

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th April 2007 at the Parish Office.

PRESENT: Cllr Morsley (Chair), Cllr Stabler, Cllr Allum, Cllr Markley, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Pugh, Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr Wright, Cllr Williams, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Figg, Cllr Tunney & Cllr Morris (Milton Keynes Council)

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Macaulay, Cllr Hobson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

Cllr Markley declared an interest in Planning Application No 07/0522 (17 Alverton, Great Linford) and left the meeting while the matter was discussed.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2007, be signed as a true record.

4. THAMES VALLEY POLICE: WPC Heather Denton attended with the most recent crime figures for the Parish. There have been a few burglaries in Conniburrow and a team are currently investigating. Mini Motor bikes are also causing problems but actually catching the offenders is extremely difficult. A survey by the Parish Council had resulted in 69% of the respondents being in favour of paying for additional PCSOs. WPC Denton advised that two PCSOs for this area were currently being trained and should be on the streets in about four weeks.

5. 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 Markley that the all payments be made . All agreed.
- b) **Receipts & Payments 2006/7:** These were circulated after which Cllr Markley proposed, and Cllr Pugh seconded, that these be signed as a true record.

6. MK AREA PROGRAMME UPDATE: Sheila Thornton and Colin Fox attended and explained the progress to date. There is 1.8million available over three years (expires mid March 2008). They are concentrating on four areas a) Capacity Building and Consultation, b) Business Development, c) Skills and d) Corporate Social Responsibility, however special attention is being paid to the skills as many people in the Conniburrow area are not in education or employment. They are also working with Groundworks to better utilise the open spaces. The Parish Council explained their concerns about some many different Agencies currently working in Conniburrow with what appeared to be an overlap of interests. A Conniburrow Task Group has now been established, in order that all groups can work together and better utilise resources.

7. MKC DRAFT OPEN SPACES STRATEGY: It was agreed that Cllr Allum would look at this and make representations to the Council. A formal response will then be drafted.

8. RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The minutes had been circulated.

Review of Play Areas in the Parish: It was agreed that Councillors would like to be involved and that Martin Small would be asked would be asked to co-ordinate joint inspections with MKC Officers.

9 . FGP COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated.

a) Planning Applications:

07/00443	16 Middleton, Great Linford	No objections
07/00493	14 Clayton Gate, Giffard Park	No objections
07/00499	61 Wedgewood Avenue, Blakelands	No objections
07/00515	Land off Tanners Drive, Blakelands	To advise that the proposed fence is essential and should be maintained until the hedge matures.
07/00526	49 Colesbourne Drive, Downhead Park	Councillors will carry out a site visit and advise Parish Manager of their findings in relation to the closeness to the neighbour of the proposed extension.
07/00542	9 Carolus Creek, Pennyland	As the proposals create a self contained unit, to request a condition stating that the property be for a single family dwelling only.
07/00522	17 Alverton, Great Linford	No objections
07/00511	41 Ramsons Avenue, Conniburrow	No objections, but to request a condition be attached, asking that the garage be retained for that purpose and not be converted.
07/00552	30 France Furlong, Great Linford	No objections

10. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Cllr Morsley gave sincere thanks to the retiring Councillors, Cllr Hobson, Cllr Figg, Cllr Wright, Cllr Pugh and Cllr Williams, for all their help and commitment during their periods of office.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Consultation on Restricting the operational times on Bus Lanes: To advise MKC, that the Parish Council are totally in support of this proposal.

Training session on the Revised Code of Conduct: Councillors requested by MKC to attend one session. Councillors to advise Parish Manager of chosen date.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May 2007 at 7.30pm at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

ARTICLE IN LINFORD FOCUS: This is reference to the attendance at the last Parish Council meeting of Mr A Richards. He requested that the Parish Council raise 15k to install 15 new parking bays at Giffard Park School. The published article was inaccurate and defamatory and the Parish Council had requested a meeting with Mr Richards and Cllr Isobel McCall to discuss this and for a public apology to be made. The request had not been agreed too as the party agent would not be available until next week (too late for any damage to be rectified before the elections). Councillors were circulated with a proposed Press Release and after a vote (10 in favour, 1 abstention), it was agreed that this will be issued with immediate effect.

The Meeting closed at 9.42pm