

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st November 2006 at the Parish Office.

PRESENT: Cllr Morsley (Chair), Cllr Allum, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Markley, Cllr Macaulay, Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr Stabler, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Figg, Cllr Pugh, Cllr S Williams, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Wright, Cllr Perrott, Cllr Morris (Milton Keynes Council).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Hobson, Cllr Tunney (Milton Keynes Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: Cllr Stabler declared an interest in Planning Application No 06/01818-26 Saddlers Place, Downs Barn

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Markley that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th October 2006, be signed as a true record.

4. NORTH SECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING:

Inspector Robinson attended and advised that the Neighbourhood Policy process will be completed within eighteen months (mid to late 2008). The sector will include Great Linford, New Bradwell, Bradwell and Stantonbury, although our parish will be split into two Neighbourhood Areas, with Conniburrow, Downs Barn, Downhead Park and Willen Park (South) in one area and the remainder in the second (North). There will be two police officers and two PCSOs in each area, the PCSOs will eventually come free of charge, but if the parish contributes £30,000 per year for two years, then they will be given priority and will received one immediately and a second after about 18months. The aim is to give a better service and to detect local crime more quickly. Inspector Robinson advised that there are currently 11 officers in the Northern Sector of the city; this will hopefully rise to 15 by February 2007. There was an injury beer run at the off licence in Giffard Park recently and the police took four days to attend, it was felt by the parish council that this was totally unacceptable as it appears that not all 999 calls were receiving a priority. The subject of PCSOs will be discussed by the parish council prior to the budget being set in January.

5. VACANCIES-PENNYLAND AND BOLBECK PARK: Mr S Carney attended regarding the vacancy, his letter of application having already been circulated.

6. FINANCE:

a) **Balances/Cheques & Direct Payments:** Councillors were given details of bank balances as of today, and list of required payments. It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr A Williams that the all payments be made. All agreed.

7. RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The minutes had been circulated.

a) **Pillar Repair:** The Parks Trust have now advised that Frosts have accepted responsibility for the damaged pillar and that the Parks Trust will be contributing towards the cost of the new bricks (originals having been disposed of by Milton Keynes Council)

8 . FGP COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated.

a) Planning Applications:

06/01717 21 Milfoil Avenue, Conniburrow – Cllr Wright will have a look at the site tomorrow and report back to the Parish Manager.

06/01690 Michigan Drive, Tongwell No objections

06/01754 9 Byward Close, Neath Hill No objections

06/01798 54 Colesbourne Drive, Downhead Park No objections

06/01818 26 Saddlers Place, Downs Barn No objections, however to note that the proposed extension protrudes from the next property by approx half a metre.

06/01803 Canal Bank, Gyosei Site No objections

06/01806 Gyosei Canalside, Willen Park The new plans are very similar to the previous ones, with very few two storey houses and the 2.5 storey properties only slightly lower than the three storey ones. Cllr Stabler will draft the comments of the Parish Council, which will be submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

b) Planning Appeal-06/00723 Canal Villa, Marsh Drive, Great Linford- Representations will be made to the appeal, on the lines of our original objections.

9. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Landscape Contract: It was agreed that the standard of Landscaping by ISS this year was far from acceptable throughout most of the parish, and that a letter of complaint should be sent to Brian Sandom and John Best (Milton Keynes Council).

Graffiti: Cllr Stabler reported that the graffiti had been kept to a minimum by the Cleansing Department and the parish was virtually graffiti free. Cllr Wright commented that there was graffiti in the Downs Barn area which had been there a very long time. This will be chased.

Brickhill Street Proposals: It was agreed that the proposals to divert the V10 through the Oakgrove estate should be fiercely opposed. This very busy road which has a direct impact on the parish, should be dualled, rather than reduced to an estate road. Cllr Stabler will draft a response from the parish council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: There were no items from the file for discussion.

VACANCY-BOLBECK PARK/PENNYLAND: After discussion a vote was taken on whether this vacancy should be filled by Mr Carney, so close to an election. The majority opposed a co-option at this moment in time.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th December 2006.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm