



LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 11th July 2016

Present: Mrs D Campion (Chairman), Mr A Tourle, Mr M Rutherford, Mr S Axtell, Mrs J Brushwood (Clerk)

Ward Councillors: Cllr K McLean, Cllr P Geary

Apologies: Mr D Tomkins (Chairman), Cllr D Hosking

1. The Chairman welcomed those present, apologies for absence were noted from Mr D Tomkins and Cllr D Hosking
2. **The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of 13th June 2016 were confirmed and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests on Agenda items** – none
4. **Public Question Time** – around 50 members of public attended to discuss the proposed development of 21 houses at the back of Castle Road and leading to The Glebe. Cllr Geary explained that a planning application in open countryside would normally have been rejected but MKC currently do not have enough land to satisfy their 5 year plan. This application is not an application for the size or type of property but merely to determine access. This is to determine the principle then they will return to decide the type. To make clear, the Parish Council have no authority in the process, Ward Councillors are able to ask for it to be taken to committee. 5th August is only the date that a decision cannot be made before. The next Development Control Committee it can go to is in September. Drainage and flooding problems in the area were raised but these can all be overcome therefore are not a good enough reason for objecting. The NPPF National Planning Policy Framework and MKC Core Strategy (which will be replaced by Plan:MK) should be read to find a policy that would be a reason for refusal. A Heritage issue, judgement reason, loss of amenity value or a lack of view or privacy will be a more robust reason for objecting, as will sustainability, if you can argue it's not a link to bus routes or integration. Cllr Geary was thanked and applauded. Public left the meeting.
5. **Ward Councillors' Reports**
MK20:50 is a visioning group looking at how MK will develop. MK currently has 268,000 residents, they want to increase that to 400,000 and keep it growing, they are in talks of what makes a city. This will be presented 20th July and the ward councilors will attend and report back to the parishes. It includes a university and a provision for everyone who wants to learn can learn. The grid roads work but with added 50% traffic it will put pressure on them. Public transport needs to have serious consideration. MK wants to be a city of culture. The waterways link is still in the plan and there is a strong will for it to be developed.

JB to book the village hall for a public meeting in approximately 2 weeks, WC's to invite Highways and Planning to report at the meeting. SA to create new section on the website to keep residents informed there and on the PLC facebook page. Section 106 agreement has to be in place at this stage.

6. Finance Report

- a. Payments and receipts were presented for June 2016, all approved.
- b. Bins to be purchased. Responsive design website

6. Other On-going Issues:

- a. **Landscaping** – a landscape contractor has been appointed to cut the grass until the end of this season. AT has done extensive research into the purchase and housing of our own equipment and to employ someone 1-2 days a week, further research to be done before a decision is made. All agreed it would be a good idea.
- b. **Planning inc Plan:MK** – as above
- c. **Cemetery** – CP team have removed the wall at the top of the path. Soakaway has been dug.
- d. **Pavilion** – Pre-school have requested a reduction in hall hire rate, agreed for the first half term in September.
- e. **Allotments** – request from a Turvey resident to occupy the remaining vacant plot with her hens, it was agreed to approve.
- f. **The Old School** – none
- g. **Land Registry** – none
- h. **NAG** – the road safety officer has left MKC, speeding was the main topic with plans to get more SID units in the borough.
- i. **Flooding** – update from Rob Ward was read out, September should be the date by which much action will have been taken.

9. Matters Arising:

- a: **For information** –
Next Monthly Parish Council meeting is Monday 12th September 2016.
- b: **For future agendas** -

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Dated:.....