

# FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Fairfields School 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

	Action
<p><b>Item 1. Members present</b></p> <p>Cllr I Hunt – Chairman Cllr J Harris – vice Chairman Cllr R Burn Cllr P Gupta Cllr S Webb</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas Clerk</p> <p>Paul VanGeete (MKC) Ward Cllr J Wilson-Marklew Jade Walsh prospective councillor</p> <p>3 members of the public</p>	
<p><b>Item 2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Accepted unanimously from Ward Cllr J Hearnshaw</p>	
<p><b>Item 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest</b></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><b>Item 4. Public Time - Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting 3 questions had been received and one was added from those present at the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Question 1</b> Could consideration be given to providing lighting along the walkway from school to Maximus Court. This is a very dark area and would offer reassurance residents using the path <b>Answer</b> Paul vanGeete will investigate with Milton Keynes Council and report back <b>Question 2</b> When the site is complete, and the show homes sold will a small path be added to the area in front of the show homes linking into the</p>	<p><b>PvG</b></p>

<p>redway. Currently, to get back to the estate residents have to walk out into the road which is dangerous as the metal gates around the show homes do not give space to walk?</p> <p><b>Answer</b> The clerk will investigate with Barratts site and/or sales.to find out their intention for this area.</p> <p><b>Question 3</b> Speed de-restriction signs now missing on entering Fairfields will they be put in place and if so when?</p> <p><b>Answer</b> Clerk will investigate with Barratts site what signs are on order and timeline. Also need to get up a petition to drop the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on Fairfields. Clerk to discuss with other Parish Councils the wording of this. Cllr P Gupta to put this a survey onto website when wording is available.</p> <p><b>Meeting Question 4</b> Using the perimeter footpath with a mobility scooter is very difficult where it crosses Maximus Court, could a dropped kerb be installed so that there is a smooth ramp for mobility scooter, wheelchairs and pushchairs?</p> <p><b>Answer</b> There are dropped kerbs already installed, the problem is that the top surface hasn't been put on Maximus Court, which when it is completed would give a smooth surface. Clerk will chase up Barratts to see when the surface is going to be put on and Paul vanGeete will chase up with officers who are involved in the adoption process.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk PG</b></p> <p><b>Clerk PvG</b></p>
<p><b>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved and the minutes were signed off by the Chairman of the meeting</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 Reports</b></p> <p><b>Cllr R Burn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chased up MK Dons SET regarding noise late at night from 3G pitches. They do not rent out after 10pm which is the time as per their contract with MKC. Although sessions closing at 10pm probably mean it is sometime later before the area is totally vacated. Staff will be made aware of the problem and users will be asked to “leave the area quietly to take into account the close proximity of houses”</li> <li>• MK Dons SET haven't totally taken over the management of the Sports Hub yet as there are still some legal issues.</li> <li>• Spring newsletter articles will be required by early April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr J Harris</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime figures for February from TVP as usual are low only difference was bicycle theft</li> <li>• Litter pick in February was very successful 9 bags of rubbish was collected</li> <li>• Should we move SID back to Vespasian to help with drivers speeding into Fairfields? 2<sup>nd</sup> SID in 2022/2023 budget can now be purchased Cllr Harris will look at one in Old Stratford which is more prominent before ordering.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>JH</b></p>

