

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th February 2005 at the Parish Office.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Morsley (Chair), Cllr Stabler, Cllr Allum, Cllr Hobson, Cllr Figg, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Byfield, Cllr S Williams, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Perrott, Cllr Russell, Cllr Wright.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Williamson, Cllr Pugh, Cllr Lovesy.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** There were no declarations.

**3. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Cllr Morsley welcomed the two new Councillors, and hoped that their office with the Council would be enjoyable.

**Planning Application Cornbury/Fairford Crescent Downhead Park:** Cllr Morsley had attended the site meeting and explained the Councils opposition to the development. We now await the decision of the Development Control Committee.

**Second Retirement Village:** A suggestion has been made by a Milton Keynes Councillor, that due to the amount of applications for the Gyosei Site, a second village be planned. Cllr Morsley had made comments on this.

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2005 be accepted as a true record.

**Parish Charter:** Cllr Stabler asked whether there had been any response to our letter to Martin Small. Parish Manager advised that he had not answered but that Caroline Godfrey had now been asked to action. BALC are also looking at the terms of the charter.

**5. THAMES VALLEY POLICE:** PC Tim Puleston attended and introduced PC Glenn Archbold who is the new beat officer for Giffard Park and Great Linford (possibly also Blakelands). Following a three day operation around the Giffard Park local centre, one arrest had been made, following theft of alcohol from Unwins. Cllr Tripp advised that there had been a similar incident since, but that the policy of the off license was not to pursue thefts of under £50. PC Puleston commented that there was little the police could do, however PC Archbold would visit and speak to the shop.

**6. VACANCIES:** There are currently vacancies for Pennyland & Bolbeck Park and Great Linford.

**7. FINANCE:**

a) **Balances:** Councillors were given details of bank balances as of today.

b) **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Allum that the cheques as listed be signed.

c) **Precept 2005/2006:** It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Wright that the Precept for 2005/6 be set at £89,650. This was unanimously agreed.

**8. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY:** After discussion it was agreed that this matter would be held over until next month. In the meantime all Councillors will be issued with a copy of the draft for inspection.

**9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Linford Manor Gates:** Cllr Hobson reported that the gates are progressing and looking very compatible with the area.

**Untaxed Cars-Downs Barn:** Cllr Allum reported that this was again a problem. Reports have been made to Milton Keynes Council.

**Giffard Park:** The storage area at the shop is still kept unlocked. Parish Manager will chase T & S Stores again.

**Conniburrow:** Cllr Russell reported schoolchildren throwing stones at house windows. Police has suggested householders obtain CCTV footage. Photos of culprits have been taken. Chair advised that these should be passed to the Police.

**Graffiti:** Cllr Stabler has passed a substantial list of graffiti to the Parish Manager. We are promised a visit by the graffiti cleaners in February, so hope to see an improvement

**Dog Dirt:** Cllr Stabler advised that he had walked a lot of the parish in recent weeks and was very pleased with the small amount of waste. Thanks will be put in the next Newsletter to those responsible dog owners who are helping to keep the parish clean.

**Play Area-Conniburrow:** Cllr Byfield advised that Milton Keynes Council are currently looking to improve the play area opposite Southwood School. Further details will be brought to the Parish Council when they are available.

**Planning Application- Woodruff Avenue:** Cllr Byfield advised that some very near neighbours, have not been consulted about the demolition of one house, which is to be replaced by flats.

**Dogs on Marsh Drive Sports Facility:** Cllr Figg advised that despite the sign, dog are still being walked on the playing fields at Marsh Drive.

**10. RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** The minutes of the Meeting have been circulated.

**Weed Killing of Football Pitches:** It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Stabler that the quote of £480 be accepted. All agreed.

**11. FGP COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

**Contracts:** It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Allum that the contracts for Caretaking (£7,020 for the year), Peartree Pond (£540 for season) and Allotments (£1,315 for the season) be awarded to RJS. There was unanimous agreement to this proposal.

**Sports Ground Services Contract for Sportsgrounds:** This contract expires in September 2005. Sports Ground Services have offered to continue for a further three years at an increase in cost of 5% (not per annum). It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Allum that this be accepted. Unanimously agreed.

**Clerk/Parish Managers Salary:** It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Morsley that the Clerks salary effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 be paid in line with the National Joint Council for Local Government Scale (for this council and service LC4 spinal point 38). This was unanimously agreed.

**Clerk/Parish Managers Contract:** It was agreed that the terms of the contract be reviewed by the FGP Committee.

**Planning Applications:**

05/00070 112A Hainault Avenue, Giffard Park  
05/00078 34 St Stephens Drive, Bolbeck Park  
05/00090 236 Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow  
05/00049 25 Willen Park Avenue, Willen Park  
05/00135 9 Upper Stonehayes, Great Linford  
05/00154 21 High Street, Great Linford  
05/00131 Carolus House, 2 Carolus Creek, Pennyland

There were no objections to any of the above applications.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Community Safety Report:** This report shows a reduction in crime in many parts of the parish.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March 2005.

**The Meeting closed at 9.10pm**