

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, held on Tuesday 19th October 2004 at the Parish Office.**

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

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Pugh, Cllr Lovesy, Cllr S Williams, Cllr Byfield.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Gyosei Playing Fields:** Cllr Morsley advised that he had met with David Foster (Parks Trust). Following this meeting a letter had been sent by Cllr Morsley on behalf of the Parish Council, outlining the fact that this Parish will gain nothing from the transfer/sale of the land. The decision to sell has been "called in" by the Parish Council and this decision will be discussed at the Executive Scrutiny Panel Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs Morsley, Stabler, Allum and Figg will attend.

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

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Hobson that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2004 be accepted as a true record.

**4. THAMES VALLEY POLICE:** There were no officers present. The Clerk had discussed with Sgt Neil Mitchell, the Police Community Officers who will be on stream from the end of the year. Sgt Mitchell will address the Parish Council on this subject at a future meeting.

**5. VACANCIES:** We now have a further two vacancies as Cllr Pendry and Cllr Elliott have now not attended the last six meetings. There are now five vacancies which we will continue to be advertised on the notice boards and in the newsletter. There have been no applications since the last meeting.

**6. CLERKS REPORT:**

**04/01619 Planning Application, 6 Stonecrop Place, Conniburrow.** Planning Officer has advised that the garage will now be retained. He asked that Parish Council now approve the application, this was agreed providing the rest of the criteria for HMOs has been met.

**Clerks Job Title:** Cllr Stabler asked that the Council consider this, as although it is traditional it does not reflect the nature of the work carried out by the Clerk. It was unanimously agreed that with immediate effect this be changed to Parish Manager.

**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 Figg that the cheques as listed be signed.

## **8. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Footpath at The Wharf:** Cllr Figg asked that the Parish Council obtain clarification of the status of the path by the bridge. This will be investigated further.

**Councillors Training Session:** Cllr Figg reported that he and Cllr Allum had attended. He asked that Parish Council look to adopt policies on certain issues. Cllr Figg was asked to put some suggestions down in writing.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Tripp had attended a meeting and produced the crime figures for the parish from April – September 2004. Although the figures look particularly high on some estates, there apparently is a reduction of 5% on the previous figures and the Northern Sector is still one of the lower crime areas. From next week there will be a further reduction in beat officers with only four in this sector. Apparently the Thames Valley Police will not allow Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to know the names of others in their area. Through the newsletter the Council will attempt to compile to list.

**Downs Barn:** Cllr Allum had inspected this estate with Norman Parker (Landscape Dept, MKC).

**Neath Hill:** Cllr A Williams reported that the recently published figures show that this estate came 14<sup>th</sup> on the list of deprived areas in Milton Keynes.

**Fire Authority Presentation:** Cllr Morsley advised that this will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Netherfield Community Centre between 10am & 1pm. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

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

**Downs Barn Sports Facility:** There has been a further break in and a damaged vehicle during the last week. We have requested that the CCTV be installed, also better security. A representative from Leisure Services (MKC), will attend the next Recreation Meeting to discuss these issues.

**Allotment Water Supplies:** The contractors are having difficulties due to the excessive hardcore underground. There may be an increase in the quoted cost as a result of this.

## **11. FGP COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting have been circulated:

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| 04/01692 | 26 Kemble Court, Downhead Park       | No objections |
| 04/01793 | Land off Percheron Place, Downs Barn | No objections |
| 04/01749 | 8 Tanners Drive, Blakelands          | No objections |

**Grant Application-Artworks:** The committee had recommended that this application should not be granted. This decision was unanimously agreed.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Land at Stantonbury Park Farm, Haversham -Scoping Opinion:** This item refers to a future possible 500 homes being built between the Black Horse and New Bradwell. Whilst not in our Parish, if it proceeds this could have an impact on roads and services within our area.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

**The Meeting closed at 8.45pm**