

# FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

11 Gladius Grove  
Fairfields  
Milton Keynes  
MK11 4DE



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

	Action
<p><b>Item 1. Members present</b> Cllr S Webb Chairman Cllr R Burn                      Cllr I Hunt Cllr P Gupta                      Cllr J Harris</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas Clerk</p> <p>Also joined by 1 Prospective councillor KF Paul Van Geete (MKC)</p>	
<p><b>Item 2. Apologies</b> None All councillors present</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 – Two questions had been asked by members of the public.</b> <b>Q1.</b> Anglian Water taking weeks to deal with main leak in Nero Grove can Parish Council help? <b>Answer</b> Clerk has had communications with Anglian Water and work should be completed by 12<sup>th</sup> March and remediation completed week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March. <b>Q2</b> What is happening about the play park near the school? <b>Answer</b> This will be answered by Paul vanGeete MKC in his report.</p>	
<p><b>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</b> The Minutes of the previous meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 Whitehouse Health Centre update by Maxine Roberts Business Manager.</b> Since the opening in early December 2,500 patients have registered with the GP practice which is staffed by 3 GP's and 4 Clinicians. The Health centre is part of the Watling Street group of practices and it is the vaccine hub for that group. They have vaccinated 6,500 patients and have two busy days coming up when they will do 900 vaccinations next Wednesday building up to 1200 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March. They have been helped by 37 volunteers from the community, marshalling and</p>	

generally helping the process running smoothly. The take up of vaccine in the over 60's has been good but the younger patients are more reluctant to take the vaccine. Anyone not registered with a GP should register as temporary if necessary to enable them to get their vaccination. Residents living in an MK postcode can register as patients. They are launching a video consultation facility to enable access to GP's 7am to 10pm weekdays and 8am to 4pm weekends. The Chairman thanked Ms Roberts for her update.

## **Item 7 Reports**

### **Parish Councillors.**

#### **Cllr P Gupta**

- The annual survey is now almost ready to go live on the website. Due to the format it is not possible to launch it in preview for Councillors to see before going live.
- Microsoft full access free of charge is proving difficult due to the requirement to prove Parish council is non-profit making. The council is not registered as a charity so no registration number available.

**Action** Cllr Gupta to discuss with Microsoft.

**PG**

#### **Cllr R Burn**

- Spring Newsletter is with the printers and will be distributed during the second half of March. Print run increased to 1,100..
- A meeting is to be held regarding the usage of the Sports Hub with MKDons SET and the local football clubs,  
**Action** Cllr Burn will try to sit in on this meeting to follow up other sports.
- Cllr Burn will follow up with MKDons SET our request for possible use of the grass playing field during school summer holidays for MKPA Friday morning sessions.

**RB**

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#### **Cllr I Hunt**

- Allotments are progressing well; the landscaping is beginning to take shape.  
**Action** further meeting of plot holders to be arranged when firm information on handover available from MKC.  
Community Garden still no firm proposal as to use of this plot  
Cross Keys Homes are not interested as the size and access isn't suitable for their needs
- Litter pick Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to meet by Parish Council Notice Board at Apollo/Vespasian/Cicero crossroads at 10.30am

**IH**

#### **Cllr J Harris**

- No crime statistics have been received for two months.
- A Neighbourhood Watch email has been received regarding dog theft and the information will be put on facebook.

#### **Chairman**

Katherine Hall who is working on the Digital Archive platform as part of the Public Art Project has been in touch and hoped she would be able to

come to this meeting. She wants to discuss her ideas but the timing is proving difficult although she has had telephone conversations with some parish councillors. There are questions that need to be answered as to what is required in the way of art to fit in with the ethos of the parish.

**Action** Chairman to continue with this contact to quantify what is required.

**Chairman**

**Ward Councillors**

- Cllr Marklew was due to attend but had not been able to make the meeting.
- Councillors were asked to let Clerk have questions about how the DRT system is going to work and she will pass on to Cllr Marklew.

**ALL/Clerk**

**Action Plan Updates** - Items where progress has been made were discussed elsewhere in the meeting although no major changes.

**Item 8 MKC and Developers.**

**MKC – Paul van Geete (PvG)**

- The play area off Apollo Avenue opposite the school will be going out to tender at the end of March.
- Allotments Marius Grove will be ready for handover at the end of March with the school site following in April.
- Protective fencing is being put up to deter dog walkers from using the sports field whilst the grass is still bedding in. The drainage issues around the playing fields will be dealt with once there are a few dry days.
- Community building - waiting for updated documents from architect then meeting with Parish Council can be set up.
- New entrance into Fairfields where construction entrance is (J28) Work will commence shortly on the verges with traffic controls when necessary. Roundabout work will take place during school summer holidays when V4 will need to be closed for a few weeks
- Large play area at Stony Stratford end of site will be opening in the spring.
- The technical layout of the footpath connection to Tudor Gardens is being discussed. There is an intention to provide a redway.
- Shops – Barratts Senior Planner has done his side of the planning and the Barratts Commercial department now have the documents to take the next step.

**Developer** - not present but the Clerk had received verbal report from Adam Quayle (AQ) of Barratts.

- 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. AQ has been told that Chamonix are looking into this as a matter of urgency.
- Take over of Chamonix by First Port. Barratts legal department are checking to ensure that this does not break the legal contract with Fairfields (Stony Stratford) Ltd..
- Works around the site as detailed last month – Contractors who

<p>were to undertake the work have let Barratts down so new contractor now appointed. AQ will advise clerk when new work programme agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The change in speed limit from 30mph to 20mph. AQ will discuss with MKC Highways if this can be completed before the adoption of the part of the site to the east of the bridleway which is imminent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> Clerk to follow up.all items with AQ before next meeting</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b>Item 9 Finance</b></p> <p>a) Finance report and spreadsheets had been circulated and were accepted unanimously.</p> <p>b) Budget vire to use “Install Litter Bins budget to cover costs of litter pickers agreed unanimously Litter pickers to be ordered Cllr Hunt to discuss requirements with clerk. Meeting also agreed the purchase of two flags for Community Event use.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Clerk and Cllr Hunt to liaise re purchase of equipment</p> <p>c) Cheque payments approved unanimously and would be signed in accordance with mandate out of meeting.</p>	<b>Clerk/IH</b>
<p><b>Item 10 Policies</b> Following discussion the Health and Safety Policy unanimously approved including Task specific Risk Assessment form.</p>	
<p><b>Item 11 Planning</b> No new private planning applications had been notified from Milton Keynes Council some discharge of conditions on new phase had been notified</p>	
<p><b>Item 12 Co-option of a Parish Councillor</b> Council heard a short resume from Karl Findlay of his background.</p>	
<p><b>“ In Camera”</b> <b>Confidential Item - Council is invited to resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw.</b></p>	
<p><b>Item 13 “In camera”</b> Following a discussion it was agreed unanimously to co-opt Karl Findlay to the Parish Council.</p>	
<p><b>Item 14 Next meeting</b> Next meeting to be held remotely on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021</p>	

Meeting closed 20:15

Signed.....Chairman