

FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

11 Gladius Grove
Fairfields
Milton Keynes
MK11 4DE



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 8th July at Great Holm Community Centre,
87 Kensington Drive, Great Holm, Milton Keynes MK8 9AY

The Coronavirus Act 2020 has not been extended by Central Government and this now means that Local Councils are required to hold its decision-making meetings in person. This meeting was COVID secure with social distancing, face masks worn, doors and windows open to aid ventilation and hand sanitiser available.

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| <p>Item 1. Members present Cllr I Hunt Chairman Cllr J Harris Vice Chairman Cllr R Burn Cllr S Webb Cllr P Gupta</p> <p>Paul VanGeete (MKC)</p> | Mrs J Nicholas Clerk |
| <p>Item 2. Apologies Accepted unanimously from Cllr K Findlay</p> | |
| <p>Item 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest 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>Item 4. Public Time - Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting</p> <p>Two had been received from James Quantrill who could not be present as he was teaching at this time.</p> <p>1. When will the community centre be built? Rough estimate is fine. These things always take longer than forecasted.</p> <p>Answer There is a meeting being arranged to agree the final site layout before going for planning permission. The latest rough estimate for completion is late 2022.</p> | |

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| <p>2. Can we have a speed limit sign as you come into Fairfield's? A simple and cheap thing could at least make people aware. With no sign people do as they please, especially when some think it is 20 and some 30.</p> <p>Answer. Barratts have the signs on order to be installed before adoption of Vespasian Road by Milton Keynes Council. The site will be 30mph to comply with planning permission. Once Vespasian is adopted the Parish Council intend to lobby Highways at MKC to reduce the speed limit to 20mph.</p> <p>The meeting felt that this was a waste of money to then change the signage and will continue to have discussions with Barratts and MKC</p> | |
| <p>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council The Minutes of the previous meetings on 6th May 2021 and Extra Ordinary held 24th June 2021 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman of the meeting</p> | |
| <p>Item 6 Meeting dates for 2021/2022</p> <p>The meeting dates for 2021/2022 including venue were accepted unanimously</p> | |
| <p>Item 7 Reports Chairman –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Chairmanship course online this month. • June Litter pick not well attended. More advertising needed to get community involved. Suggest 2 banners to be displayed prominently at Apollo crossroads advertising during week leading up to next litter pick which will be 31st July which Cllr P Gupta will organise. Discussion regarding disposal of bags of litter and stating exact time. • Chairman will find costs of banners. <p>Cllr J Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite trying everything WhatsApp groups can only be 25 members which apparently is required for security. WhatsApp Fairfield's Security not being used when attempted burglary happened as residents are concerned about use. Cllr Harris will put a message out detailing when it should be used. • Neighbourhood Watch group is getting regular messages by email • Speed watch has not been set up as the person in Thames Valley Police who organised it has left and they haven't got a replacement. <p>Cllr R Burn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been one or two problems with the current newsletter designer/print/deliveries. The current contractor was set up during lockdown as very few were available. It is now a good time to go out to tender for this contract. The Clerk will obtain recommendations from other Parish Councils. | <p>Chairman</p> <p>JH</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The modular sports hub is being put together offsite and will be delivered mid-July for completion early/mid-September. The car park is expected to be ready August/September. • Walking for Health program is being investigated by Milton Keynes Council as is Tennis • The meeting thanked Cllr Burn for a good newsletter. <p>Cllr P Gupta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Art – this project is going well and the website looks good and simple to use. They require a 350 – 400 word article giving a background of Fairfields and Cllr R Burn agreed to write this. • All emails are now up and running with the new .gov.uk domain just the Clerks to be sorted but this is the master, so work required on the council laptop by Cllr Gupta to set this up. • Work on the survey is complete, it does not appear to be running very well on mobile phones, so this has to be attended to. • Speed Indicator Device – Following a discussion it was decided to leave it in Vespasian Road until September when it would be moved into Apollo Avenue in the vicinity of the school. <p>Cllr S Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Webb has again contacted Donald Rowan at Chamonix/First Port regarding the grass cutting at the far side of the field which is not being done. | |
| <p>It was agreed unanimously that the next two items would be covered in reverse order.</p> | |
| <p>Item 9 MKC and Developers</p> <p>There was no one Present from the Developers.</p> <p>Paul vanGeet from MKC reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Building – A meeting will be arranged next week with L & Q Housing about the final layout of the flats and Community Building. • Shops – Barratts are drawing up plans for the retail area to allow a café but the parking must be planning policy compliant. • Footpath to Stony Stratford – is being replanned to meet up with other footpaths in the vicinity. • Playpark LP4 - Will include a small area dedicated to toddler play. The tender process will commence in the next 4-5 weeks. The clearance work cannot start until the end of birds' nest season • V4 roadworks – <p>Updated 9th July 2021 by email</p> <p>There will be a full road closure between H2 and H1 roundabouts from 26th July to 4th September although the Traffic Regulation Order is open until the end of September. The redway will stay open for walkers and cyclists.</p> | <p>PvG</p> |

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| <p>Item 8 Allotment Update Cllr J Harris gave an update from the inaugural meeting and the walkabout of the allotment association members. They had several requests and after a discussion it was decided that the Chairman, Cllr Webb and Cllr Harris would meet with the members of the association to discuss the items raised.</p> | <p>Chairman /SW/JH</p> |
| <p>Item 10 Finance</p> <p>a) Finance report had been circulated and was accepted unanimously. b) Cheques were approved and were signed in accordance with mandate.</p> | |
| <p>Item 11 Community Park Clerk reported.</p> <p>a) Three tenders had been received and they varied by less than £2,000. Further investigation and a decision on which to choose would wait for the grant funding to be secured. b) Update on grant application- We are waiting for the decision from MK Community Foundation. There is also interest in helping with the funding from Barratts and Cross Keys Homes. MKCommunityTrees will be able to supply some of the trees required for free that will also help. No action can be taken until information on their decision is received from MK Community Foundation</p> | |
| <p>Item 12 Policies Changes made to the Equality Policy were ratified giving reference to the Equality Policy Act 2010</p> | |
| <p>Item 13 Planning. One planning application for a Certificate of lawfulness had been received This was discussed as a for information only item. <i>Application no: 21/02061/CLUP</i> <i>Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to change the existing garage to a play room / utility room with WC</i> <i>At: 16 Aquila Gardens Fairfields Milton Keynes MK11 4AP</i></p> | |
| <p>Item 14 Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on 12th August 2021 at the Great Holm Community Centre, 87 Kensington Drive, Great Holm, Milton Keynes MK89AY</p> | |

Meeting closed 8.43pm

Signed.....Chairman