

## MINUTES OF MILLBROOK PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, 24 November 2021

Present: Chris Shrimpton; Jennie Thomas; CBC Cllr Sue Clark; 13 residents; Julie Todd (clerk)

### 381. Apologies

Martin Hughes and Cllrs Robert Morris and Ken Matthews.

### 382. Martin Hughes, Managing Director, UTAC

Apologies sent – no report.

### 383. CB Councillors' Report

Ward Councillor Sue Clark reported:

Warren Farm – Richard Proctor, CBC Head of Enforcement aware of situation and will visit the site again with Cllr Clark. Cllr Clark stressed it is important to keep a record of activity/incidents. It was stated that this breach of planning had been going on for some two years. Lorries have been blocking the road to the church and this has led to a deterioration of the surface. Fires should only be burning green material.

Traffic Survey in Sandhill Close – it is unclear who requested the survey – CBC Highways are not aware. It was agreed it would be useful to have sight of the data.

HGV Reporting – the reporting of activity via email does not work. Cllr Dalgarno is investigating potential broken link.

Marston Vale – consultations taking place with the stakeholder group including the Design Brief. The final Design Brief will be considered by CBC DMC. New consultation expected in 2022 on new information. Discussion on CBC approach vs Milton Keynes Council's process and the Local Plan. At the Local Plan inquiry the inspectors considered CBC's approach to be reasonable. Chris Shrimpton expressed his concern re the traffic implications of the development and the impact it will have on Millbrook. The traffic meetings are to be held in Spring 2022. Currently services and infrastructure are not adequate to support needs now. It was stated that some of the infrastructure will be put in place at the beginning of the project.

Footpaths – it was agreed Cllr Clark would contact CBC Highways re making a footpath all the way up/down Sandhill Close and a paved footpath to MPG.

### 384 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 28 April 2021

It was proposed by Jennie Thomas and seconded by Ann Summerlin that the minutes from the meeting held on 28 April 2021 be signed as a true record with all in agreement.

### 385. Matters Arising

Trailers for Millbrook Proving Ground – the preferred route for traffic is issued to all of MPG's clients however it is impossible to enforce. Event organisers/new suppliers are the main offenders. It was stressed it is important to report all transgressions.

Hedges – Bedford Estates have agreed to cut the hedge once a year. Hedge cutting restrictions do not apply if it is for road safety. It was agreed to ask Jack Tompkins/Neil Gates to undertake a cut.

Pavement + Overgrown Hedges – Clerk to draft a letter to be sent to households. *Action: Clerk*

Station Lane – laying of the power cable is almost finished. Jennie Thomas raised again the possibility of a footpath however this lies with CBC.

*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*

**386. Reports/Updates**

I Planning

- Marston Vale – see above
- CB/21/04809/REG3 - Crematorium off Fordfield Road – revised planning application. It was agreed MPM would send a letter of objection.
- CB/21/04416/VOC 1 Russell Grove – no objection
- CB/21/00639/VOC + CB/21/02984/VOC Warren Farm – both refused
- CB/21/02115/FULL Lower Farm – permission granted for 6 dwellings
- CB/21/03309/FULL the Rabbitry – converting stables to kennels – refused

II Traffic Calming – see above.

III Covanta - now working 24/7 for the last 4/5 months.

IV Millbrook Power – starting construction in 2022.

**387. Finance inc 2022/23 Precept**

The financial accounts were circulated prior to the meeting:

Current Account: £12,760.05

Deposit Account: £1,288.88

Precept – projected spend of the end of the financial year is approximately £500, therefore carrying forward £13,000. Areas of expenditure for 2022/23 include play equipment and repairs. Aeone Shrimpton proposed a precept of £6,000 this was seconded by Jennie Thomas and passed unanimously. *Action: Clerk*

Grass Cutting – it was agreed to ask the Village Hall committee for a contribution. *Action: Clerk*

**388. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Queen’s Green Canopy**

It was agreed to purchase an Acer Campestre Queen Elizabeth for the recreation ground to mark the Platinum Jubilee and register on the Queen’s Green Canopy site. *Action: Clerk*  
Village fete planned for 12 or 19 June.

**388. Correspondence**

None

**389. Open Forum**

Green Lane/BOAT – currently closed for resurfacing.

Village Clean – Spring 2022.

**364. Any Other Business**

None.

**365. Date of Next Meeting**

May 2022. The meeting closed at 21.14.

Signed ..... Date .....