

# FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Fairfields School 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

<p><b>Item 1. Members present</b> Cllr I Hunt Chairman Cllr K Findlay Cllr S Webb Cllr R Burn Cllr P Gupta</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas Clerk</p> <p>Ms D Harrison – First Port Paul vanGeete - MKC 6 members of the Public</p>	Action
<p><b>Item 2. Apologies</b> Accepted unanimously from Cllr J Harris - Vice Chairman Ward Cllr J Hearnshaw</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 - Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting</b></p> <p>One question had been sent in by email from a member of the public <b>Q</b> Are there any plans to reinstate the bus service into Fairfields? <b>Answer</b> – PvG said as far as he knew not in the short term. Clerk will email Ward Cllr Marklew who is Cabinet member for Transport to ask the question. Also request that Cllr Marklew looks at the possibility of a school bus as there is no connection between Fairfields and Whitehouse and the journey is dangerous for pupils attending the Watling Academy on foot or by bicycle when parents do not have cars.</p> <p>Other questions were in relation to First Port they would be dealt with under Item 7.</p>	Clerk  Clerk

<p><b>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</b> The Minutes of the previous meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman at the meeting</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 Reports</b> <b>Cllr J Harris</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates as he was not present at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr K Findlay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Findlay had been on leave of absence and would now be taking up overseeing of the allotments to assist Cllr Harris. Cllr Findlay was given a master key for the allotments.</li> <li>Will help with the next Litter Pick Treasure hunt/Orienteering for children</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr R Burn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September Newsletter content is now with the graphic designer.</li> <li>Sports Hub – There had been no further meetings will chase up MKC re the next meeting date.</li> <li>Quotes to be obtained for design, printing and delivery of newsletter</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr P Gupta</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public art Project website is now in a position to go live a few small changes from Whitehouse to Fairfields have been made to text.</li> <li>Cllr Gupta advised Council that it is not necessary to take on enhancements to TEAMS which was agreed unanimously.</li> <li>Litter Picks discussion as turnout is poor from residents. There is a need to raise awareness of these events. One suggestion is that something to attract the children might be helpful such as a treasure hunt or orienteering with small hidden objects. These ideas will be investigated for the October Litter Pick.</li> <li>As schools are back should the SID now be moved to Apollo Avenue to attempt to slow down traffic approaching the school. This was felt to be a good idea and arrangements will be made for weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September to make this move.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chairman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are getting a lot of complaints about the crossing on Vespasian Road as it enters Fairfields which is not official but is too close to the V4 and drivers do not see it in time. Chairman will discuss with Barratts as they installed it to aid their sales staff to cross the road.</li> <li>Community Building and shops, a letter has been sent to Chief Executive of MKC to ask for help in progressing these.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr S Webb</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No progression on walkabouts with Barratts or Community Building</li> </ul>	<p><b>KF</b></p> <p><b>RB</b></p> <p><b>RB</b></p> <p><b>PG/KF</b></p> <p><b>IH/PG/JH</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p>

**Clerk**

Updated Council on outstanding actions

- Parking on red block areas and speed humps, work will be carried out by Barratts contractors but they are waiting for other items to be added to the list for contractors before agreeing timings.
- Speed limit change from 30mph has been chased up with MKC Highways but they insist that the development must comply with Planning permission and once the roads are adopted Parish Council can put a case for change to 20mph.
- This is the same answer for requesting roundabout at crossing of Apollo and Cicero/Vespasian

**Item 7 Management Company**

Debbie Harrison introduced herself as the new site manager for First Port and gave out her direct email as [CEfairfieldsmcl@firstport.co.uk](mailto:CEfairfieldsmcl@firstport.co.uk) for residents to use.

- She promised to answer all queries and problems sent to her. She is new to Fairfields so could not directly answer questions at this meeting but would reply to everyone who emailed her.
- She will be holding a “clinic” on 7<sup>th</sup> October between the hours of 10am and 3pm in a pop-up tent, in the park (not sure which one at the moment) this will be well advertised.
- From the end of October, the online portal will be working fully, and everyone should be able to log on and see all of their information regarding invoicing, queries etc. They just must set themselves up the first time they use this.
- Landscaping is a challenge but all that will also be transparent on the website as to where the work will be done and how often. Work on the budgets for next year will soon commence. There are three levels of service residents can choose Gold, Silver or Bronze more details to follow on this.
- Questions from members of the public were noted and Debbie will reply directly to the residents regarding those.
- Debbie will attend as many Parish Council meetings as she can winter weather permitting as she lives a 2-hour drive away.

**Item 8 MKC and developers**

There was no one present from the Developers

Paul vanGeete - MKC

- Community Building – L & Q have a new member of staff dealing with this area and a meeting will be arranged for Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September to discuss this building. Cllr Hunt and Cllr Webb to attend. Cllr Webb requested this to be late pm if possible
- Shops – New Head of MKC Planning will meet with Adam Quayle from Barratts to discuss the idea of a café in the smaller retail unit and he promises to be pragmatic about the need for the full number of parking spaces required by MKC Planning rules.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new play park off Apollo Avenue (LP4) is now being drawn up by architects and will contain a small area for toddler equipment.</li> <li>• There will be a site visit with MKC and Barratts next week to discuss the footpath cut through to Tudor Gardens</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 9 Finance</b>  a) Finance report had been circulated and was accepted unanimously.  b) Cheques were approved and were signed in accordance with mandate.</p>	
<p><b>Item 10 Allotments</b>  a) It was decided that MK Works would be given the contract to clear the plots which became vacant and required some attention strimming and/or rotovating. Clerk to discuss reduced prices for plots where less work is required and also on smaller plots.  b) Decision on future use of Community Garden Area – It was decided that the Clerk would discuss with MKC architects a layout for this area to be used for allotments in the future and obtain quotes for the work.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 11 Project updates</b>  <b>Community Park</b> – the timing of work for the contractor and the small trees from CommunityTreesMK has been agreed and work should start on site in mid-September.  <b>Defibrillator</b> – This project has been delayed by the schools being closed for summer holidays but the electrician is now due week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September to quote for putting in the electrical supply for the unit.</p>	
<p><b>Item 12 Policies</b>  The Grant Awarding policy was approved for readoption with one change on the application form that “meeting dates in future will be Tuesdays.”  Reporting on Public meeting and GDPR and Data processing policies were both approved for readoption with no changes</p>	
<p><b>Item 13 Planning</b>  No planning applications had been notified during the month</p>	
<p><b>Item 14 Next Meeting</b>  Next meeting will be on <b>Tuesday</b> 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 6.30pm at Fairfields Primary School Future meetings will be held on the second <b>Tuesday</b> in the month.</p>	

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Signed.....Chairman