

Great Linford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on **Wednesday 10th December 2008** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present: Cllr Stabler (Chair), Cllr Allum, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Foskett, Cllr Markley, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Teesdale, Cllr Williams.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Loftus, Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr Rose, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Wallis and Cllr Macaulay
2. **Declaration of Members interests** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** - it was proposed by Cllr Markley and seconded by Cllr Foskett that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November, 2008 be signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising** (for information only) Cllr McMillan asked whether parish papers and publications were printed on sustainable stock for 'green' purposes. Cllr Markley to investigate.
5. **Public question time** - none
6. **Communications Group** – Cllr Markley informed committee that new parish logo is available in a format to enable compliment slips to be printed "in-house".

7. Members & Staffing Group

a. Salary increase percentage from 1st April 2009 to March 2010:

- Recommendation of 3 % salary increase for GLPC staff at 1st April, 2009
 - Recommendation of a 3% salary increase for Malcolm Lane from the current anniversary of 1st September, 2009 to 31st March 2010 (seven months) but to increase his salary from 1st April 2009 by one-twelfth each month of the total to the pay review date into line with the agreed April salary anniversary for all staff.
- All agreed

b. Invitation to join local government pension scheme administered by BCC:

Recommendation that any offer to staff to join the Local Government pension scheme to be deferred until April 2011 and that date has been chosen to be related to Government changes in National Insurance (NIC's) and boundary review.

Proposed: Cllr Allum Seconded: Cllr Williams

All agreed

8. Financial

- a. Explanation given by Cllr Stabler as to how our precept, currently at £15.60 per annum, is calculated.

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- b.** Offer by MK Council to print leaflet explaining our precept charges to be mailed out with Council Tax bills was rejected. Proposed: Cllr Foskett Seconded: Cllr McMillan *All agreed*
- c.** Proposal to purchase new desk for front office at a cost between £132 - £165 Proposed: Cllr Foskett Seconded: Simon Teesdale. *All agreed*
Purchase of new PC or server required due to H&S requirements. Cllr Foskett offered to provide technical advice on systems before decision is made.
- d.** Proposal to spend £10,000 for summer programme to be organised over six weeks of the summer, with final figures to be notified by January 14. Proposed: Rod Markley Seconded: Charles Allum *All agreed*
- e.** Repairs of parish notice boards. Questions were raised about this additional work and if it was not already included within the RJC contract. It was agreed to discuss the RJS contract specification and how additional items were contracted out. Quote by R. Sharp for repairs and transfer of parish notice boards at a cost of £130. Proposed: Cllr Markley Seconded: Cllr Teesdale. *All agreed*
- f.** Item on purchase of sign warning pedestrians from walking across football pitch, deleted as R&E committee had opposed the proposal..

9. Planning

- a.** 8 Fletchers Mews, Neath Hill and 30 Boulters Lock Giffard Park– both passed by DCC without conditions relating to the GLPC objections.
- b.** Gyosei section 106 transfer of funds to Conniburrow may to go to DCC on 22nd December.
- c.** Request for proposed O2 and Vodafone phone masts at Marsh Drive sports ground for an annual rental income over 15 years : Approved, subject to parish approval of:

 - i) Design and height and that location and annual rent will be received GLPC; and that GLPC will not be responsible for any ancillary costs;
 - ii) Need to negotiate with MK Council to agree terms and conditions that include financial benefit to GLPC as MKC owns the freehold. *PM to write to MKC over terms*

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- d. 08/01884 Proposal to erect two-storey office building with access and parking and land off Miles Close, Blakelands - *Objection on grounds that the plan for commercial offices would be out of scale and character with the surrounding residential area and that the proposed ten parking spaces suggests that the additional traffic that would ensue, will be unacceptable to adjacent residents.*
PM to write to MKC
- e. 08/1905 Two storey conseratory at 140 Downs Barn Boulevard. *No objection*
- f. 08/1909 Application for rear conservatory at 15 Hills Close, Great Linford. *No objection*
- g. Retrospective planning agreement to HiMO at Marjoram Place, Conniburrow –to be considered at Council meeting on 16th December, as plans not available.

ML to chase

10. Boundary Review

- i) Boundary Review Group are suggesting 3 options for ward restructuring, which would deal with representation in Giffard Park and Blakelands and the new wards of Willen and Redhouse Park.. Recommendation agreed to accept Option 3, 22 councillors, with average Ward representation ratio of 723 electors per seat - to subject to full GLPC Council approval.
- ii) GLPC will have around £9,000 additional income when Willen Ward joins GLPC.

11. Date of next meeting: Finance and Planning Committee on 14th January 2009.

Recreation and Environment Committee will next meet on 13th January.

Meeting closed at 9.48 pm

Malcolm Lane:

Date: