

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th February 2008 at the Parish Office.

PRESENT: Cllr Morsley (Chair), Cllr Stabler, Cllr Markley, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr B Williams, Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Allum, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Macaulay, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Rose, Cllr Connor.

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

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

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Markley that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2008, be signed as a true record.

4. THAMES VALLEY POLICE: Apologies have been received from PC Rob Burton who is on leave.

5. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLORS –GREAT LINFORD & BOLBECK PARK /PENNYLAND: Cllr Rose has withdrawn her verbal resignation, therefore there is currently no vacancy in Great Linford. There have been no enquiries about the Bolbeck Park/Pennyland vacancy.

6. DRINKING CONTROLLED AREAS: There are some areas in Blakelands and Giffard Park that attract group of drinkers. The police already have powers to confiscate alcohol from the under age. This matter will be discussed further at the next Parishes Assembly.

7. FINANCE:

a) **Balance & Direct Payments:** Councillors were given details of bank balances as of today, and list of required payments. It was proposed by Cllr Markley and seconded by Cllr Macaulay that the all payments be made. All agreed.

8. ANNUITY PAYMENT FOR PARISH MANAGER: The Council considered an annuity payment for the Parish Manager, as a pension provision had not been offered. This will be handed to the FGP Committee for further discussion.

9. NAG GROUP REPORTS:

North Great Linford: The group has now agreed a strategy on parking, letters will be issued prior to enforcement action.

South Great Linford: This group meets again tomorrow, when it is expected that the same parking strategy will be adopted.

10. RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

- a) Replacement of Great Linford Notice Board:** It was agreed that the board should be replaced, if possibly with a wall mounted board (permission will be sought). If this is not obtained, than a new free standing board. Proposed by Cllr Stabler, seconded by Cllr Williams.
- b) New Cricket Equipment:** When the budget was set, a figure of £5,000 was reserved to upgrade the equipment for the cricket teams. Parish Manager had met the teams and a list had been compiled, two sets of sight screens (one set static, one set portable), two score boards, two wicket covers, and one practice net for the astra turf wicket. These will come well within the allocated budget. Proposed by Cllr Macaulay and seconded by Cllr Tripp, It was unanimously agreed that these items be ordered.
- c) Dog Bins & Seat:** The dog bins have been installed and the seat ordered (permission to install this has been given by the Highways Department) .
- d) Willow Sculpture:** Cllr Allum advised that a new willow sculpture had been erected on a spare piece of ground in Downs Barn.

11. FGP COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated.

Communications Group: The newsletter will be taken to the printers on Thursday.

Appointment of Parish Clerk: The advert was in last weeks Thursday Citizen and will be in the Jobs and Careers publication today. To date 12 application forms have been sent out. Interviews will take place on 18th March.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to discuss.

Cllr Morsley left the Meeting at this point

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

08/00169	Land to front of 43 High Street, Great Linford	No objections
08/00132	30 Boulters Lock, Giffard Park	No objections
08/00216	7 Hobart Crescent, Willen Park	No objections
08/00228	8 Verdon Drive, Willen Park	No objections

14. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Community Sports Initiative: Cllr Brockwell had attended a meeting, where better use of Multi Use Games Areas was discussed. Woughton will be the first area to be focused on, but Downs Barn may follow.

Social Enterprise Group: Cllr Macaulay reported that at the last meeting it was reported that the Internet Café proposed for the Ramson Avenue premises, had not been allowed and that the property will only be used for training and workshops.

Giffard Park School: Cllr Tripp reported that, since the installation of the CCTV, there had been no more incidents of vandalism.

Downs Barn: Cllr Connor reported a group of teenagers throwing stones at windows in Mullen Avenue on Saturday evening.

Church Lees: Reports of a number of young people living in a bungalow and causing problems to neighbours.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th March 2008 at 7.30pm at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm