



# LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Annual Meeting to the Village** held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

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Present: Mr D Tomkins (Chairman), Mrs D Campion (Vice-Chairman), Mr M Rutherford,  
Mrs J Brushwood (Clerk)  
Ward Councillors: Cllr D Hosking, Cllr P Geary  
Apologies: Mr S Axtell, Mr A Tourle, Cllr K McLean

1. The Chairman welcomed those present, apologies for absence were noted from Mr Axtell, Mr Tourle and Cllr K McLean.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting to the Village of 2015 were approved.
3. Chairs Report – The Chairman introduced the councillors and thanked them for the support and hard work, all make a positive and voluntary contribution to the community. It's been a busy year with improvements in the village. The Parish Copse opposite the cemetery has come on leaps and bounds, the community payback team spending many Saturdays up there clearing the ground and laying pathways, the school children have planted trees as part of their forest education. Bulbs have been planted and seeds sown A pond has been dug courtesy of High Street Homes, which is soon to be landscaped Speaking of High Street Homes, it is anticipated that the Salt Box will be completed by August and I hope you agree that it's looking good.

We have continued to keep the cemetery looking nice and tidy and have installed planters at the entrances to the village. These were acquired with a grant from our Ward Councillors for which I thank them. The other thing I'd like to mention is the repainting of the village sign at the bottom of Harrold Road, done beautifully buy our councillor Debs Campion, thank you Debs.

We have installed a table football and 2 outdoor table tennis tables. We have some bats and balls in the office which can be borrowed. We are looking at purchasing some outdoor gym equipment. I would appreciate your input as to what you think the village needs by contacting any of the councillors or the office or by email.

We are still using the Speed Indicator Devices but they do have to be shared between Olney, Weston Underwood, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville. Speeding is always a problem, as is dog fouling and litter picking, we do have Jack Pearce to thank for volunteering to litter pick as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

I would also like to thank our Ward Councillors Keith McLean, Peter Geary and Dave Hosking for their time and effort in supporting Lavendon. We now have 5 councillors, Kaye and Dave have other commitments and Kate has stepped down after 15 years' service as Councillor, Vice and Chairman.

Is it a good thing that decisions regarding the village are made by just 5 people? We appeal for volunteers to join us, if we lose any more councillors for whatever reason we may be taken over by MKC and centrally controlled.

**Ward Councillors Report** – Cllr Geary spoke for the Ward Councillors Hosking and McLean and advised that the burglaries were not as bad as the national paper suggested and there was a risk of it becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy by attracting thieves into the area.

Flooding was being addressed by Rob Ward.

Plan:MK – MKC have a statutory requirement to have a plan, they proposed 4 options and WC’s responded fairly to MKC under legal challenge to the 50 year term.

Minerals - has gone through the final stage of MKC’s planning and gone to the inspector for public enquiry. Once it’s been to the inspector and decisions have been made WC’s will recommend ratification which will take another 3 years.

**Police Report** – PC Andy Hipkin introduced himself as a local of the village and taken over responsibility for rural and wildlife. There are now just 5 PCSO’s and 1 sergeant based at Newport Pagnell. Andy stated that they would rather hear from the public than not, if they don’t know about an incident then they cannot respond to it or even link it to another possible incident and thereby create a picture. Although 7 burglaries is not many, it is considering the size of the village and that there were none last year. They have stopped now. The national paper did take their information from insurance claims rather than from reported burglaries. The drop in advice session on Saturday is to give information on how to make life difficult for the thieves and to keep vigilant. ANPR cameras are being considered by Phil Ayes, it may be possible to buy them ourselves. Speeding is a perpetual problem.

**Rob Ward** – the flood model at Tattal End has proven effective. The highways drainage network in Lavendon is very old. The collapsing stone drains outside the school have been rebuilt. Not all the drains link up as they should and are smaller than they should be. A programme of activities to the flood alleviation works and maps showing potential flood storage areas and baseline flood extents were presented. Drainage CCTV works were undertaken to better understand the position going forward.

The Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Board needs to be consulted, need land owners and planning permission and surveys but MKC is committed to solving the problem.

**The Stone Yard** – The owners of the Stone Yard Nick South and Nicole Murray along with their planning consultant Hannah introduced a plan concept of farmhouse style 2-3 bed bungalows and 2 larger barn type houses. Moving the entrance to the site towards the village and suggested having a covenant to allow only older people from the village for the bungalows. A feedback form was left.

A copy of the year’s finances are available, there were no questions about them.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman invited everyone to stay and have refreshments.

The meeting closed and refreshments were served

Signed:.....Chairman

Dated:.....2017