

MINUTES OF MILLBROOK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Due to Covid-19 restrictions this meeting was held virtually over Zoom

Present: Chris Shrimpton; Aeone Shrimpton; Jennie Thomas; Alyson Smith; Ann Summerlin; Jemmie Elson; Philip Elson; CBC Cllr Sue Clark; Julie Todd (clerk)

356. Apologies

Cllrs Robert Morris and Ken Matthews.

357. CB Councillor's Report

Warren Farm – Cllr Clark has written to Richard Proctor, Head of Enforcement, CBC reinforcing MPM's concerns re the activities on the sites and asked for action/inspection to be taken soonest. The "container hedge" which was erected post the fire is an eyesore, there are dead trees across the track, generally the area is a mess despite being an Area of Great Landscape Value. Also the sites are working at weekends. Cllr Clark agreed to visit the site. *Action: SC*

Covanta – CBC will be using facility for residual waste.

Marston Vale Stakeholder Group – next meeting will be focussing on traffic.

Church Footpath – the bottom of the footpath has been repaired. The footpath up to the church is in a poor state – overgrown and banks collapsing. It was agreed Chris Shrimpton would email Cllr Clark footpath number who will then follow up with CBC. *Action: CS/SC*

358. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 6 August 2020

It was proposed by Chris Shrimpton and seconded by Ann Summerlin that the minutes from the meeting held on 6 August 2020 be signed as a true record with all in agreement.

359. Matters Arising

Grass Cutting – Chris Shrimpton thanked the Village Hall Committee for the donation of £400.

Local Plan Examination – Chris Shrimpton will be attending on 11/12/20 and will raise findings of the Lidlington Action Group's traffic survey. The report recommends restrictions (eg chicanes) are put in place before the building of the houses starts in Lidlington, Stewartby, Wixams and Flitwick.

Hedges – Clerk emailed Bedford Estates 07/09/20. The hedges have not been cut and it was agreed that they need to be regularly trimmed throughout the year. Clerk to email Bedford Estates requesting the hedges be cut and if they would be agreeable for the village to undertake cuts too. *Action: Clerk*

Outstanding from 08/08/20:

20mph Speed Limit – walking through the village is becoming increasingly dangerous with the volume and size of the traffic. This has been exacerbated during lockdown with cyclists using the pavement. Cllr Morris confirmed that Sandhill Close fits within the requirements for a lower speed limit and reported that there is funding under a "greener life" initiative and reducing the speed limit could come under this fund.

Action: Cllr Morris to pursue with Cllr Jamieson

360. Reports/Updates

I Local Plan – see 359 above.

II Planning

CB/20/03266/FULL Manor Park Farm - refused

CB/20/03390/FULL Millbrook Proving Ground – security lodge extension – approved

CB/20/03014/FULL Millbrook Proving Ground – sub station – awaiting decision

CB/19/02670/FULL Warren Farm Appeal – "allowed with conditions"

III Traffic Calming – Speedwatch – it was agreed that this could be a good instrument to slow the traffic in the village and gather data. Ann Summerlin to discuss with Alyson Smith. *Action: AS*

MPM – 09/12/20

IV Covanta/Millbrook Power – see 357.

V. S106 Funding for Outdoor Sport and Green Infrastructure in Ampthill and Flitwick –
unfortunately Millbrook recreation ground falls just outside the funding zone.

361. Correspondence

None

362. Finance inc 2021/22 Precept

The financial accounts were circulated prior to the meeting:

Current Account: £11,439.41

Deposit Account: £1,288.79

Precept – projected spend of the end of the financial year is approximately £850. Areas of expenditure for 2021/22 include Speedwatch equipment, play equipment and repairs, tree survey. Chris Shrimpton proposed raising the precept by £100 to £5,500 this was seconded by Jennie Thomas and passed unanimously. *Action: Clerk*

363. Open Forum

Footpaths – discussion around narrowness of road footpaths and the danger of walking through the village.

Station to MPG Footpath – no monies for building. Proposal was for 3 metre wide path. At the moment there is no immediate prospect of it being built.

Village Clean – Spring 2021.

364. Any Other Business

None.

365. Date of Next Meeting

May 2021. The meeting closed at 20.34.

Signed Date