

## MINUTES OF MILLBROOK PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Present: James Simpson (Chair); Ward Cllr Clinch; Jason Lunn, (UTAC); Julie Todd (Clerk) + 12 Members of the Public

### Jason Lunn, UTAC

- Met with Blake Stephenson, MP
- SENEX Zero Pollution vehicles – upcoming big event
- Number of small events in next 6 months
- Defence event – September 2026
- Vehicle movements through the village – vehicles which come through the village – companies are contacted.

### 516. Apologies

Lee Kelsey, James Simpson, Simon Rowlands, Jennie Thomas.

### 517. Minutes of Last Meeting – 13 August 2025

Aeone Shrimpton proposed and Clair Drury seconded that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. This was unanimously agreed and James Simpson duly signed.

### 518. Matters Arising

508 Universal Studios – comments submitted 26/08/25

513 Dustcarts using Sandhill Close – email CBC 14/08/25

513 Sandhill Close Hedges – Bedford Estates email 28/10/25 cut “should be within the next few weeks”

### 519. CCB Ward Councillors’ Reports

Ward Cllr Susan Clinch:

- CBC has a funding hole of £24m
- 2026/27 highways capital plan – budget reduced
- 2026/27 is going to be a challenging year
- CBC has one standard number – lost voice recognition system
- 20 mph petition Sandhill Close – turned down as, according to traffic survey (February 2024) , majority of traffic is not exceeding 30 mph. Survey showed a 16% increase in volume. Discussed possibility of warning signs for crossing points. Cllr Clinch to take up with Highways. **Action: SC**
- Plot 11, Warren Farm – Enforcement drafting notice.
- CB/25/02285/FULL Dellfield Farm – application to convert agricultural buildings to kennels and a shop. – refused. Appeal lodged. Cllr Clinch asked residents to report to her any dog training/boarding activity. Number of vehicles on site was raised as a concern – especially early (8.30 am) on Sundays. Sparta Kennels have a website. Cllr Clinch to report to Enforcement. **Action: SC**

### 520. Land East of Warren Farm, Woburn Road, Millbrook MK45 2HY – CBC Enforcement

CBC Enforcement:

- Warren Farm – The owner of plots 10,11,12,13,6 and 7 has been interviewed as part of the prosecution process. Documents are now being prepared for our legal team.
- Dellfield – An enforcement notice was served on 22 September however has since been appealed by the landowner. This will mean the notice will not come into effect at this time and will need to await a decision made by the planning inspector.
- CB/22/04124/LDCE Warren Farm – Refused (Manor Park Farm)

### 521. Vital Energi Report

Cameron Wood, Project Development Manager:

At the Millbrook Parish Council meeting in August, we reported that we were expecting a decision on the planning applications towards the end of the month. Since then, Central Bedfordshire Council in their capacity as the local planning authority requested further surveys to be undertaken in order to identify and subsequently reduce the impacts that the installation of the network will have on ecological receptors. Due to the nature of the further

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surveys that were needed, it has taken a couple of months to conclude and update our proposals accordingly. The extra surveys have not meant a material change to our plans for the pipe network or energy centre at Rookery South ERF. We have now provided all information back to Central Bedfordshire Council as requested. Although we do not have a revised target date for determination of applications, we are hopeful this will be before the end of 2025.

*NB. There was submission of two planning applications for the district heating scheme: one for the pipework and another for a new Energy Centre at Rookery South ERF.*

In parallel, we're making good progress exploring opportunities for connections to the network and engaging with potential heat and electricity off-takers.

Subject to planning approval, we aim to mobilise and begin works during 2026. Subject to planning permission being secured, we will update you with a more specific target date for the start of construction. Prior to the commencement of any works, there will be a period dedicated to discharging planning conditions and finalising road closure plans with highways authorities. We will also hold further engagement sessions with the community before any work begins.

**522. Reports/Updates:**

**I. Planning**

See 519 and 520 above.

**II. Highways – Sandhill Road 20 mph Petition**

See 519 above.

Dustcarts – Biffa lorry 0500, CBC lorry Friday. Clerk to follow up.

**Action: Clerk**

**III. Recreation Ground: Play Equipment**

Play Equipment

Item	Life Expectancy
Multi Play	3-5 years
Activity Trail	3-5 years
Swings	5-10 years
Rocking Horse	5-10 years
Cradle Swings	5-10 years
Roundabout	5-10 years

It was agreed to build a reserve fund for new equipment.

**IV. East/West Rail**

Plans currently on hold – need to take into account Universal Studios.

**V. Rookery South ERF**

No meeting since last MPM meeting.

**VI. Millbrook Vale Sub Station**

Power station is almost finished. Light pollution from the site is concerning. Jennie Thomas to investigate.

**Action: JT**

**VII. Marston Vale New Villages**

Comments have been submitted.

**VIII. Finance**

Current Account: £10,549.34

Deposit Account: £8,815.24

2025/26

Income	£8,992.74
Projected spend	<u>£3,872.86</u>
Est Carry forward	£2,176.92

Reserve: £17,000 approx

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2026/27 Expenditure

£2,000 Tree survey due (£500 survey + £1,500 work)  
£1,000 Fencing  
£6,000 General Reserve  
£8,000 Play Equipment Earmarked Reserve

2026/27 Precept – Aeone Shrimpton proposed a precept of £6,000, James Simpson seconded – approved unanimously.

**523. Governing Documents**

James Simpson proposed and Clair Drury that the Asset Register, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Standing Orders all be adopted. Agreed unanimously.

**524. Correspondence**

Circulated prior to the meeting.

**525. Open Forum**

Nothing raised

**526. Matters to be Brought Forward to Next Meeting**

None

**527. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 20 May 2026 – tbc.

Meeting closed at 2028.

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