

## MILLBROOK PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Millbrook Parish Meeting which took place on Wednesday, 6 November 2019 at Millbrook Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm

Present: 10 residents; Julia Shayler, Aeone Shrimpton, Chris Shrimpton, Theresa Evan, Alistair Wright, Jennie Thomas, Ann Summerlin, Mike Edward, Alison Smith, Ade Cleverley + Julie Todd – Clerk, Cllr Sue Clark, Cllr Robert Morris

### 336. Apologies

Roger Evan, Martin Hughes and Cllr Ken Matthews

### 337. CBC Councillors' Reports

Cllr Morris reported:

Ward Councillor Grant – each ward councillor has a grant of £2,000 to spend on small capital projects. Match funding will be needed. Full details:

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/42/stronger\\_communities/678/community\\_grants/2](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/42/stronger_communities/678/community_grants/2). There will be a larger fund (grants of up to £20,000) – details will be available next month.

Keep Britain Tidy/Litter Picks – details of this fund/initiative will be made available early 2020.

Highways – a number of issues are still outstanding – blocked drains, street lights and Station Road repairs. Cllr Clark reported that tenders are currently being sought for the works on Station Road which will then be completed in three months time.

Cllr Clark reported:

Warren Farm – the planning application for plant training has been refused. Enforcement made an unannounced visit to the site on 29/10/19. Noted some conifers had been felled and there were portakabins, septic tanks and plant equipment on site. No evidence of residential use. There will be a second inspection in next couple of weeks. Discussion followed re generator running all night, arc lights and a complaint has been made to Environmental Services by a resident re burning of rubbish. Mike Duffett, Principal Planning Officer: Enforcement Direct telephone: 0300 300 4801 Email: [mike.duffett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mike.duffett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) is the key contact and representations should be made to him.

Local Plan – The Planning Inspector has replied and CBC are currently working on response. Main issue for Millbrook – warehousing at Junction 13 has been questioned. Marston Vale project is now in obedience.

Marshall Aerospace – are looking to relocate from Cambridge Airport and are looking at four sites including Cranfield. This will be in 2030 and could mean 1,450 engineering jobs with approximately a third of current staff moving to the new site. There would be one plane movement (Hercules) per day.

Increased HGV Traffic – Martin Hughes, CPG has offered to host a meeting. CBC councillors will be invited together with CSO as police are responsible for enforcing highway

regulations. A new 7.5 ton weight restriction is now in place at Brogborough and this might mean a reduction in HGV traffic through the village.

Sandhill Close Opening – CBC Highways have no money to pursue this project.

Action: Cllr Clark to follow up with Paul Salmon, CBC Highways

Speed Humps – the white triangles need repainting. Action: Clerk to report to CBC Highways.

No. 34 Bus Stop on A507 – no progress. Action: Cllr Morris to follow up.

### **338. Minutes of 15 May 2018**

It was proposed by Aeone Shrimpton that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2019 be accepted as a true record of events. This was seconded by Theresa Evan with all in agreement.

### **339. Matters Arising**

Tree Survey – tree survey was conducted and a resistograph test undertaken on the chestnut tree by the playing field gate which proved to be satisfactory.

Dog Bins + Notices – now in place.

### **340. Reports/Updates**

i Local Plan - See Cllr Clark's report above.

ii Planning

Warren Farm – See Cllr Clark's report above.

iii Traffic Calming

Discussion re chicanes. A resident suggested a village group be set up to discuss possible traffic calming measures. If anyone is interested in this group please contact the clerk: juliemtodd@hotmail.co.uk.

iv Covanta/Millbrook Power

Nothing to report.

### **341. Correspondence**

Circulated by email and at meeting.

### **342. Finance inc 2020/21 Precept**

Finance spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting:

Current account: £8,610.43

Deposit account: £488.18

Payment /to be made: Neil Gates – grass cutting - £80

2020/21 Precept – A 3% increase in line with RPI was proposed by Jennie Thomas and seconded by Ann Summerlin and agreed unanimously. 2020/21 precept £5,400.

Grass Cutting -Teresa Evan agreed to ask the village hall committee if they would like to contribute to the cost of grass cutting. A welcome contribution of £400 was made last year.

Action: Teresa Evan

### **343. Open Forum**

Sandhill Road hedge needs cutting back. Action: Clerk to write to Bedford Estates.

### **344. Any Other Business**

20 mph Speed Limit – it was agreed this would be highly advantageous. Action: Cllr Morris to pursue.

Ward Boundary – currently Millbrook sits within Cranfield/Marston Moreteyne and it was agreed that there is more affinity with Ampthill – proximity, schools catchment, postcode. It was agreed that parish councillors would look into this. Action: Chris Shrimpton and Jennie Thomas.

Village Hall Overflow Car Parking – the village hall committee are looking at possible sites for overflow car parking (20-25 vehicles) and floated the idea of using part of the playing field behind the play equipment. Discussion followed – entrance/exit on Sandhill Close, change of use of land.

### **345. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 13 May 2020

Meeting closed @ 2130.