Emberton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held in The Pavilion
Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7pm

Present:

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

Mrs Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Ward Cllr David Tyler

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

To accept apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Ward Councillors Keith McLean and Peter Geary and PCSO Lesley Rogers.

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 5th October 2026.
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th October 2026 were signed by the Chair.

1.2 **Public questions –** There were no members of public present at the meeting.

1.3 **Risk - Martyn's Law –** Cllr Laval to prepare a first draft to present to the other committees. **Action: AL**

Other risk – Noted that the play equipment at the playing field had been inspected by MKCC.

Grit bins –Noted that all the grit bins were full but the one at Petsoe End was impacted.

2. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND AGREE ANY DECISIONS/ACTION

2.1 **Ward Councillors' Report –** Ward Cllr Tyler gave the following report: **A509 –** overnight closure on the 7th and 8th December from 8pm to 6am at which time it was hoped that the "roller coaster" would be investigated. **Development –** Cllr Duncan asked if the development on the western side of Olney was part of the City Plan? Ward Cllr Tyler responded that this was the Yardley Manor Estate and that land was held back for some reason but he did not have any further information. **TRO -** Cllr Laval made reference to parking in Emberton on the corner by the Bell & Bear. It was noted that the TRO had been approved in November 2025. The clerk to follow this up. **Action: KG. Solar Farm –** Cllr White referred to a solar farm planned for Warrington. DT responded that the decision had been made by the Secretary of

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State and would be going ahead. **21 bus –** Cllr Duncan stated that it was good news about the bus. DT stated that he had seen a post from the Mayor of Olney that the bus service would be hourly and more buses at the weekend. Noted that there were some questions around the timings for Ousedale pupils and whether the All-in-one card would be valid but the contract had not been finalised. There had also been concerns about the new service being more expensive than the existing one. Ward Cllr Tyler stated that he would ask KM to get more information on the service. **Action: DT**

2.2 **Update from Thames Valley Police –** Crime stats for Emberton provided by PCSO Lesley Rogers showed that there were no crimes for Emberton between the period 5/10/26 to 29/10/26 but another incident not crime related was a dangerous driving offence in Emberton.

2.3 **North East Rural Community Forum (7/10/26) –** The clerk reported that other parishes such as Lavendon and North Crawley were looking at 20mph speed limits. The representative from Filgrave and Tyringham had stated that their average speed limit had been reduced from 36mph to 26mph following the introduction of their 20mph speed limit.

2.4 **ESSC (27/10/26) –** Cllr Flowers reported that the treasurer would be standing down at the AGM in March 2027 so the committee were looking for a new treasurer. The role involved around 2 to 3 hours per month and around 5 hours at the year end. There were plans to replace the dishwasher and freezer as they had come to the end of their life. A grant had been received for additional solar panels on the Pavilion roof from the wind farm community benefit fund administered by MK Community Foundation in the sum of £4,595. The damaged ones would not be replaced and their condition was not affecting the supply.

2.5 **Dates for diaries –** These were noted.

2.6 **Clerk's report**

2.1.17 **Bridleway claim at Petsoe End –** Update from MKCC: all relevant documents were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in August. The matter will be heard as a Public Inquiry. We shall await a date to be allocated for this, which is likely to be during the next 11 months.

2.1.85 **Potholes, Petsoe End –** Nothing to report.

2.1.88 **Wall around electric substation, West Farm Way –** The clerk emailed National Grid on the 20th October with a photograph showing the pointing work required. Response received as follows: I have liaised further with our contractors and they have advised that this is difficult to resolve without replacing the brick with stone or vice versa. Unfortunately, we are unable to instruct further works in relation to this site at present but thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please do not hesitate to come back to us if you feel another safety issue arises at this site

2.1.95 **Milestone –** The milestone which had been knocked over into the ditch was reported to MKCC on the 5th October under reference FS880141063. MKCC advised on the 8th October that it did not meet the criteria for repair. Noted that the milestone was still in the ditch more than likely to have been put there by highways following works on the A509. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

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2.1.96 **Dropped kerbs –** Nothing to report.

2.1.97 **Damage to salt bin (Stone Court) and resident's boundary wall –** The salt bin has now been removed. Highways have advised that in a telephone conversation with landscape, they have advised that they did not damage the bin. Reported to landscape department on the 26th October under reference MKCC887146357 requesting funding for replacement.

2.1.99 **Potholes Gravel Walk –** The clerk reported the large pothole outside 4 Gravel Walk to MKCC under reference FS873108413 and requested that the whole of Gravel Walk including the Cul de sac be inspected. Response received on the 21/9/26 advising that works had been undertaken; however, only one pothole has been repaired. Article put in the Well & Towers with information on how residents can claim for damage to vehicles caused by potholes. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

2.1.100 **Overhanging trees A509 (old layby) -** The clerk reported the overhanging trees from the old layby on the A509 to the bridge to MKCC under reference MKCC875208106. Response received from MKCC on 30/9/26 as follows: We have reviewed your enquiry and will not be undertaking any action at this time. I have undertaken an inspection of the trees at the area and I could find no issue, the trees all meet with the contract specification. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

3.6.15 **Rat running and restricted access –** Nothing to report.

