

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on **11th January 2010** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present: Cllr Stabler (Chair), Cllr Allum, Cllr Markley Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr Rose, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams, Cllr Foskett, Cllr Macaulay and Cllr Teesdale. Two members of the public

1. **To receive apologies** Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Fitchett (family), Cllr Byfield (sickness), Cllr Wallis (unavailable). Cllr McMillan (illness) reported after meeting.
2. **Declaration of members interests** none
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2009** these were agreed as a true record; these were proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Williams, all agreed.
5. **Matters arising –** none
4. **Public Question time –** the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm and recommenced at 7:42pm
6. **Communications group –** meeting to be arranged, currently enough copy available for March *Cllr Stabler*
7. **Members & Staffing Group –** no report
8. **Planning applications**

a. **Updates** - Cllr Stabler to attend DCC 14th January re 3 applications

b. **Planning applications**

- i. 09/022217 220a Wolverton Road Comments. Proposal to refuse this application on grounds of intrusion of noise from the M1 as defined in PPG 24 and MKC policy for the Rocla site. Previous applications for a dwelling have been refused three times and upheld by the Planning Inspector on appeal. The request for a development plan for this site and adjacent sites is also required. This was proposed by Cllr Foskett, seconded by Cllr Macaulay and all agreed.
- ii. 09/02223 Tower Drive Day Centre No comments
- iii. 09/02286 10 Boulters Lock Application withdrawn

9. **Financial**

- a. Reserve Policy the following was proposed by Cllr Markley and seconded by Cllr Rose;
 - i. A General Reserve should be held by GLPC
 - ii. The level of the General Reserve should be three (3) months of the annual expenditure. For 2010/11 this equates to £37k.
 - iii. The Earmarked Reserves should be agreed as part of the budget process. For each element of this reserve the target level should be researched and agreed. This will form part of the risk assessment.
 - iv. For 2010/11, £15k of the Earmarked Reserves should be invested in a high interest bond
- b. The payment of £85 to compensate for the non delivery of service to a user was proposed by Cllr Allum, seconded by Cllr Tripp and all agreed.

10. Items for future discussions -

- a. Marsh Drive traffic – PM was requested to contact both Highways (MKC) and British Waterways, with regard to the volume of vehicles now using Marsh Drive. As Brickhill Street traffic builds up at the new roundabout/traffic lights, Marsh Drive appears to be being used as a rat run. Damage has already been caused to the canal bridge number 77. Council would like to know why there is no weight restriction on this bridge as there is on the canal bridge at the end of Willen Lane.

11. Date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 3rd February 2010

12. Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Chair _____ **Date** _____