

Shenley Church End Parish Council Meeting Minutes

13 September 2021 @ 7:30pm

Councillors in Attendance: Ken Brewis Christina Johnson
Ekkehard Thumm Abigail D'Souza
David Tunney Ian Pearce
Shaffiq Bostan Geetha Morla

Also in Attendance: Jane Munn

21097 To consider apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Weller, Loose, Ashby, Norfor, Puri & Cooper

21098 To accept the minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from 9 August were approved as an accurate record and were signed.

21099 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Pearce expressed an interest in planning applications 21/02584 and 21/02564

21100 To accept comments and questions from members of the public (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

21101 To note the Policing update

The update had been circulated prior to the meeting. A question about the increase in public order offences has been put to the PCSO's and the answer will be shared.

Councillor Johnson commented that a neighbour's bikes had been stolen from their garage during their absence from home. The incident felt targeted.

Actions:

To update councillors once a response was received

21102 To receive Ward Councillor reports

None were received and no Ward Councillors were present.

21103 Update from external meetings

Jane M provided an update on the number of IT meetings held in response to the IT Tender.

No Councillors had attended external meetings during August.

21104 To consider recommendations from the Community Buildings Working Group

Councillor Pearce provided an update from the meeting, the notes of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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Following discussion, it was felt there was an obligation to Crownhill to enable to the building to become more accessible. Given the potential costs involved it was felt that a slow start with the building would be necessary.

Actions:

It was **Resolved** to confirm to Milton Keynes Council that the parish were interested in the transfer of ownership of Crownhill meeting Place.

21105 To consider reports and recommendations

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed to investigate costs and requirements to establish 3 raised bed plots for those with limited mobility, particularly for wheelchair users at Powis Lane. This is subject to funding for the work being available.

Following the update from MKDP confirming a lease for the land would be considered only if the trees were included, various concerns were discussed. It was agreed that with the current additional activities on the site, the issue with vehicle access and the requirement to take over trees this was no longer a viable option.

Further discussion about the jubilee took place and several suggestions were put forward which will be followed up

Actions:

It was **Resolved** to investigate the requirements and obtain costings for the plot alterations.

To confirm to MKDP that the parish would not be taking the project forward

To investigate the possibility of a mosaic in the reading garden to celebrate the Jubilee, a reading library and brighter planting

21106 Play Area Update

The entries to the competition had been reviewed by Phil Snell from Milton Keynes Council and a shortlist provided. Given the number of entries it was agreed to offer 2 age group prizes, with the overall winner being invited to open the park once complete. An additional £100 was agreed for the 2nd age group.

There were several similar requests, and it was noted that the young people highlighted areas of environmental concern. It was agreed that a theme for part of the park would be the best way forward.

Councillor Johnson asked for timescales and whether the park could be completed to tie in with the Jubilee

Actions:

It was **Resolved** to provide an additional £100 for prizes for the competition

JM will ask about timescales and the possibility of a Jubilee opening

21107 Aldwycks Field

Milton Keynes Council have had an approach from a cricket club to take on Aldwycks Field and the parish councils view has been sought.

Following discussion, it was felt that whilst there were reservations, the original plans for the area did have organised activities on the field. Any proposals should be considered carefully

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in view of the amount of time the area has been available as open access and the following were initial concerns:

- Parking (45 spaces) was considered to be insufficient for any organised team activity and this would have to be addressed.
- The area should remain available to use by the community
- Any work that is needed should be undertaken within minimum impact on the local community
- Any club that looks to take on the area must be able to self-fund the project. The Parish Council will not make any contributions

Actions:

It was **Resolved** to respond to Milton Keynes Council with our concerns

21108

Planning

21/02525 Gainsborough Close Single storey extension & garage conversion

There were no objections provided a condition is set that the development is used only as ancillary accommodation for members of the family and not as an independently occupied dwelling.

21/02395 Oakhill play area Timber play equipment on grass

The council supports this application. Following a survey with the residents 90% of respondents agreed there was a need for a play area in this area.

21/02524 Shenley Road Alteration to existing conservatory

No objections

21/02564 Piggot Drive Replacement low timber fence with 1.4m high brick wall to front

Councillor Pearce did not take part in the decision making for this application

No objections

21/02303 Morland Drive Part 2 storey and part single storey rear Extension

No objections

21/02516 V2 Extension Road layout proposals for the V2 extension Grange Farm

Objection. The council accept that the road will go ahead however we are frustrated that the concerns raised during the meeting earlier this year have not been taken into consideration and the plan submitted is the same.

Young people will cross the road at whatever point is convenient to them, they will not all use the crossing points provided. It is recommended that the speed approaching and outside the school is 20 mph as it is in other areas of MK. The speed for the remainder of the road should be at a maximum of 30 mph.

The proposal for at grade crossings is disappointing. Whilst it is understood that the provision of underpasses or overpasses requires more land, this should have been factored in when the corridor was reserved as MK design should always include underpasses. The possibility of an

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underpass should be considered where the junction for the potential H4 extension is being built.

21/02584 St Marys Church

Notification of intention to cut back or thin out with removal of some of the trunks of Sycamore Trees

Councillor Pearce did not take part in the decision making for this application.

The council can see that work is needed on these trees. It is hoped that a full report from an Arboriculturist will identify the work needed and that the trees are retained as much as possible. The council would ask that once any work is agreed that they are provided more information.

Actions:

It was **Resolved** to respond to the applications as agreed.

21109 Financial matters

The payments authorised to date are:

Oakley Cleaning	Windows Cartshed	£30.00
Salaries	September	£8,265.40
Warners	Allotments August & July	£450.00
Brooknight	Security August	£556.45
Elcam	Kitchen & outdoor area Oxley	£18,732.00
Neal Landscapes	Grounds Oxley & Cartshed work	£834.00
MKPA	Summer events	£744.00
	Annual hire 4x machine & cabinet & 1 off	
Defib Machines	deposit	£4,104.00
Prokleen	Cleaning July all sites	£1469.37
FCS	Windows Medbourne	£141.60
SGS	Medbourne grounds	£1,152.00
Qtac	Payroll August	£31.75
SLCC	Training Events	£108.00
Kent Electrical	Defib installation	£1632.00
Finishing Touches	Decoration Medbourne & Oxley	£1,900.00
Amazon	Diaries, toilet brushes	£123.87
Oxley Academy	Electric June & July	£804.38
HMRC	September	£2,227.06
Pension	September	£3,227.41
Deposit refunds	August hires (3)	£350.00
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A grant request has been received from MK YMCA for £1,00 towards their Access to Employment and Welfare fund which was approved.

Following work on the parish office printer the cost of repairs is estimated to be £1,100. Given the age of the printer it has been recommended that the printer is replaced. The recommendation was accepted.

The insurance renewal from Hiscox was reviewed. The quote from Aviva has not yet been received and the renewal date is 1 October. The 3-year deal with Hiscox was agreed to be best value on the information provided.

Actions:

It was **Resolved** to award a grant of £1,000 to MK YMCA

It was **Resolved** to replace the printer with a similar model when the printer stops working or the new IT contract is confirmed (whichever is soonest)

It was **Resolved** to renew the insurance with Hiscox for a 3-year period unless a further quote is received which the Clerk considers better value.

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