

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee,
held on Tuesday 14th June 2005, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.**

PRESENT: Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Perrott, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Tripp, Cllr S Williams, Cllr Wright.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Morsley, Cllr Williamson, Cllr Lovesy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: There were no declarations

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2005/2006: Cllr Allum was proposed by Cllr Byfield and seconded by Cllr S Williams. All agreed. There were no further nominations.

PRESENTATION BY MK LIONS: Vince McCauley attended and explained the project being carried out during the school holidays. They are offering basketball coaching for young people 7-16 years of age for 10 sessions of approx 1hr each. The maximum number that can be taken at each session is 25. At the end of August there will be a grand tournament outside the Escape building, to be sponsored by local businesses. The cost to the Parish Council is £500, which will include all expenses associated with the course. Advertising will be via the local press and radio, also leaflets will be sent out by schools before the end of term. **It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Wright, that the Full Meeting of the Parish Council be recommended to enrol at a cost of £500 for this course. All agreed.** To be agreed whether the whole course be held at Downs Barn or the sessions split equally with Conniburrow.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2005 be signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Swing at Gibbwin: All the residents in the vicinity have been sent a letter asking them to advise the Parish Council of their views on both removal or retention of the swing. Only one resident has replied, asking for removal due to continuous damage to her property. When Councillors inspected the swing they had spoken to residents who had indicated that the swing was well used and that they would like it to remain. Parish Manager will write to Milton Keynes Council and advise that on balance we would like the swing renewed, if necessary with money from the Section 106 Grant for Play Areas (from Gyosei School).

Fly Tipping: Most of the bed has been removed from the Marsh Drive underpass, however the frame remains. Will report again.

Graffiti: Most of the Parish has now been cleaned and at the moment looks reasonable.

6. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

Tennis: Pete Cox (MKC), has written advising that he has no firm plans to put to the Parish Council at the moment regarding tennis. Following a visit to the facility he feels that some capital investment may be necessary.

X Factor Leisure: Nothing further has been heard.

Youth Club: There will be a new club for 12 to 16 year olds, commencing on Friday 24th June (each Friday). This will be run by the people currently running a club for younger children at Neath Hill.

Dog Bin: The bin had again been vandalised. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Wright, that the bin be replaced once more, if possible with a metal post. All agreed.

7. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

Additional Training Area, adjacent to Memorial Hall, Marsh Drive: The Parks Trust have advised that they would continue to mow the area, however there may be a need for the grass to be cut shorter, the cost of this to be negotiated. The Memorial Hall do have some reservations that their bookings may be effected, if the car park is unable to cope with the additional cars generated by football training. Parish Manager asked to write to Great Linford Football Club and asked them to provide exact details of what their use of this land would be.

Goal Posts: Sports Ground Services have requested that the Parish Council consider a programme of replacing the goal posts as they are coming towards the end of their life. Parish Manager will obtain prices.

Car Park: A meeting had taken place between Cllr Morsley, Cllr Stabler and Cllr Euan Henderson (MKC). It was agreed that the area needs re-surfacing and further drainage work required, however the funding of this is still a contentious issue. The matter has been passed to Caroline Godfrey (Parish Liaison Manager). Will keep chasing for a decision on this matter before the July meeting.

8. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

We have further details on the trees, however Cllr Wright concerned about ordering these without seeing them first. Due to the amount of watering they would need, it may be best to wait until the Autumn to plant.

9. ALLOTMENTS:

Gifford Gate: Cllr Perrott reported that due to a plot holder cultivating the wrong plot, the result had been two people on one plot. This had now been resolved, however he asked that the Parish Council fund the cost of pegs to mark the plots. This was agreed, Cllr Perrott will advise the Parish Council of the cost.

10. NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: The delivery last week via the MK News, appears to have been much more successful, than previous deliveries by the Citizen.

11. LOCAL CENTRES:

Giffard Park: Cllr Tripp reported that since the re-opening of the One Stop shop on 7th June, there had been three incidents of beer being stolen and one assault on a member of staff. The new positioning of the Post Office counter, makes it currently impossible for those with double buggies or wheelchairs to access. Management have been informed. During the last week there have been no reported incidents at Unwins off licence however, the police installed CCTV camera has been removed.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Footpath from Wharf to Grand Union Canal: The path is partially obstructed by a building storage unit and due to a fence, has now become overgrown. Parish Manager will establish that this a public footpath, and contact the relevant department.

Use of Downs Pavilion: Cllr Allum requested use for the Residents Association on 29th June and 27th July. All agreed.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th July 2005.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm.