



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH
DECEMBER 2020, 7.30PM**

Held virtually using MS Teams under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllrs Nigel Cox (NC) – Chair, Jenni Ferrans (JF), Sharon Smith (SS), Paul Grindley (PG), Vikas Chandra (VC), Glen Dersley (GD), Lou Fisher (LF)

Public Open Session: There were no members of the public present

Ward Councillor Report: (JF)

104/202	Apologies: Cllr Taimyr Boungou Pouaty (Work Commitment). Accepted and approved
105/2020	Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
106/2020	Chair’s Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Harrington has resigned from the Parish Council • Agenda item 117/2020 will be deferred to a later date
107/2020	Decision Required: Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 th November 2020 were agreed and approved as a true and correct record
108/2020	Fixed item: Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Payments to note Noted b) Payments to approve None to approve c) Appeals for funding None to consider
109/2020	Fixed item: Planning Applications/Notifications. To agree any comments or objections to planning applications. To note Certificates of Lawfulness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Application no: 20/03169/CLUP. Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed new porch to be constructed at 3 square metres (external) at: 100 Blanchland Circle, Monkston, Milton Keynes, MK10 9FL Noted
110/2020	Fixed Item: Decision Required: Licencing Applications None to consider
111/2020	Fixed Item: Decision Required: Consultations To consider and agree a response, if any, to current consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Draft Milton Keynes Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document Comments must be received no later than 5.00pm on 23 November 2020. Consultation closed. No comment. b) Local Government Association Committee for Standards in Public Life Consultation extended until 29th January 2021. Members to respond as individuals unless it is later considered prudent to respond as a body
112/2020	Decision Required: Draft Service Plan 2021/22 To make any comments on the draft service plan for 2021/22. To approve and adopt the plan. Amendments to make: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to cover 3 year period (2021-2024) • Add column to prioritise items • Identify the items that will have a direct impact on Council finances • Insert word ‘investigate’ between the words ‘commence immediately’ in When column
113/2020	Decision Required: Budget 2021/22 Preliminary discussion ahead of formal budget setting in January.

114/2020	<p>Decision Required: Environmental Improvements. To receive and agree the Environment working Group's reports and to agree the recommendations within.</p> <p>A) Think 20 Signs Agreed £2000 for signs and brackets. Agreed locations.</p> <p>B) Benches on Monkston Park Agreed £2000 for benches and bases. Type of bench to be agreed.</p> <p>C) Replacement of dead/dying trees Agreed £4000 for trees, planting and watering in. Locations to be finalised.</p> <p>D) Bin at Monkston Park Shops Agreed to take over emptying of bin once per week. Add to contractor's list.</p>
115/2020	<p>Decision Required: Ulverscroft Play Area Improvements To receive report from Cllrs Cox and Ferrans and to consider and agree the recommendations</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>1) To ringfence the £10,000 from this year's Play Area Improvements budget for the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>2) Agreed to allocate an additional £14,000 from the 2021/22 budget to fund Ulverscroft play area improvements, with MKC contributing a further £5800.</p> <p>3) Agreed to asking MKC to provide an alternative to the sleeper goal posts.</p> <p>4) Agreed to go out to consultation with the approx. 500 houses in the vicinity of the park.</p>
116/2020	<p>Decision Required: Sweetlands Corner Pond To agree to help fund the installation of a non-slip surface to the decking at Sweetlands Corner Pond area. Requested contribution from Milton Keynes Council is £550. Agreed.</p>
117/2020	<p>Decision required: HR Committee Under Standing Order 4(b), to agree to co-opt Jane Harrington as a non-Councillor member of the HR Committee for the purpose of finalising the Clerk's appraisal. To agree to co-opt Dan Hippey as a non-Councillor member of the HR Committee. Item deferred.</p>
118/2020	<p>Councillor and Clerk Updates To update the meeting on any activities/projects being carried out within the Council/Parish</p> <p>Clerk update:</p> <p>Allotments. Hedge Work at MP completed, wildlife strip has been reinstated. Clerk & PG met with Paul Newman Homes; suggested they could contribute a new security fence and gate at each end of wildlife strip. Possibility of removing rotten fence. PNH will come back with answer.</p> <p>Bin Maintenance Tender Closes 5pm tomorrow, 15th Dec. 3 bids received so far.</p> <p>MKPA Craft Bags Due for collection on 16th Dec. Clerk to collect and advertise on website, social media, word of mouth.</p> <p>MK Citizens Advice Bureau Clerk met with MKCAB to discuss provision for next year. Only offering a one year agreement at present due to uncertainty around Covid19 restrictions going forward. Offering digital advice sessions exclusively for Parish residents, with the possibility of offering socially distanced face to face sessions, depending on Covid restrictions in force at the time. Cost to Council to remain the same.</p> <p>Round Robin of Cllr updates (JF) Bushes cut on Lindisfarne Drive. JF to circulate copy of letter to send to residents.</p>
119/2020	<p>Items for future agendas None</p>

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th January 2020, 7.30pm.

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____