

## GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee,  
held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Wright.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Perrott, Cllr Williamson, Cllr A Williams, Cllr S Williams, Cllr Morsley.

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

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005 be signed as a true record.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**MK Lions Basketball:** Concern that we have heard nothing from them about their advertising of the basketball training. Parish Manager will chase tomorrow.

**Gibbwin Swing:** Milton Keynes Council have advise that in that they have decided to wait before removing the swing, with the aim of replacing the lost play value either on the site or nearby.

**Dog Bin-Downs Barn:** New bin has been installed.

**Footpath at the Wharf:** The vegetation has now been cut back and Cllr Stabler has met the Footpath Officer on site. There is a hard surface path beneath the debris, this will be restored.

**5. DOWNNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:** There were two break ins within a week and some damage was caused. This has all been repaired by Milton Keynes Council. Caroline Godfrey (Parish Liaison Manager), has been given the history of the problems and ask to become involved in the lack of funding of this site. We have asked for a reply before our meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Youth Club:** This did not open on the second week, but it is assumed (as there were no complaints), that last weeks took place. They have been asked not to use the pool table until it has been repaired (unsafe).

**X Factor Leisure:** Nothing further has been heard.

**Tennis:** Nothing further has been heard.

### **6. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:**

**Goal Posts:** Parish Manager currently has two quotes, the lowest being £319.15 (on end, including net and sockets). It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Wright, that 2 posts (for one pitch), be purchased providing the total figure does not exceed £750.00, all agreed.

**Car Park:** The drains have again been jetted and tree roots detected, they will return with a special machine to remove these. We have been told unofficially that that the car parking area ( not the road) will be re-surfaced in the Autumn, Milton Keynes Council have however asked that the trees etc be cut back before then. Three quotes have been requested to cut back and advise what thinning is required.

### **7. HIGH STREET FACILITY:**

**Trees:** Cllr Wright has decided that Buckingham Nurseries is probably not the ideal source for the new trees. He has obtained some new contact details and will be following this up.

### **8. ALLOTMENTS:**

**Bells Meadow:** Two of the hedges within the site, are not included in the landscape contract. They have not been cut for several years and complaints about their size have now been received from residents. A quote had been obtained for £350 to carry out the work. It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Cllr Wright, that this quote be accepted, all agreed. The work will be carried out in early Autumn (after the leaves have dropped).

## **9. LOCAL CENTRES:**

**Peartree Pond-Linford Local Centre:** The pond pump (installed when the pond was built, has been troublesome for the last couple of years. It has now totally stopped and it is urgent that a new pump and fountain is installed, as getting oxygen into the water is essential. Quotes are awaited, but Parish Manager advises that it could cost as much as £1,000. A decision is required by Full Council on this matter.

**Giffard Park:** School have advised Cllr Tripp that they have had incidents of broken windows a large gate removed and graffiti. The police have been informed. Pc Archbold is working with the One Stop shops security department, to reduce the problems there.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Bulb Planting-Downs Barn & Conniburrow:** Cllr Wright had suggested this, which had been followed up by the Parish Manager. Landscape Department had advised caution with regard to the roundabouts, as the salt lorries sprays onto the roundabout and kills a lot of the vegetation. Would still like to pursue on banked areas on the estates.

**Loriner Place:** Milton Keynes Council have advised that this area has been cut once this year and is due for second cut.

**Health Hazard-Blakelands:** Cllr Tripp had received a complaint from a resident about drivers from foreign lorries who are apparently parking at the bottom of Yeomans Drive. They are then using the green path (from Tongwell Lake, along the rear of Bessemer Court and Minton Close, onto the V10), as a toilet. Parish Manager will speak to Environmental Health officer and see what can be done to stop this.

**Gardens in Conniburrow:** Cllr Byfield advised that these are currently being refurbished and the conifers are being removed.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th September 2005

**The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.**