

FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

11 Gladius Grove
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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Fairfields School 8th February 2022

	Action
<p>Item 1. Members present</p> <p>Cllr J Harris – vice Chairman As the chairman had sent his apologies Cllr J Harris took the chair Cllr R Burn Cllr P Gupta Cllr S Webb</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas Clerk</p> <p>Paul VanGeete (MKC) Louise Izod (MKC) Ward Cllr J Wilson-Marklew Adam Young (MK Utd football club) Jade Walsh prospective councillor</p> <p>6 members of the public</p>	
<p>Item 2. Apologies</p> <p>Accepted unanimously from Councillor I Hunt Chairman Ward Cllr J Hearnshaw</p>	
<p>Item 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Item 4. Public Time - Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting</p> <p>No questions had been received by the clerk and nothing was raised from the members of the public at the meeting.</p>	

<p>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the previous meeting on 11th January 2022 were approved with two minor changes required. • Change 1. Item 7 Cllr S Webb report “Stony Stratford rotary are keen to repeat next year”. The words “<i>next year</i>” were changed to “<i>in 2022</i>”. • Change 2 An addition to the Chairman’s report to include “<i>school plot drainage will be discussed with MKC in March when snagging inspection takes place</i>” • Changes were initialled, and minutes were signed off by the Chairman of the meeting 	
<p>Item 7 Reports (Ward Cllr Marklew had to leave the meeting early so her report was taken before Item 6 with approval of meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the main roads on the estate should soon take place and Cllr Marklew has requested that this be completed as soon as possible. She will reiterate that the Parish Council would like to have 20mph in place on all roads on the development before adoption takes place rather than wait until after adoption and will push this with the highways department. • Cllr Marklew will also discuss with highways if anything can be done at the crossroads formed by Apollo/Vespasian/Cicero as there had been many reports of near misses and poor driving with vehicles driving straight over the crossroads without stopping. • The work should be commencing soon on the extension of Apollo towards Whitehouse, as legal matters are in their final stage. • There will be no road gritting on Fairfields due to the loss of the bus route, Cllr Marklew will talk to highways at MKC about the route to the school. • Cllr Marklew still has some Ward Budget available and offered to help with any project. It was suggested that the Apollo Green project would be an ideal opportunity. 	
<p>Item 6 Public Art Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise Izod is the project leader on this and gave the latest information on this project which is joint between Fairfields & Whitehouse. • The website for the project is up and running and can be viewed at www.explorefw.org.uk/ there is a lot of historical information on the site as well as current. • The next stage will be to identify the “furniture” for this project, this can be a piece of creative work not necessarily sculpture but interactive items. They have already discussed this with the schools on both sites and are recruiting a local co-ordinator to bring the ideas together into a document which will provide the blueprint for the project going forward this will be a creative document not too wordy. • Cllr P Gupta is the Fairfields representative on the committee and will keep Parish Council informed of the progress. 	

<p>Item 7 Reports Cllr Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barratts have planted 29 trees to replace the dead ones around the site and have put clean bark around them. They have purchased 102 trees for planting around the perimeter which will be planted shortly. • First Port should now be maintaining most of the public areas. • Parks Trust will take over their areas as soon as they are up to the agreed standard this hand over has now been delayed until April • The newt ponds are still flooding as no extra drainage has been installed. Cllr Webb will chase this up. • The Tudor Gardens link route is still being debated but Barratts will look at putting something onto the very muddy area as a temporary measure. • The planters will be sorted out by Barratts before handover. <p>Cllr R. Burn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The article for the Public Art project has been passed to Cllr P Gupta • Articles for the Spring newsletter will be required soon. Nothing has been handed in yet. • The complaint about noise from the 3G pitch late into the evening has been sent to MK don SET no response as yet so Cllr Burn will follow up. <p>Cllr J Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The litter pick at the end of January was a success with a good turnout and 15 bags of rubbish collected. The next one will be on 27th February. Cllr Harris will contact Karl Findlay to see if he is available to do it as previously arranged. • Crime figures have been received for January from TVP and they show very low numbers for Fairfields compared to the surrounding Parishes. <p>Cllr P Gupta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem raised at the last meeting regarding the website has been sorted out and new pages set up for Agendas & Minutes 2022. The statistics for the last 12months had been produced and distributed. • A new page for the Public Art Project will be set up giving a link to the Public Art website and other information for residents. 	<p>SW</p> <p>RB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>PG</p>
<p>Item 8 MKC and developers Paul vanGeete MKC updated the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L & Q are sending 2 options for the Community Building site to MKC next week. These will then be the subject of a round table discussion with Parish Council and L & Q. • MKC are still working on the housing mix which is holding up the planning application for the retail area. • LP4 play park off Apollo Avenue has been delayed but work should be starting week commencing 14th February. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some departments from MK university Hospital are moving out to Whitehouse Health Centre to use that building as a health hub <p>No developers present</p>	
<p>Item 9 Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Finance reports for January were approved b) Payment authorisations and cheques for January were approved and signed according to the bank mandate 	
<p>Item 10 Allotments</p> <p>Two quotations had been received for the initial one year contract for the landscaping of the two allotment sites commencing in March 2022. Three others had declined to quote.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was decided to award the contract to MKGarden Works from Bletchley</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Item 11 Platinum Jubilee celebrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the January Parish council meeting the Parish had investigated having a street party on the 5th June sharing the celebrations with MK Utd football presentation day. This was proving difficult as the whole of the school area, and probably the sports hub as well would be taken up with the presentation day celebrations. Due to the emergency access required to be kept clear to the sports and school sites, it would be difficult to get permission from MKC to close the road at Apollo Avenue at the school end. MK Utd have decided to move their presentation day, possibly to one week earlier, and they would then work with the Parish and resident volunteers to organise a Jubilee celebration on the 5th June. Several residents attending the meeting agreed to help with organising the Jubilee event and it was decided to have a Scoping/Planning meeting on TEAMS on the 18th February at 6.30pm (clerk to set this up). In the meantime, a resident offered to put out some feelers regarding food wagons and local sales and food stalls and others offered to join the online meeting. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Item 12 Dog Waste Bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog waste bins have been requested by residents in the newer part of the development on Cicero Crescent beyond Marius Grove and all the side turnings from there to the top end of the development. Following a discussion, it was decided that 2 more dog waste bins would be ordered from the current budget. Cllr Webb offered to provide the Clerk with possible positions for them. Also, in the 2022/2023 budget a further amount for 3 further bins would be included so that they could be ordered as required. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>SW</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>Item 13 Apollo Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk gave a short update stating that the planting day on 12th February by Community Trees MK would include the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and the Mayor of Milton Keynes planting trees at 11am. Volunteers had registered to plant saplings during the whole day. The area had been included in the Queens Green Canopy. • Wild flower seed would be sown in the spring and bulbs planted in the Autumn. 	
<p>Item 14 Planning There had been no new planning applications applied for since the last Parish Council meeting</p>	
<p>Item 15 Next meeting 8th March 2022</p>	

Meeting closed 8.10pm

Signed.....Chairman