

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the FGP Committee, held on Wednesday 1st February 2006 at the Parish Office.

1. **PRESENT.**
Councillors Stabler [Chair] Allum, Wright, Morsley, Pugh, Tripp, Markley, Byfield and Figg
2. **APOLOGIES.** Received from Councillor Williamson.
3. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS.** None
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**
The minutes were amended to correct the figure in item 5(c) to read £300 not £330
It was proposed by Cllr: Allum and seconded by Cllr: Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2006 were signed as a true record.
5. **MATTERS ARISING** [not on the agenda]
Item 8 IT Equipment. Cllr: Stabler listed the equipment purchased ex VAT. Camera and accessories £135.58; laptop computer £696.15; QuarkXpress DTP software £676.95 making a total of £1,510.70. The approved budget was £1,700 ex VAT so there is a budget surplus of £189.30.

Councillors noted that one of the two existing computers and printers was more than six years ago and were somewhat outdated and not compatible with the new IT software and equipment. It was proposed by Cllr: Tripp, seconded by Cllr: Pugh that the budget surplus should be used by Cllr: Stabler to buy new printer, scanner copier for the Council. Agreed by all present.

Item 9 Gyosei Canalside Development. Cllr: Stabler reported that Barratt Developments had been appointed by EP to replace Fairclough Homes. EP hoped to make a presentation at the next Full Council meeting, perhaps earlier than the usual meeting time.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 - a. **Rocla Pipes Site Strategic Infrastructure 05/01888/MKPCR**
The meeting approved the responses made by Cllr: Stabler to EP on the proposed road layouts.
 - b. **Rocla Pipes Application for 58 dwellings 05/0052/MKPCR**
The meeting discussed and agreed the response drafted by Cllr: Stabler to be made to EP on the layout, plans and elevations for 58 flats and houses to be constructed off the Brickhill Street Wolverton Road junction.

Councillors believed that the proposals were an unfortunate departure and lowering of standards from the established character and quality of development in Milton Keynes.

Councillors were not pleased that the Rocla proposals could be a precedent of what could be the layout and design of the new developments in the East and West Flanks.

It was proposed by Cllr: Morsley seconded by Cllr: Pugh and agreed by all present that the comments as discussed should be sent to English Partnerships and the Parish Council should draft a press release to highlight the issues and draw attention to MK Councillors and the public to what was to be the future type of development in Milton Keynes.

- c. **Conservation Area Great Linford. Listed building application.**
Internal and external alterations to "The Mead" Harpers Lane. It was agreed that the revised proposals had taken note of comments made previously at

FGP September 2005 on dormers in the thatched roof being too close to the ridge line, and was now acceptable.

7. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION CLAIM

Councillors agreed that this matter should be resolved by conciliation though it was not clear exactly what was the problem or solution. It was agreed by all present that Cllr's Morsley and Tripp would represent the Parish Council's views. Cllr: Morsley would telephone Ms Caraway of DCS before the Friday 4th February deadline to offer conciliation and to ask for more information.

8. STREET DREAMS PROPOSAL

Councillors noted the proposal by Street Dreams to prepare a comprehensive survey of anti-social behaviour in the parish and recommend follow-up actions. It was proposed by Cllr: Figg and seconded by Cllr Pugh that the Street Dreams proposals, costing £4,500 plus VAT, should be recommended for acceptance by the Parish Council, provided that; -

- i. Specific information on anti social incidents and their location recorded by the police and fire service were included in the report.
- ii. Practical low cost multi option solutions were suggested.
- iii. A multi agency financed and inclusive approach must be suggested for any solutions and not just ideas based on the Parish Council's sole ability to fund projects.
- iv. That monthly updates on progress should be made to the Parish Council during the investigatory period.

Motion carried 8 in favour 1 against

9. FINANCE MATTERS

Councillors noted that several invoices and red demand notices were accumulating in the absence of the Parish Manager [PM]. The year end accounts had to be prepared by the March Parish Council meeting, the PM was also the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council. No firm information was available as to when the PM would be able to resume duties. The PM had been on sick leave since the 21st December and no sick notes had been seen. It was agreed that: -

1. Cllr: Morsley speak with the PM to find out if sick notes were available and when the PM will return to duties.
2. In the light of new information Cllr: Stabler might then ask BALC for their advice on dealing with parish financial matters.
3. Cheques would be dealt with once more information was available.

10. COMMUNICATION SUB-GROUP.

Cllr: Stabler explained that the web site was still not acceptable to some councillors and therefore was not yet activated and because of this the next *News & Views* would be redrafted to include details of the proposed precept increase and information on the idea of the planned web site. It would be printed and issued within two weeks.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr: Markley explained that the police had been active on anti social behaviour investigations but that staffing was a problem and would remain so. He was perusing the formation of the Neighbourhood Action Group, which the Parish Council had been asked to join some time ago.

An appeal was to be made against the closure of the Pilgrims Bottle pub and the police would be opposing any reopening of the premises. Councillors and the police were aware that the premises were still being used for the consumption of alcohol but it is a tenanted premises it is difficult to prevent

The meeting closed at 21:48

Date of the next FGP Meeting, will be Wednesday 1st March 2006 at 7:30pm.