

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, held on Tuesday 16th November 2004 at the Parish Office.

PRESENT: Cllr Morsley (Chair), Cllr Stabler, Cllr Allum, Cllr Hobson, Cllr Figg, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Pugh.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Byfield, Cllr Wright, Cllr Williamson, Cllr S Williams.

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

3. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cllr Morsley advised that Cllr Byfield was today receiving his MBE, and that he had asked for a photo for the newsletter.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Hobson and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2004 be accepted as a true record.

5. THAMES VALLEY POLICE: Sgt Neil Mitchell attended and advised that there had been no increase in the number of officers covering the parish. PC Isherwood is the new area beat officer for the Neath Hill area, but is currently on light duties in the police station. There is no policy with regard to rotation of officers, this is done on an ad hoc basis. There are ongoing complaints about the response times to emergency calls, Sgt Mitchell was unable to comment on individual cases. Twelve Community Safety Officers will be working in Milton Keynes from April 2005. Parish Councils are able to purchase one of these officers at a cost of £18k to £23k per annum. Sgt Mitchell was asked about the number of Special Constables in MK, he stated that there is a permanent recruitment drive in this area. There were questions regarding the Neighbourhood Watch interpretation of the Data Protection Act.

6. VACANCIES: There have been no further enquiries, there are still two vacancies in Great Linford, one in Conniburrow and one in Pennyland and Bolbeck Park.

7. FINANCE:

Mr N Vaughan (City Print) had visited the Parish Manager with regard to the confusion over the Newsletter printing prices. The cost of the last newsletter (16pages), should have been £944, however as we were not advised in advance, they are prepared to accept £700. It was proposed by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Figg that a cheque be drawn for this amount (cheque no 102211). This was agreed by all. Councillors are concerned about the escalating costs of the Newsletter caused by the increased pages. A meeting is required urgently with Cllr Lovesy to discuss the December edition (will need to be printed by 7th December).

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

b) Cheques: It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and Seconded by Cllr Tripp that the cheques as listed be signed.

8. LINFORD MANOR GATES: English Partnerships had written asking a) whether the Parish Council still supported the project and b) whether they would reconsider their position with regard to the finance. After discussion it was agreed that the project still had the support of the Parish Council, however the previous decision to withdraw the funding at the end of March 2004, would not be altered.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Lights Alongside the V10: Cllr Tripp reported that the majority of the lights alongside the footpath were out. The Lighting Department at Milton Keynes Council had advised that this was to save money.

Road Name Signs: Cllr Tripp has also been advised that damaged road name signs are not to be replaced.

Graffiti V10: The graffiti has been reported to Milton Keynes Council.

Vandalism at Takeaway-Giffard Park Local Centre: A brick had been thrown through the front door.

Stars Forum: Cllr Stabler reported on the contents of the meeting and advised that there have been prosecutions against the riders of Mini motor bikes and scooters on the redways.

Rocla Development: Cllr Stabler and the Parish Manager had attended a meeting with EP and the developers and had expressed the concern regarding the extra traffic through Giffard Park, also the siting of the new footpath. We wait to see whether the representation has had any impact.

New Building Sites: Cllr Morsley suggested that the Parish Council give close attention to the security on new building development sites.

10. RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: The minutes of the Meeting have been circulated, there was nothing further to add.

Marsh Drive: Cllrs Morsley and Stabler will inspect the footpath over the railway walk and the fencing adjacent to the renovation of the barn.

11. FGP COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the meeting have been circulated. There were no planning applications for discussion.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items for discussion from the correspondence file.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st December 2004.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm