



# LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Annual Meeting to the Village** held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

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

1. The Chairman welcomed those present, apologies for absence were noted from Mr M Rutherford, Cllr P Geary and Cllr K McLean.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting to the Village of 2014 are yet to be concluded.
3. Chairs Report – The Chairman introduced the councillors and thanked them for the support and hard work put in, all make a positive and voluntary contribution to the community.

Litter and dog fouling is regrettably an ongoing concern and we ask that if everyone who sees litter can pick a bit up it can make a positive effect.

The defibrillator is in place on the wall of the Village Hall and a number of residents attended a training session in January. Thankfully it has not yet been needed.

Still plenty of potholes but Olney Road is finally scheduled to be resurfaced.

Flood alleviation works were presented by MKC at the Parish meeting showing the proposed works.

The Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are regularly installed at various locations by volunteers, although they are shared with other villages. The information assists the police in speed control issues.

Solar panels have been installed on the Pavilion roof which will produce a positive income for the Parish.

The Parish Field opposite the cemetery has now been renamed the Parish Copse, which will be a valuable asset to the school children in their nature studies. Introducing:

**Neil Phelp** from Thames Valley Community Payback Scheme – Offenders on the CP scheme are required to spend on average 40-100 hours service. The Saturday team are made up of people who have a week day job, so they are often tradespeople with considerable and varied skills which we can take advantage of. When Neil joined the team they were stone picking at the cemetery, this led to numerous projects around the village until the discovery of the Parish Copse, which has been a very rewarding project to work on. The chaps take pride in their work and work extremely hard for the village projects.

The Chairman introduced the developer of the Salt Box:

**Rob Ebsworth** from High Street Homes has worked with the Parish Council to achieve what the village wanted in the way of 2 x 2 beds starter type homes, 2 x 2/3 bed with possible ground floor living retirement type homes, 1 x 4 bed and 4 x 6 bed homes. The smaller cottages will be built before the larger ones and should all be finished within about a year.

The Chairman thanked Rob for the work on the car park and the pond in the Parish Copse.

**Ward Councillors Report** – Cllr David Hosking spoke on behalf of himself and Cllr Peter Geary and Cllr Keith McLean who were both attending other meetings. With regard to ward wide issues in the last 12 months; the proposed gravel extraction sites in Lavendon, Sherington and Lathbury, MKC is undertaking a further round of land searches.

Ousedale school has confirmed its admissions policy that catchment has priority over musical aptitude so that was a successful outcome, particularly for children of Lavendon who would have a greater distance to travel. The meeting at the school was well attended and pressure was put on the head and governors, so congratulations to everyone who contributed.

Three areas of road resurfacing to be undertaken B565, Olney Road and A428 Northampton road is great but the A428 cemetery to Cold Brayfield is considerably worse and needs attention, DH will take this up with MKC.

Public Question – when will anything be done about the derelict house at the bottom of Olney Road DH to find out.

Public Question – traffic calming outside the combined school and village hall needs urgent attention, it has become case of an accident waiting to happen, with parents parking and through traffic not slowing down even for the pedestrian lights. Andy Perry offered to take this on.

**Police Report** – due to retire in June, Andy Perry was presented with the “obligatory humiliation” of an extremely large hand made medal, along with a retirement gift to thank him for the work he has done for the village.

Andy gave some examples of the highs and lows of community policing and noted that the crime figures in Lavendon for 2014-2015 were 31 offences, down from 33 in 2013 – 2014; none of which were serious, they are considered low level offences from fly tipping to wasting police time, showing Lavendon is a safe and nice village to live in.

With regard to speeding, SIDs have shown that there is a speeding issue in the village, more speed enforcement deployments will need to be put in place. The zig zags in front of the school that seem to have no effect on parking and speeding, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. Andy advised that there are two types of zig zags, advisory and enforceable, he suggested putting pressure on MKC. Rob Ebsworth mentioned that as part of the Salt Box development, they will be putting a gated entrance to the village with dragons teeth to highlight the entrance to the village.

The Chairman introduced Heather Baker who was representing MKC Public Realm Service Group, there were no public questions for Heather and the Chairman thanked her for her support of the village.

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

The Chairman thanked the Ward Councillors Keith McLean, Peter Geary and David Hosking for their support, assistance and guidance over the last 12 months.

4. Public Question Time – There was surprise that when voting there was an additional slip with regard to MK Plan, as it was felt inappropriate that residents here should vote. David Hosking replied that he

understood it was considered that as everyone uses CMK that everyone should have a say, he knows that it did get passed but he will get clarity.

With regard to the defibrillator, not everyone was aware of its existence or of the training given. Public were assured that the first call in an emergency was always 999, they know of our defibrillator and would instruct accordingly, it would not be possible to use it without first calling 999, as they have the code to allow access and would give explicit instruction to its whereabouts, the access and then its use, all while an ambulance is on route. JB to put more detail on the website.

Additionally, we are lucky to have two volunteers in the village, one of which is Debs Campion a councillor, who are booked to be trained as First Responders. Again, having called 999, they will know who they are and will contact them directly as required. Should anyone else wish to join Debs to be trained as a First Responder then please contact the clerk.

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

The meeting closed and refreshments were offered

Signed:.....Chairman

Dated:.....2017