

FAIRFIELDS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11 Gladius Grove
Fairfields
Milton Keynes
MK11 4DE



Minutes of Meeting of Council Held 6.30pm at Fairfields Sports Hub, 10th November 2022

	Action
<p>Item 1. Election of Chairman</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas – Clerk Councillor Ian Hunt had resigned as he has left the district and a replacement needed to be voted in. Following a discussion, it was agreed unanimously that Councillor David Nicholas would take on the role of Chairman for a temporary period</p>	
<p>Item 2 New Chairman took over the meeting and gave a vote of thanks to Ian Hunt for his service for three and a half years as a Councillor two years of which he had been Chairman and wished him well for the future.</p>	
<p>Item 3. Members Present</p> <p>Cllr D Nicholas Cllr J Walsh Cllr E Martin Mrs J Nicholas – Clerk</p> <p>Felicity from MK Springers</p> <p>13 members of the public 1 Prospective Councillor</p>	
<p>Item 4 Apologies</p> <p>Accepted unanimously from Ward Cllr J Hearnshaw Ward Cllr J Marklew Paul vanGeete (MKC)</p>	
<p>Item 5. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest</p> <p>All councillors present acknowledged that they may have an interest in all policies discussed but non felt it should prevent them from voting.</p>	

<p>Cllr Martin declared an interest in Item 13 Grants as he has a connection with the applicant</p>	
<p>Item 6. Public Time - Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting</p> <p>Three questions had been received prior to the meeting</p> <p>Question 1 - Flats on the corner of Vespasian Road had roof damage last winter but no repairs have yet been done. Answer – Clerk will check with owners why nothing has happened</p> <p>Question 2 Can a bus stop be installed on the V4 close to Fairfields entrance in each direction Answer – Clerk will discuss with Ward Councillor J Marklew</p> <p>Question 3 - Will the incorrect sign at the new roundabout be replaced as it states Fairfield Answer Clerk – this is in hand to be replaced</p> <p>Questions from the floor</p> <p>Question 4 – Several Road drains appear to be blocked who should be sorting this Answer – Please give us specific information as to the locations and the Clerk will take it up with Barratts await positions of problems</p> <p>Question 5 – What is happening about the Yam tams who were going to start a shop in Fairfields. Answer – That has gone very quiet but planning permission was granted for shops on the 21st October so we are trying to find out a build timetable.</p> <p>Question 6 – The binmen are leaving a lot of litter behind when they make their collections should they be doing any clearing up. Answer – They should not leave litter behind the clerk will contact MKC to request they be reminded of their obligations.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>Item 13 Grant application</p> <p>This item was taken early as the representative from MK Springers had to attend another meeting.</p> <p>Felicity from MK Springers gave an explanation to the meeting of their Bridge project of gymnastics for children on Fairfields and had applied for finance from the council to top up the funding already received from others to enable children whose parents were struggling to take part.</p> <p>Council members discussed this application at the end of the meeting and unanimously decided that they could not approve this grant due to the unknown numbers involved. Clerk would advise MK Springers of the decision.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>Item 7. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting on 13th October 2022 were approved and they were signed off as correct by the Chairman</p>	
<p>Item 8. Reports</p> <p>Cllr J Walsh –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – Will chase Cloudy for update. • Public Art - Will chase those organising this for update <p>Cllr E Martin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping and site maintenance - Has been in discussion with Community Property Care who are the contractors for First Port Management company. Need to make progress on litter picking etc. <p>Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apollo Green - 3,750 daffodil bulbs have been planted this month these should make a good show in the Spring • “Tommys figures” have been installed on the crossroads in time for Armistice commemorations • Planning will be dealt with under Item 14 	
<p>Item 9 Christmas</p> <p>Community events for Christmas were discussed and it was decided that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk would book Round Table from Stony Stratford for Santa and his sledge to come to Fairfields on 6th December 2022 6pm onwards • No other events had been planned due to low number of Councillors available. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Item 10 MKCC, Developers & Sports Hub</p> <p>Report had been received from Paul vanGeete (MKCC)</p> <p><i>I am very pleased that we have now consented the planning application for the local centre so that will allow us to also move forward with the planning for putting the Community Meeting Place on the adjacent Reserve Site. There is however nothing more definitive to report than that at this stage.</i></p> <p><i>You will hopefully also note on the way to the meeting that the works on the access road to the Sports Hub have now progressed to a fairly advanced stage. I am promised that the solar lighting to the footpath along the side of the brook between the school and Maximus will be installed by tomorrow but I will check up on that.</i></p> <p><i>We have awarded a contract to a company called Millstream to start the works on LP4 (play area off Apollo Avenue) so you should see them on site fairly soon if the weather remains kind to us.</i></p>	

<p>Andy Davis – Sports Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that advertising was continuing to make the Community more aware of the availability of the meeting room. • When the contract is signed between MK DonsSET and the MKCC they will have a launch event • There is going to be a “trim trail” set up around the site to give residents access to a fixed distance to run and equipment to use. This will be available to all. 	
<p>Item 11. Finance</p> <p>a) Finance reports for October were approved b) Payment authorisations for October were approved and signed by Cllr J Walsh</p>	
<p>Item 12 Precept 2023/2024</p> <p>A second draft of the budget for 2023/2024 had been produced and councillors were asked to come forward with ideas for projects to be included in the budget which has to be finalised at the January meeting. No ideas had been raised at the meeting</p>	All Cllrs
<p>Item 13 Grants</p> <p>Had been taken out of order following Item 6</p>	
<p>Item 14 Planning</p> <p>One application had been received from MKCC Planning department but this was for a permitted development extension to a property so was for information only.</p> <p>There had been no further news on two previous notifications of environmental works being carried out.</p>	
<p>Item 15 Co-option of a new Councillor</p> <p>“ In Camera” 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.</p> <p>Item 16 Co-option of a new Councillor A presentation was heard from Rajeev Sharma and relevant questions asked</p>	

<p>Item 17 To discuss and vote on co-option of new Councillor</p> <p>Following discussions, it was unanimously agreed that Rajeev Sharma would be co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p> <p>Clerk to advise the successful applicant and arrange for the necessary paperwork to be signed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Item 18 Next meeting Thursday 12th January 2023</p>	

Meeting closed 7.45pm

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Chair's Name:	
Signature:	