

# Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council

## Minutes of the **Meeting of the Parish Council**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Held at Newton Blossomville Reading Room

Councillors present: Councillors David Swanston (Chairman), Gerry Cronin, Louise Evans, Simon Rees and Andy Brown

Also present: Adele Boughton (Clerk) and members of the public

1. **To receive apologies for non-attendance** -Andrew Brown
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest** – Simon Rees declared an interest in The Robin Hood playground.
3. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting** held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 – the minutes were approved and signed.
4. **Financial report**
  - Mazars £150.00-Annual Audit to be paid.
  - Windfarm money still in hand
  - Adele to update banking and invoices but has only been into the post for two days and is waiting for the bank details to be able to do so.
  - Website to be changed, Adele to try and communicate with Noel Sibbald.

**Purchases for approval** none expected

5. **Planning** – TPO on trees no issue. Clifton/Olney crossing, hoping to do something on the path from November, currently open from this afternoon.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan** -A presentation from Chris Ackrill- Bullet Point

:Chris explained that a Neighbourhood plan was to designate a neighbourhood area (typically a parish boundary) and then bringing together the community to discuss concerns and wants of the residents the starting point would be to decide whether there is a need for development within the community. Parish councils would start with an exhibition and questionnaire process and decide the plan they want to achieve and how to develop the plans into a series of plans and objectives and then engage within public (statutory requirements, takes nine months to a year to develop, once committed to submitted to MKC , possibly moderations and then adopted) community has a vote. Once adopted, it would become part of the Milton Keynes development plan.

: Different chapters (e.g.: Flood, housing, employment, traffic, enhancing community facilities). Chris explained that you don't have to have a neighbourhood plan, but it could be subject to some small applications, it allows the parish to take control and govern but will have to accept there will be some changes.

: Questions from members of the public brought up concerns about MKC developing without neighbourhood plan. Grant money is available, up to 9k, covers consultation, currently apply by Dec and agree by March but suggested it will go into the next financial year. Settlement boundaries, existing definition of boundary and where it could be potentially development (development envelope), any opportunities.

: Parish Councils wouldn't allocate something that someone didn't want it to. Villages could say no after all the consultations. Will run until 2031, need to finish 2026., Neighbourhood plan runs alongside local plan. Parish councils would need to look at housing change (people want to downsize, upsize) should reflect what is wanted. Unlikely MKC will develop, without a plan possibly it will change, developers can come along and develop on edge of boundary without a plan, neighbourhood plan need a three-year land supply. Must be parish council led but not necessarily run by the parish council. Concerns about the main road from a member of the public, Cllr Geary suggested mathematical equations would be done. Cllr Evans -mentioned

steering committee to be found before suggesting Neighbourhood Plan. Website- Could have it on there after a letter is sent to everyone. Councillors suggested using an example of an existing plan.

7. **Reports – Chairman, David Swanston** –Report from Arlene (PCSO), burglary rates have risen, happy to do free security assessment for villagers. Newton Blossomville, -Petty crime. David attended NAG meeting-main topic was speeding. Fly tipping is an issue. Big groups of cyclists. Smart water received.

**Ward Councillors** – Peter Geary-Housing infrastructure, MK applied for 17 million pounds for another junction (5,300 houses build around Moulsoe) if successful will find itself in Plan MK. Consultation six weeks, asking for comments, look at it in the spring. Industrial development in Sherrington (Chicheley Hill) major works, by a509.

Response needed by 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Working Locally- Nine to 12 months, certain services that can be devolved to Parish Council for e.g.: Landscaping, grass cutting etc. MKC is looking for informal feedback by 6<sup>th</sup> November, no grants or precept for this, cost the full responsibility of the parish council. (parish council currently have responsibility for millennium field and allotments)

#### **Councillors –**

**Simon Rees** – Solar Farm money -£5700 for pavilion, on hold, now pub village owned, -no one wants the pavilion, survey (43) wanted it invested it into The Robin Hood, possibility playground, general maintenance, most wanted the playground. All agreed for (maintained by Milton Keynes council) Cllr Rees declared an interest to this, Cllr Swanston suggested the play park go ahead once insurance etc is checked. More research to take place to ensure it is legally sound and insured initially.

**Louise Evans** – Nothing.

**Gerry Cronin** – Contacted MKC, sorted out the weeds and re-laid the bark in the Millennium field park. BT box sorted out within two years. Looking at 30<sup>th</sup> June/7<sup>th</sup> July for village fete to book marquee.

**Andy Brown -Non-Attendance.**

#### 8. **Public Participation**

-Minutes- Resident asked if minutes could be amended, told changes can only be made by parish council but to send in for the next agenda to be noted.

-Village Sign-Resident would like a new village sign, Parish Partnership funding- Adele to look into for 2017/2018

The next meeting is 7.30pm on 13th December 2017 at Newton Blossomville Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 21.10pm.

Signed ..... Chairman Dated .....