

# FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

11 Gladius Grove  
Fairfields  
Milton Keynes  
MK11 4DE



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held remotely Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

	Action
<p><b>Item 1. Members present</b> Cllr S Webb Chairman Cllr R Burn Cllr P Gupta Cllr I Hunt</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas Clerk</p> <p>Also joined by 1 Prospective councillor KF 3 members of the public LT, AP, AN, Dennis Knell (local football) Paul Van Geete (MKC) Ward Councillor Jennifer Marklew</p>	
<p><b>Item 2. Apologies</b> Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Harris</p>	
<p><b>Item 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest</b> All councillors present acknowledged that they may have an interest in all policies discussed but none felt it should prevent them from voting</p>	
<p><b>Item 4. Public Time</b> - No Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting</p>	
<p><b>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</b> The Minutes of the previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved unanimously and would be signed by the Chairman out of the meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 Reports</b></p> <p><b><u>Parish Councillors.</u></b></p> <p><b>Cllr R Burn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speed Indicator Device – Cllr Burn requested that the SID be moved to Cicero Crescent for its next location as speeding is becoming a real problem even during the daytime with van</li></ul>	

<p>drivers rushing to make their deliveries on time.</p> <p><b>Action</b> - It was agreed that Cllr Hunt and Cllr Gupta will make the move the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Newsletter will be delivered during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of March delivery will be given priority as not all delivery staff are working due to pandemic. Articles are requested for the 21<sup>st</sup> February</li> <li>• Sports Hub – MKdons are using the Astro turf for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams training. Booking system to be clarified as local team told this is fully booked. MKdons SET suggested a 30minute call after lockdown to discuss with residents the usage of the facility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> – booking and usage of the sports hub to be clarified by RB</p>	<p>IH/PG</p> <p>RB</p>
<p><b>Cllr I Hunt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter pick was very successful 11 families turned up. Requested decision on what council would want the frequency of future litter picks to be? Need a flag or some identification to show the events run by the Parish Council not private individual?</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> Cllr Hunt will arrange a further litter pick for some time in March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotment plots have all now been allocated and emails sent to all plot holders advising them of their plot number.</li> <li>• Meeting held with Cross Keys Homes regarding Communal Allotment they were interested in taking on more than this large plot so we are now looking for ideas for its use.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> Cllr Hunt will follow up the intended uses of this plot.</p>	<p>IH</p> <p>IH</p>
<p><b>Cllr P Gupta</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SID is working well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> The data graphs will be emailed to councillors shortly. The SID's will be moved to Cicero (see Cllr R Burn report) <li>• Website – the format for the previous survey is still available so next one will be easy to set up.</li> <p><b>Action</b> Questions to be asked will be dealt with in a separate TEAMS conversation.</p> </p>	<p>PG</p> <p>PG</p>
<p><b>Chairman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding in ditch on approach to allotment site has been caused by a soak away pipe which has floated following work on vehicle access. Barratts will secure the pipe when flooding recedes.</li> <li>• Councils attention drawn to the implementation of the Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) system due to be implemented by MKC to replace little used bus routes.</li> <li>• Councillor Marklew stated that as Chair of the Transport Committee on MKC she had further information on this. It will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April and buses would be called via an APP and would come to individuals within 400 metres of their home. There would be no fixed routes and buses would ensure pickups within 15 minutes. This would be on routes where the bus use is low but the 301 as it serves Stony Stratford and Whitehouse especially taking Secondary children to school in Whitehouse when the school open there shortly may not be affected. The</li> </ul>	

<p>reason for the DRT was to enable MKC to cut costs on little used routes. Busy routes would not be affected.</p> <p><b>Ward Councillors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Marklew re-iterated her involvement with DRT and promised to answer questions emailed to her.</li> <li>• Management charges were of interest to MKC otherwise very little to report due to the restrictions of the pandemic. <b>Action</b> Cllr Marklew would structure a report on her activities for future parish council meetings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Plan Updates</b> - Items where progress has been made were discussed elsewhere in the meeting although no major changes.</p>	
<p><b>Item 7 MKC and Developers</b></p> <p><b>Paul vanGeete (MKC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re plan of Allotment site 1. Hugh Pearl contractors will commence “setting up” site in the next week based on the plot changes due to the oil pipeline under the allotments.</li> <li>• Allotment site 2 “set up” contractors are GTC Landscape Management. Work has commenced and there will be no need to make any plot changes as the oil pipeline is deeper at this point.. Pipeline owners will require a 24 hour phone number for contact in case of emergencies.</li> <li>• Local Park 4 – update expected week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> February. <b>Action outstanding</b> Cllr R Burn asked PvG for an article for the newsletter on play parks.</li> <li>• <b>Community building</b> No movement this month <b>Action</b> Round table discussion with land owners to be set up to discuss alternatives regarding the properties to be built on the Apollo Avenue frontage of the Community Building site.</li> <li>• Shops – Barratts putting in pre-planning application and will discuss parking with L&amp;Q. <b>Action</b> PvG asked to involve Parish Council in any ongoing discussions regarding shops and Community Building.</li> </ul> <p><b>Developer</b> - not present but Clerk had received verbal report from Adam Quayle (AQ) of Barratts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cladding survey charge of £2,000 per block of flats is considered to be unnecessary legally as no blocks of flats are 6 storeys or above. This is a problem with the management company on several Barratts sites where the management company have been over diligent and added a charge to invoices for this survey.</li> <li>• <b>Action</b> AQ to talk to Chamonix regarding this survey</li> <li>• Take over of Chamonix by First Port. AQ was not aware of any changes but Barratts legal department are checking to ensure that this does not break the legal contract with Fairfields (Stony Stratford) ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Action</b> Barratts legal department to investigate contact AQ to follow up</li> </ul>	<p>PvG</p> <p>PvG</p> <p>PvG</p> <p>AQ</p> <p>AQ</p>



<p><b>Item 10 Community Garden</b>  It was agreed unanimously that Devonshire Landscapes quotation to design a possible landscape plan within budget for the sum of £525 be accepted.  <b>Action</b> Clerk to instruct Devonshire Landscapes</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 11 Appointment of a solicitor</b>  It was agreed unanimously to appoint Katy Williams of Neves Solicitors llp to be the solicitor to the Parish council when her services are required for contract documents etc.  <b>Action</b> Clerk to instruct solicitor accordingly.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 12 Planning</b>  No new private planning applications had been notified from Milton Keynes Council.  <b>Action</b> A consultation for 223 properties on Whitehouse Park to be circulated by Clerk</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 13 Next meeting</b>  Next meeting to be held remotely on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p>	

Meeting closed 20:20

Signed.....Chairman