

Campbell Park Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 15th March 2022
at the Discovery Suite 1, The Christian Centre, Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook
commencing at 7.30pm**

The meeting was open to the Public

205/21

Members Present

Cllr T Baines (Chair)	Cllr K Kent
Cllr V Dixon	Cllr F Mensah
Cllr T Fraser	Cllr C Odunewu
Cllr B Greenwood	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr K Jones	Cllr D Priest
Cllr K Kavarana	Cllr D Reynolds
Cllr D Kendrick	

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

206/21

Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Golding – holiday
Cllr P Halton-Davis - unwell
Cllr J Howard – unwell
Cllr N Oguntola – work commitment
Cllr M Petchey – unwell

At this point, the Chair requested that agenda items 10 & 11 (recorded as minute numbers 217/21 and 218/21) be heard in order to allow the newly Co-opted Councillor to participate in the meeting.

Council agreed to move the items to the start of the meeting.

207/21

Declarations of Interest

None

208/21

Members of the Public Present

One member of the public present.

Signed (Chair).....

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209/21 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 15th February 2022

The Minutes of the meeting, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

210/21 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None received.

211/21 Chair’s Report

The Chair reported on the recent meeting of MKALC where the three e-scooter companies currently operating in MK made presentations (previously circulated to councillors). Concern was shared with regard to the lack of enforcement by TVP and the ability of the operators to carry out functions such as locating abandoned units and the use of speed limiting technology.

212/21 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reported that, following a recent meeting of the Communications Working Group which was inquorate, it was necessary for Council to consider delegating authority for a decision on a proposal from CloudyIT which will upgrade our security and lock in the current pricing of Microsoft licensing until 2023. The proposal offers a substantial cost saving. This will be on the agenda of the next Communications Working Group meeting which will be held on Tuesday 22nd March.

Council resolved to delegate the decision on the CloudyIT proposal to the Communications Working Group. In the event that this meeting is inquorate, the delegated authority will be given to the Chair and Clerk of the Council.

213/21 Ward Members’ Matters (i)/Reports (ii)

i. Cllr Kent had recently attended a meeting of the MK Canal & River Trust and reported on work that had been undertaken recently.

Cllr Greenwood reported on a change of use application (C3-C4) on Verity Place in Oldbrook which has been refused, however another similar application has just been received and Cllr Greenwood asked that members let him know of any further HMO applications.

ii. Council noted that no written reports had been received.

214/21 To Receive Draft Minutes (including recommendations) from Committees.

**214a Minutes of the Personnel Working Group
Chair: Cllr D Pafford**

See minute no. 220/21.

**214b Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Delegated Panel Meeting
Chair: Cllr B Greenwood**

Signed (Chair).....

Date.....

Council received the minutes.

**214c Minutes of the Buildings & Property Portfolio Working Group
Chair: Cllr R Golding**

Council is invited to receive the Minutes, including recommendations made by the Working Group, with 3 items to ratify [i,ii & iii].

i. **Draft Minute WG/24/21**

Parish Council Landscape Service – Winter Maintenance Programme, including associated Equipment/Personnel Requirements

Further to Council submitting an expression of interest to Milton Keynes Council for the delivery of devolved landscape services from 2023 onwards (for a period of up to 10 years), the Working Group received a verbal report from the Clerk relating to the associated documentation pack issued by MKC. The Committee noted that Council would need to make a final commitment by the end of March 2022 to deliver the service from 2023 onwards (subject to reaching an agreeable financial arrangement).

Council agreed to confirm their interest in continuing the delivery of devolved landscape services subject to reaching an agreeable financial arrangement with Milton Keynes Council.

- ii. Noting that the necessary budget was in place, the Working Group resolved to recommend to Council that a seasonal landscape operative be employed between September 2022 and March 2023 to assist the delivery of the winter maintenance programme.

Council resolved that a seasonal landscape operative be employed between September 2022 and March 2023.

iii. **Draft Minute WG/25/21**

Community Centre Annual Hire Charge Review (01.04.2022)

Noting the current increases to staff and utility costs, and that the charges had not been increased in 2021, the Working Group resolved to recommend to Council that hire charges be increased by 3% from 01.04.2022.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation and increase hire charges by 3% from 01.04.2022.

215/21 Local Government Pay Award 2021/22

Council noted that the annual salary award for 2021/22 has been agreed by the employers and unions at 1.75%. Council took the decision last year to increase salaries by that amount therefore no further changes are necessary.

Council noted the annual salary award and the Clerk added that members' allowance would receive the same increase, backdated to April 2021.

Signed (Chair).....

Date.....

216/21 Coronavirus Pandemic – Parish Council Response, Further Measures and Contingency Planning

Council is invited to note any actions carried out in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and then consider any additional measures or contingency plans that it might wish to implement as a consequence of the ongoing situation – additional measures and contingency plans to include those that would ordinarily be advanced by the Committees and Working Groups of Council.

The Clerk advised that this was the last scheduled council meeting in MKCC (Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish in May will be held at MKCC) and asked members for their opinions on returning to the Oldbrook Centre for future council meetings.

Following some discussion it was agreed that council meetings would return to the Oldbrook Centre from April 2022 unless otherwise advised.

217/21 Councillor Resignation – Oldbrook Ward

Council is invited to note the resignation of Debbie Reynolds as Oldbrook Ward Councillor. The vacancy will now be advertised using the due process.

Council noted the resignation.

218/21 Councillor Co-option – Willen Ward

Council is invited to consider candidates for the Willen Ward vacancy. Nominees present are invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes, after which a vote will be taken as prescribed in standing order 8a.

Debbie Reynolds was the only candidate present and was duly voted by Council as Ward member for Willen. The Chair invited Cllr Reynolds to join the meeting.

219/21 New LGA Model Code of Conduct

Council is invited to note that Milton Keynes Council (MKC) have informed us that the Standards Committee will be reviewing the MKC Code of Conduct during March 2022 and, all being well, this will go to Council for approval in June. Once approved it will be circulated to all parish and town councils.

Council noted the update and will review once adopted by MKC.

220/21 Parish Council Community Hub, Room-by-Room Requirement Review – Working Group Update and Recommendation

The Clerk provided an update from the Working Group. Storm Eunice had caused damage to some of the hoarding on site which will be replaced by the demolition contractors who are due on site next week.

The Chair reminded members of the public consultation on 24th March at The Springfield Centre. Cllrs Kavarana and Kent confirmed their attendance.

Both the Chair and Clerk took the opportunity to thank the Working Group for their continued hard work on this project.

Signed (Chair).....

Date.....

Members reviewed the latest set of drawings and agreed unanimously to move forward in production of the detailed plans including landscaping which are required for the reserved matters application.

Confidential Item

In view of the terms of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, the following item will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and Council is therefore invited to resolve that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.**

****Item 220/21**

221/21 Minutes of the Personnel Working Group

Chair: Cllr D Pafford

Council is invited to receive the Minutes, including recommendations [i] made by the Working Group.

Council received the Minutes. Council resolved to accept the recommendations made of the Working Group as detailed in Draft Minute No. WG/26/22ii.

222/21 Deferred Council Agenda Items - Updates

Council noted the following items:

- **Potential declaration by Council of a climate emergency**
This item will be on the agenda of the Annual Meeting of Council in May.
- **Parish Council 'White Ribbon' Accreditation**
This item will be deferred to the April meeting of Council.
- **Milton Keynes Council Flood Resilience and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Officer Presentation -**
Scheduled for April meeting of Council.

223/21 Training & Conferences

5th May – (time tbc) NALC National Climate Emergency Network meeting
25th May 12.00 (online) – NALC Fighting Climate Change event
29th June 12.00-13.15 (online) – NALC How to review neighbourhood planning policies
27th July 12.00-13.15 (online) – NALC Giving local councils more of a say on housing

224/21 Annual Meeting of Council, May Council Meeting & Annual Meeting

All three meetings will be held back-to-back at Milton Keynes Christian Centre on Tuesday 17th May commencing at 6.30pm.

225/21 Dates of Future Committee & Working Group Meetings

Community & Social Wellbeing – Monday 21st March at 7.00pm
Communications – Tuesday 22nd March at 6.30pm
Personnel – Tuesday 29th March at 6.30pm

Signed (Chair).....

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Planning, Infrastructure & Transport – Monday 4th April at 6.30pm
Finance, Administration & Policy – Tuesday 5th April at 6.30pm

226/21 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th April 2022, 7.30pm at the Oldbrook Centre. To be kept under review, with regard to latest government guidelines re covid-19.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed (Chair).....

Council

Date.....

March 2022