

Emberton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held in The Pavilion
Monday 13th April 2026 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr Melanie Duncan – Chair
 Cllr Harry White
 Cllr Colin Jamieson
 Cllr Paul Flowers
 Cllr Angela Laval
 Cllr Guy Palmer

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Ward Cllr Peter Geary

PCSO Arlene Ormston

1 member of the public – part meeting

Welcome – Councillor Duncan took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

To accept apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Joe Walker, Ward Councillors Keith McLean and Debbie Whitworth, and PCSO Jo Clarke.

Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – Cllr Duncan declared an interest in item 2.1.17.

- 1.1 To confirm the **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on the 2nd March 2026.
 The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2026 were signed by the Chair.
- 1.2 **Public questions** – A member of the public attended for part of the meeting but stated that he did not wish to speak.
- 1.3 **Risk**

Martyn's Law – To be taken forward to the next meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND AGREE ANY DECISIONS/ACTION

- 2.1 **Ward Councillors' Report** – Ward Cllr Geary gave the following report: **Elections 7th May** - postal votes will arrive shortly. There were 15 candidates for 3 seats. **New City Plan** – At the first meeting of the new council there will be a recommendation coming forward. Olney and Emberton were pretty much protected from the new town. **South west rail link** – Cllr Laval made reference to the South west rail link and the impact on MK. Ward Cllr Geary responded that this affected the south of MK and the Oxford to Chipping Norton line had been completed for over a year but a train had not yet run. Consultation would be out soon on stage 2, the route past Bedford.

- 2.2 **Update from Thames Valley Police** – PCSO Ormston advised that PCSO Jo Clarke was now the PCSO for Emberton and provided the statistics in her absence for the period 2/3/26 to 12/4/26 as follows: 2 x burglaries to outbuildings on the same night; thieves came across fields, smashed padlocks, smashed sensor lights & cut wires to CCTV and stole sit-on lawnmowers, chainsaws, power tools and Louis Vuitton bags. 1 x assault (no injury). Other incidents not crime related were 2 vehicles (separate occasions) driving dangerously on A509.
- 2.3 **Sports & Recreation Committee (6/3/26)** - Cllr Palmer reported that the committee were at a stage of finalising football and cricket teams for the next season. Football – Emberton United FC and MK Royals would like to return next season. Olney FC would make contact in June with their proposals. Cricket – Wollaston CC would be playing Saturdays with Olney taking up any free slots and Rising Stars playing Sundays with MK Air taking up any vacant weekend slots. Clifton Reynes CC would continue to play on Thursday evenings. The tennis court was cleaned and the fencing repaired but noted that tennis did not generate any income. Cllr Laval stated that she would speak to the Olney Tennis Club to ascertain if there would be any funding from the LTA. **Action: AL.** Cllr Duncan commented that there were trees overhanging the car park. Cllr Palmer to take this back to the committee. **Action: GP.**
- 2.4 **Parishes Forum (12/3/26)** – Cllr Duncan reported that there was a presentation from The Parks Trust; the speaker had confirmed that the Parks Trust could not take on Emberton Park as there was no finance from MKCC along with the transfer. A presentation was made on suicide prevention. The clerk to look for information on The Samaritans for the Well & Towers. **Action: KG.**
- 2.5 **Annual Assembly (16/3/26) feedback** – Noted that only 8 residents (including one visitor) had attended but the after-meeting drinks and nibbles had been well received. Cllr Laval advised that no further response had been received regarding dropped kerbs.
- 2.6 **Dates for Diaries** – These were noted.
- 2.7 **Clerk's Report**
- 2.1.17 **Bridleway claim at Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.
- 2.1.85 **Potholes, Petsoe End** – The clerk to contact highways to make them aware of flooding in the area where potholes had been reported and that installation or repairs to under road drainage pipes were required in specific locations before any pothole repairs were completed. **Action: KG**
- 2.1.88 **Wall around electric substation, West Farm Way** – Cllr Palmer reported that it needed re-pointing where the concrete post had been removed. The clerk to report. **Action: KG**
- 2.1.89 **Overhanging tree, Petsoe End** – Cllr Duncan reported that the hedge had now been cut back. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- 2.1.95 **Milestone** – Nothing to report.
- 3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access** – Cllr Jamieson reported that there was a new rota for Sentinel but was unsure where Emberton was on this.

3.6.30 **Allotments – Transfer** – Brent Hill was arranging to register the transfer of the allotments at the Land Registry. The Clerk to contact Brent Hill regarding first registration of the playing field with Land Registry. **Action: KG**

Grass cutting – Nothing to report.

3.6.68 **Well at Petsoe End** – Nothing to report.

3.6.118 **Drain cover Olney Road (junction with Hulton Drive)** – Ward Cllr Geary commented that there was an issue stemming from the drain outside the nursery in Olney Road. MKCC had advised that they did not have the funding for repair. Ward Cllr Geary advised that the drain cover showing subsidence was a sewage pipe rather than a storm drain but it had been flooded with storm water and the highway had collapsed. The clerk to take this back to MKCC. **Action: KG**

3.6.122 **Road bridge over Barrels Brook, between Threeways and the Chestnuts, Newton Road, Emberton** – Cllr Duncan advised that this was due to be repaired shortly, according to road signage recently erected. The clerk to look into this and notify residents of the road closure via Emberton Echo. **Action: KG**

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.85 **Emberton School (School House Fund)** – Cllr Walker had advised that he had nudged Noel Sibbald a couple of times regarding putting an advert on Facebook. Cllr Walker would follow this up during the week of the 20th April.

3.97 **Sports & Recreation Committee** – Reported on this previously.

3.103 **Proposed Traffic Order 0449 for High Street, Olney Road, and Gravel Walk** – The clerk requested an update from MKCC on the 2nd March.

3.113 **Climate change** – Nothing to report.

3.118 **New City Plan** – Nothing to report.

3.125 **Flooding and water management – maintenance of pumping station, flooding at lower Petsoe End and Olney Road, EPC flood plan** – Cllr Laval advised that she was no further on a flood plan for Emberton. Cllr Duncan suggested setting up a site meeting with Owen Grove from MKCC to look at “leaky dams” for Petsoe End. The clerk to contact OG. **Action: KG.** Cllr Duncan stated that Highways were going to carry out repairs in Petsoe End where flooding occurred. One of these was outside the front of Echo Barn Cottage where the drain was blocked. The clerk to report these to Highways. **Action: KG.** Cllr Duncan advised that she had attended an online presentation on flood preparedness which had advised that residents should be aware of what flooding levels were normal for their area.

3.130 **Local Transport Plan (5)** – It was noted that a response to the consultation had been sent and agreed to remove the item from the agenda for the time being.

3.131 **New Towns Taskforce** – Nothing to report.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – Noted that the community benefit fund was now being administered by MK Community Foundation.

4.418 **PLN/2026/0237** – Proposed garage conversion to habitable room including new window to front and double doors to rear, replacement of existing kitchen doors, side panels, rear hallway doors and fixed panel and window to en-suite at front (part retrospective) at 1 Home Farm Court – **Permitted** but noted that there were no conditions regarding lighting. The clerk to follow this up. **Action: KG**

5. ACCOUNTS

5.1 **To receive EPC's RFO's Report for the 13th April 2026** and approve payments. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer and seconded by Cllr Duncan that the payments for EPC be approved. Cllr Palmer to approve the payments online. **Action: GP.**

To receive EPC Sports & Recreation Committee RFO's Report for the 13th April 2026 and approve payments. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer and seconded by Cllr Duncan that the payments for EPC Sports & Recreation Committee be approved. Cllr Palmer to approve the payments online. **Action: GP.**

5.2 **Website** – The clerk reported that this was now up to date. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – nothing to report.

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

7.1 **Village publicity** – Samaritans, Wind farm community benefit fund, parish council meeting dates

7.2 **Cllrs' concerns** – The main concerns from Councillors were the number of potholes in Emberton.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the Annual parish council meeting on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm to be held at the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.