3.6.30 **Allotments – Transfer –** Awaiting to hear from Brent Hill.

Plot – Allotment invoices have been issued and those receiving a discount have agreed for this to be waived.

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) –** Repair to the pothole surrounding the drain cover has taken place. Noted that during heavy rainfall, surface water remained. The clerk reported this to MKCC on the 15th September under reference FS8740590. The clerk requested an update from highways to ascertain whether there was any further information following the jetting under reference FS874059004. No response received. Cllr Laval commented that surface water was pooling around the drain during the recent rain. The clerk to report this. **Action: KG**

3.6.122 **Road bridge over Barrells Brook, between Threeways and the Chestnuts, Newton Road, Emberton –** The clerk emailed highways on the 7th October requesting permission for siting the sign and asking for contact details for Ringway to provide an estimate for the sign. No response received.

3.6.123 **Crest for EPC –** The draft crest was discussed and agreed to add Emberton Parish Council wording. **Action: KG**

3.6.125 **Loose fence post A509 –** Nothing to report. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

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3.6.128 **Parking on bends –** Nothing further to report. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

3.6.129 **Trees overhanging parking bays in Westpits –** No update.

3.6.132 **Trees overhanging footpath (Olney Road) –** No update.

3. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

3.85 **Emberton School (School House Fund)** – Cllr Walker advised that an advert regarding the fund had gone in the magazine. Cllr Laval reported that she had emailed regarding become a trustee.

3.97 **Sports & Recreation Committee –** Meeting on the 13th November.

3.103 **Proposed Traffic Order 0449 for High Street, Olney Road, and Gravel Walk –** The clerk to follow this up. **Action: KG**

3.113 **Climate change –** Cllr Jamieson reported that he would be collecting the tree from Alban Hill Nursery this week and would arrange planting. **Action: CJ.** The subject of "emergency readiness" was discussed and it was felt that this was likely something that would be picked up by volunteers as was the case during Covid.

3.118 **New City Plan –** Noted that this was still going ahead and was with the examiner.

3.125 **Flooding and water management – maintenance of pumping station, flooding at lower Petsoe End and Olney Road, EPC flood plan** – Cllr Duncan reported that she had received responses from EUC, a resident and the owner of Hollington Wood following the letters sent to landowners in Petsoe End. Noted that EUC were going to discuss this at their next meeting and come back to EPC. Cllr Duncan stated that when the information came back from EUC, MKCC and Chris Curtis MP could be invited out to a site visit. The owner of Hollington Wood had advised that he was keen to provide some water habitat for the wood. Ward Cllr Tyler suggested keeping KM in the loop.

Flood plan – Cllr Laval stated that this was on her "to do" list. **Action: AL**

3.131 **New Towns Taskforce –** Noted that there was no further update on this at present.

3.132 **River Ouse – water quality –** Cllr Flowers reported that there was an article in The Phonebox regarding river quality. Agreed to contact The Phonebox to ask whether the article could be used for the Well & Towers. **Action: PF**

3.133 **20mph speed limit in Emberton –** The clerk to arrange for the SID data to be downloaded. **Action: KG**

3.134 **Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation –** Cllrs Duncan and Laval to draft a response. **Action: MD/AL**

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

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4.2 **Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund –** Agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

4.352 **Acorn Nurseries –** Agreed to ask Jo Payne to see if she was able to provide an update. Noted no response received from the tree officer. The clerk to chase. **Action: KG**

4.394 **SDC community orchard at Prospect Place** – Nothing to report.

4.426 **PLN/2026/1591 –** The proposed erection of a residential annexe at The Paddock, 36 Gravel Walk – permitted with conditions.

4.427 **PLN/2026/2008 –** Crown reduction by approx. 3m and the light reshaping (approx. 0.5m reduction of lower growth) of Prunus tree (T1) at The Old Rectory, Olney Road – EPC would be in agreement with the recommendations made by MKCC's tree officer.

5. ACCOUNTS

5.1 **To receive EPC's RFO's Report for the 2nd November 2026** and approve payments**.** It was proposed by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Flowers that the payments for EPC be approved. Cllr White to approve the payments online. **Action: HW.**

To receive EPC Sports & Recreation Committee RFO's Report for the 2nd November 2026 and approve payments. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer and seconded by Cllr Walker that the payments for EPC Sports & Recreation Committee be approved. Cllr Palmer to approve the payments online. **Action: GP.**

5.2 **Draft budget –** The clerk to send information to Cllr Laval in order for the clerk's salary review to be undertaken. **Action: KG/AL**

5.3 **Amendment to Standing Orders –** To be carried forward to the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. PARISH RELATED MATTERS

7.1 **Village publicity –** 20mph speed limit, A509 closure, tip closure **Action: KG**

7.2 **Cllrs' concerns** – Cllr Flowers commented that the road sweeper missed the parking bays when sweeping Westpits. The clerk to find out frequency of sweeping. **Action: KG**

Cllr Duncan reported that there was an electricity pole leaning in Newport Road and would ascertain the location with a photo. **Action: MD**

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

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

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