

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th January 2008 at the Parish Office.

PRESENT: Cllr Morsley (Chair), Cllr Stabler, Cllr Markley, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr B Williams, Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Mullholland, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Allum, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Macaulay, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Rose, Cllr Connor, Cllr Teesdale.
Cllr Richards (Milton Keynes Council).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Tunney & Cllr Morris (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 Tripp that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2007, be signed as a true record.

4. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR: The vacancy for Bolbeck Park and Pennyland, has been advertised on the noticeboards boards , in the office window and on the website. As yet there has been no applicants.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE: PC Rob Burton attended and advised the Council that crime figures are down and that the PCSOs are visiting all those who have reported a crime. There is a zero tolerance approach to under age drinkers, likewise to those found with drugs. Three of the Parish Council allotment sites were broken into last week, with all the sheds entered. Council was advised that PCSOs can issue parking tickets, Councillors felt that people parking on pavements should be made an example of, and given a fixed penalty notice.

5. ALLOWANCE SCHEME FOR COUNCILLORS:

Proposal by Cllr Rose and seconded by Cllr Loftus, that the Parish Council consider the introduction of an allowance scheme for Councillors. After discussion, a vote was taken, 3 in favour, 12 against, 1 abstention.

6. 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 Tripp that the all payments be made. All agreed.

b) **TO CONFIRM PRECEPT FOR 2008/2009:** It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Williams, that the Precept for 2008/2009 be set at **£97,400**. This figure was agreed by all Councillors.

7. NAG GROUPS REPORTS:

South Great Linford: Cllr Pickhaver reported that the next meeting of the group was on Wednesday 16th January.

North Great Linford: Cllr Markley reported that this group had now issued a press release identifying the three major concerns as identified by the survey. The No 1 complaint being parking.

8. RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

Play Area-Downs Barn: The newly refurbished play area in Farrier Place was re-opened today with the children of the local nursery present. Phil Snell (Milton Keynes Council), has advised that the S106 money from the Gyosei development has now been spent on the two areas in Clydesdale Place and Farrier Place.

9. FGP COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated.

Communications Group: The group will meet next week to discuss the next Newsletter.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

MKC Budget Consultation: It was agreed that the Parish Council would formally object to the proposal to reduce the budget for Shelter by £50,000

Cllr Morsley left the Meeting at this point

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

07/02176	Mercedes, Delaware Drive, Tongwell	No objections
07/02268	33 Alverton, Great Linford	No objections
07/02277	Brookward School, Neath Hill	No objections
07/02280	29 Boulters Lock, Giffard Park	No objections, but due to the size and design of the property, that a condition be imposed restricting it to a single family use.

07/02315 Land adjacent to 220 Wolverton Road, Blakelands The Parish Council are unsympathetic to the building being used as two separate offices, there is also no evidence of adequate in site parking for this proposal.

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Middleton-Great Linford: Still a reported dog fouling problem.

Conniburrow: The ponds are currently being re-furbished, the football pitches are to have drainage installed, and the Community Association building is to be extended. Milton Keynes Council have agreed to replace the lead flashing on the Meeting Place.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2008 at 7.30pm at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

The Meeting closed at 9.00am