract. A meeting will be arranged in October with the local manager. A quote for any extra cuts that may be required and the seeding of the wildlife area will be provided once the contract is underway. The mowed paths through the wildlife area will be included as part of the contract at no extra cost.	Clerk Ongoing
16	Stonewater Neighbourhood team had told Cllr Bradbury that they were unaware of any ongoing responsibility for maintaining the two communal areas at the end of Paddock Close, despite his having previously received an email from the company saying that they would put the areas on a maintenance schedule. He has sent them the email plus photos of the overgrown areas and has raised concerns about their failure to lay and maintain the grass areas as per their submitted landscape plan and about the culvert that has been blocked for many months – Complaint now raised with Planning Enforcement awaiting response	Cllr Bradbury Outstanding
17	The Clerk has contacted Hanslope and Havesham Clerks for their view on approaching Hanslope Park for an exgratia grant. They are happy to proceed but have no historic data to refer back to. Cllr Merritt will forward a contact of a colleague in the Estates Dept at Hanslope Park	Clerk/Cllr Merritt Outstanding
18	The redwood tree for the triangle has been agreed and it has been recommended that this is planted in the Autumn. MKCC have now invoiced us. Awaiting confirmation of installation date.	Carry forward
19	Cllr Wardle to look into the reason why the transport delivery plans was not included as a condition on the recent permitted Cosgrove Park planning application. MKCC Head of Planning confirmed that the comments raised had been addressed within the Planning Panel report and all applications are considered on a case by case basis.	Cllr Wardle Closed
20	Review online banking options – Lloyds online account is now visible to Clerk. Councillors will now be added to enable digital signatories to be set up.	Clerk ongoing
21	Carrington Close complaint to MKCC - The street naming complaint has been discussed with MKCC Manager who regards it as a series of human errors and the team has been increased. The other complaint has yet to be submitted due to time constraints	Cllr Ayles Closed

22	There is an issue with one of the floodlights which has become unstable, quote for repair has been received. Cllr Markham has met with Michael Lever to discuss options, awaiting suggestions and quote.	Clerk Outstanding
23	Hartwell Safety Services carried out 6 monthly check of village hall fire alarm and annual service of fire extinguishers. One extinguisher had reached its recommended lifespan of 15 years so was replaced and one of the emergency lighting units isn't working, quote requested.	Clerk Outstanding
24	Cllr Bradbury to contact the dog litter bin contractor to move the one in Castle field further away from the houses and ask about replacing/refurbishing worn bins.	Cllr Bradbury Outstanding

APPENDIX A2 – Update on Clubhouse progress

1. In my Report for our September meeting, I said that the Project Board had received a number of tenders for 'Phase 1' of the clubhouse which is to convert the cricket pavilion providing larger changing rooms, a small parish office and toilet facilities for the clubhouse and construct but not fit out the clubhouse. A Phase 2 would fit out the clubhouse.
2. Phase 1 would be funded by S106 (£185k), the £50k 'bond' from the Sports Ground and £30k from Parish Council reserves making a total of £265k. However, although the initial Quantity Surveyor's estimate was £255k (and this was the basis on which we went out to tender), we were aware that some items were uncosted and that some further funding would be required. In the absence of any grant funding at this stage, the Parish Council resolved at its September meeting to apply for a £50k loan from the Public Works Loan Board.
3. The Clerk obtained the documents for the PWLB loan but the first step is a survey to show that residents are prepared to accept any associated increase in precept. This is in addition to the Parish Poll which we conducted in May and which showed overwhelming support for the clubhouse. Although the increase is small in absolute terms, probably less than £1 per month for the average household, there was insufficient time to do the survey and award the contract in time for a project completion by the end of March. Nevertheless, there is a resolution (7.7) on tonight's agenda to do an informal survey.
4. Following discussions with the cricket club, the Project Board has redesigned the cricket pavilion side of the project internally which would remain within the existing planning permission. Essentially, the internals have been reversed so that the changing rooms stay in their current position at the rear but internal walls are removed to enlarge them. The parish room is moved to the existing kitchen and the new toilets are at the front as in the attached diagram.
5. This has several advantages; because the showers, shower units and team toilets are retained as are more existing walls, it will reduce cost. It will also reduce time making the April 2024 cricket season viable. It makes the pavilion independent of the clubhouse lounge as the fitout will almost certainly continue beyond April. Finally, it gives an internal route for players from the pavilion and changing rooms to the clubhouse lounge.
6. Discussions have been re-opened with the shortlisted bidders with this design and some minor other cost saving ideas. The objective has essentially changed from presenting a design to bidders and asking for their best price to asking them what they can do within a £265k budget. One of the bidders has asked for an extension until this Friday 6th October which the Project Board has granted. We expect to make a recommendation at a Project Board to be held next week and I will then call an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to ratify the recommendation.
7. Of course, one possibility is that we cannot get an acceptable project within the £265k budget and the Project Board would make a recommendation in that situation.
8. Phase 2 to fit out the clubhouse remains unfunded. Cllr Bradbury is responsible for the financial side. One grant application has been made but was unsuccessful. Applications will be made to other bodies but we have been warned that competition is very high. It may be necessary to create a village shop style of intermediary, that is, a Community Interest Company (CIC) or a community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to increase the chance of a successful application.
9. All of this needs to be viewed in the round. For example, if the bidders are able to remain within the £265k budget, then the £50k loan from PWLB would be available for the Phase 2 fit out.
10. The project has proved to be much harder than expected due to the budgetary constraints. I would like to finish by paying tribute to the members of the Project Board, Luke Jefferies, Dan McGee, Lawrence Chapman, Ian Holm, Steve Bradbury, Darren Merrit and Jacquie Ladyman for their continuing hard work. I welcome Stewart Tate to the Project Board replacing David Spinelli as the representative of the cricket club. I would like to thank David for his contribution and especially the idea of retaining the shower rooms which may yet be the critical concept to keep the project financially viable.



2nd October 2023

Revised Pavilion Internal Layout

APPENDIX A3 – File note on Parishes Forum 14/9/23

- Presentation on MK Play Association. Sounded really good provision of play facilities for children during school holidays. Not sure whether we discussed this but biggest attendance of all MK parishes was Hanslope. I think we should consider this either ourselves at least next summer holidays or perhaps see if we could join in with Hanslope - there are costs of course. You can Google the Association to see what they do.
- Presentation on ASB. Although great work done by the MKCC team, it is limited to MKCC Housing tenants. Housing Association Properties and private housing is not covered. I did raise this anomaly and also how it was possible to get a consistent approach to ASB across MK as a whole. Was supported by several other speakers.
- Associated presentation by Lorri Bubb-Olukanmi - Housing Manager – Operations, MKCC. This may be a point of contact for you, Kay, with the problem you were trying to help a resident with.
- Community Speedwatch. Usual Keith Wheeler and Lee Turnham double act but 20 MK parishes now doing it including Hanslope. One parish claimed great progress in reducing speeding. Kit is now free from Lee.
- The Winter Plan funding (warm spaces etc) funding is going to be available again this year. Warm spaces was not supported but any other ideas?

APPENDIX A4 – Update on streetlighting progress

Email from Phil Ayles to Rachel Munday dated 16th Sept 23

Dear Rachel,

At the end of July, you indicated that the remaining work connecting lights would be done in August and I note that two of the three on Station Rd are now connected. From a walkround today, these are the outstanding items:

The streetlight by the road railway bridge is not working (or wasn't a week ago when I went round in the dark). I believe the number is SR15. It was Streetlighting's decision to move the column across the road not a Parish Council request. It is sensible because it should cast more light on the footway below it. HOWEVER, this light has been out since last winter. I wrote to you on 22nd March to say that two elderly ladies had complained about the pitch dark there which is also on a high kerb presumably to protect the railway bridge from road traffic. The ladies were concerned that they might fall if they inadvertently stepped off the footway into the road. I am surprised it wasn't connected, if groundwork is required, at the same time as the other two lights were connected -one is adjacent. I would appreciate this being done urgently as the evenings are drawing in.

The old pole lights, now replaced by columns on the opposite side of Station Road, need to be removed.

Generally, none of the columns have been re-numbered after painting.

I have also enquired about the status of the MKCC LED conversion programme in Castlethorpe. We have an odd collection of orange halogen and white LED especially in the Conservation Area. I had thought the programme was due to have been completed by now and I would appreciate an update.

None of the footpath lights have been fully completed:

The stump of the previous column on the footpath from South St to the footbridge has not been removed (It is just shown as The Chequers Reference 1 on MK Maps)

The old light still remains at the footbridge (southside -The Chequers Reference 2). However, I have previously expressed concern that the new light is much lower than the old one and may cast a shadow onto the steps which it is meant to illuminate. You said you were going to check this with the team but I have heard nothing back.

The light by the Fishponds play area gate (The Chequers Reference 3) is a bizarre new lantern and not heritage style and needs to be replaced.

The light in the footpath between The Chequers and Shepperton Close (10TC) has not been updated at all including painting. You have previously queried this one (lantern shielding) and I responded to go ahead.

The end of the year will be the fourth anniversary of my initial enquiry on this project and we are already well past the second anniversary of the Parish Council placing the order with MKCC so I would appreciate some indication of when the project will complete.

Finally and on another topic while writing, you will recall that when you and Graham came out to Castlethorpe on 30th May, I raised the question of the double kerbing damage on the top bend in Castlethorpe (what3words [///stir.quote.fever](#)). I suggested a double depth kerb. Graham was rather dismissive and said it would be investigated. I think I have sent further photos but I attach one from today which shows that now three granite sets have been displaced and two appear to have vanished. Incidentally, I mentioned a protective bollard and attached a photo of one I had seen elsewhere. You and Graham told me that it needed 1.2m width and which didn't exist at this location. Actually, it does. TBH, I don't much mind but this is still a relatively narrow part of the footway and I would appreciate remedial work before it becomes a hazard. There are other faults with the granite sets on North St - I reported one by the school - but this one is, I think, the most hazardous.