<p><b>Cllr S Webb</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaping around the site appears to be beginning with some grass cut in some areas, Cllr Webb will chase up his contact at First Port to find out when whole site will be completed</li> <li>• Trees damaged by the bad storm or dead trees not replaced in February should be reported as a new list of those requiring attention is being drawn up.</li> <li>• Drainage on large play park is poor but this is in hand before handover of the area to Parks Trust</li> <li>• Siting of the dog bins was agreed and clerk instructed to go ahead with the installations as per the plan sent out by Cllr Webb</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr P Gupta</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still to publish webpage on Parish website with information and link to Public Art project.</li> <li>• Also information to be uploaded to Public Art Website</li> </ul> <p><b>Ward Councillor J Marklew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking areas behind flats are beginning to get old furniture and other household items dumped there. These will not be collected by normal waste collectors and this is now being treated as fly tipping by MKC and should be reported to them and or the developer so that offenders can be prosecuted.</li> <li>• When complaints are received about the Connect transport system, they should be forward to Cllr Marklew to follow up.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ward Cllr J Hearnshaw</b> had sent in a written report which is included as Appendix A to these Minutes</p>	<p><b>SW</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>PG</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7 MKC and Developers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Building - Following the last Parish Council meeting the expected information did not come through from L &amp; Q. they have now refined one of the options and will be sending them through next week.</li> <li>• Retail site - Barratts have sent through further information on housing mix to MKC Planning department and if this is acceptable, MKC should be in a position to approve the planning application</li> <li>• LP4 Play Park - MKC have commenced clearing the vegetation</li> <li>• Apollo Avenue extension – MKC are still waiting to hear about the legal query</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Cllr S Webb and Ward Councillor J Marklew left the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Item 8 Finance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Finance reports for February were approved</li> <li>b) Payment authorisations for February were approved and signed according to the bank mandate</li> <li>c) Budget 2022/2023 the changes to the expected expenditure on dog bin emptying were approved and the Budget ratified for the start of the year on 1<sup>st</sup> April.</li> </ol>	

<p><b>Item 9 Platinum Jubilee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a discussion, it was decided that with the delay caused by securing a venue and the shortage of volunteers, time is too short to organise the event for June 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• It was decided that the Parish council would encourage residents to have their own street parties and help where they could with funding for bunting etc. The Parish Council will also source bunting to put up around the development to give the area a festive air. Information regarding this decision to be put on facebook</li> <li>• Clerk to obtain some prices for bunting</li> </ul>	<p><b>SW/JH</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 10 Policies</b></p> <p><b>The policies were all adopted unanimously without change for a further year as follows</b></p> <p>The Planning Process Complaints Procedure Bullying &amp; Harassment Policy</p>	
<p><b>Item 11 Planning</b></p> <p>No planning applications had been received from MKC in the month</p>	
<p><b>Item 12 Co-option of new Councillor</b></p> <p>Jade Walsh gave a short presentation of her background and experience.</p>	
<p><b>“In Camera”</b></p> <p><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 Co-option of new councillor</b></p> <p>Following a short discussion, it was decided unanimously to co-opt Jade Walsh to the Parish Council and the Clerk was instructed to notify Jade and complete all the formalities</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 14 Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b></p>	

Meeting closed 8.05pm

Signed.....Chairman

## Appendix A

### Report from Ward Councillor J Hearnshaw

Just to report the following:

I have had a number of residents report in to me with regard to increased fly tipping incidents in Cercio Crescent. I have made this visible to the Environment enforcement department who have warned the perpetrators accordingly, though given waste is being tipped onto fly-tipping, and contrary to what developers have said, it is a matter for them to deal with. Sadly, I've had residents report that their emails to the relevant developers have been ignored with regard to this issue.

On another note, the bridle path at Remus Close is being reinvestigated by another officer on a site visit. Residents are upset with regard to the state it has been left in; trees and bushes removed by builders, contrary to the planning permission conditions set out. I hope to push for replanting/replacement of damaged greenery.

Another issue being investigated following reports is the lack of a right turning space for Serco HGVs at 96 -104 Cicero Crescent. This affects several properties and appears to be due to improperly constructed pathways. I'm unaware if they are built to the standard the planning applications required. If so, I will be investigating with both the waste and planning department what could be done to rectify this.

I've also had complaints about the removal of the bus route and bus stop into town/City centre. Residents are not happy with MK Connects performance in the area and would prefer the previous bus route. I am not sure if this feeling is echoed across Fairfields, but nonetheless the lack of a bus route has posed an issue for some.