

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 8th November 2005, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Williamson, 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 11th October 2005 be signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Loriner Place: The draft papers have still not arrived. It was agreed that we should now involve the local media. Parish Manager will tell those concerned at Milton Keynes Council of our intentions.

Litter Bins: The four bins in Neath Hill have been located and are now being emptied by RJS. It was agreed that two new concrete bins be purchased from Milton Keynes Council for Conniburrow (pond area will be discussed again in the Spring). The cost of the bins will be £110 per bins + £70 per hour delivery (it should not take more than an hour to deliver).

Neath Hill Clock: This has now been repaired.

Redway Repairs: The area in Great Linford has been repaired. There has been a problem trying to find a department to admit responsibility for the path (not redway) at Blakelands, however the Landscape Department have now agreed to inspect.

5. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

Roof: The hole in the roof has now been repaired.

DDA Work: A letter has been received advising that Newport Pagnell Construction have been awarded the contract to carry out the work. Parish Manager will ask for a list of exactly what this is and also why the lighting and fencing is not being addressed.

Electricity: We have received a bill whether is much higher than expected. The time clocks will be turned down to an absolute minimum and if this continues, then Powergen will be asked to check the meters.

6. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

Car Park: The car park has now been finished, although it now appears that in line with the DDA requirements a paved disabled bay will be put in front of the tennis courts. Again to ask MKC exactly what work is to be done.

Section 106-Rocla & Stantonbury Sites: it appears that MKC favour spending the money from the Rocla site on improvements to the Giffard Park Community Hall and/or the outside floodlit courts. We have been asked to make claims for 106 monies from Stantonbury Park and it was agreed that improvements to Marsh Drive should be the basis for this claim.

7. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Trees: Salcey Arbocare has advised that the trees should be delivered next week.

Repairs: To date the Thatched Barn gates and the guttering have both been repaired. It has been noticed that the thatch on the barn appears to be in poor condition. It was agreed that a thatcher should be called in to report on the condition and possible cost.

8. ALLOTMENTS:

Sandy Close Site: The Allotment Association feel that the current interest in allotments is set to continue and that the development of the site should be pursued. The security is a major concern with fencing and possibly hedging required. Newport Pagnell have some metal very low maintenance fencing, but the first quote for this is £9,300 for the amount required. Close board fencing is quoted at £7,200 although this will require maintenance. Parish Manager will price the cost of pyracantha bushes, which could become established before a decision is made on the fencing. Parish Council would still like to acquire the landscape depot at some point.

9. LOCAL CENTRES:

Giffard Park: Nothing to report.

Conniburrow: Builders on new development have cordoned off part of the Boulevard, without putting up any warning signs. Cllr Byfield will take this up with builders.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Fly Tipping: Plywood and metal tubing on redway beyond 95 Tower Drive. This will be reported,

Willen Lane: Ascot fencing is now completely broken. This was reported to the Parks Trust some months ago. Parish Manager will chase.

Streetlights: It is requested that all Councillors have a look around their area and report to the Parish Office any lights that are out (number from posts is required).

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

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.